



SMALL GROUP: WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STORY: Jesus' Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32)

BOTTOM LINE: Celebrate the Good News.

MEMORY VERSE

You always show me the path that leads to life. You will fill me with joy when I am with you. Acts: 2:28

STARTER QUESTIONS

- Do you prefer to be surprised or know ahead of time, so you can be prepared?
- What's your favorite song right now?

PLAY TODAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What's the best news you've ever heard?
- How can you be happy for someone else, even when you don't feel like they deserve a celebration?
- What are some ways we can celebrate the good news?
- Have you ever made a mistake and had to ask for forgiveness?
- How do you feel when someone forgives you?
- Do you feel like you deserve God's forgiveness?

RESPONSE CARD ACTIVITY

- For K/1 groups, write the kids' names on the back of the response cards in preparation for the small group activity.
- Say, "God loves us and gave Jesus for us. Today we will take a moment to talk about what it means to follow Jesus."
- Say, "Jesus lived a perfect life and died so we could have a relationship with God that lasts forever."
- Give each kid a response card.
- Choose kids to read through each statement on the card. (For K/1 groups, read the statements for them). Explain each statement as needed.
- Set out the markers.
- As you read through each statement again, invite kids to color in the symbol if it matches how they feel. Don't pressure kids to color in any symbols. They can also simply color in some of the other artwork on the page.
- When done, ask kids to flip their cards over to write their names on the back and to write down any questions they have about following Jesus.



WHAT YOU SAY

Just like the lost son in Jesus' third story, we can sometimes feel stuck when we make bad choices. Sometimes we feel like we don't deserve another chance or don't deserve to be forgiven, but that isn't true. Jesus, the ultimate Party Starter, made a way for us to be forgiven. It does not matter what we did yesterday or how many mistakes we've made. Jesus wants us to get unstuck and move into a relationship with Him. That is the good news! He loves us so much and made the ultimate sacrifice so we could one day party eternally with God. I'm so thankful Jesus made a way so that we can celebrate the good news.

PRAYER

Dear God, we are amazed by the way You love us! No matter what we have done, You still care about each and every one of us. Thank You for each and every one of these kids sitting around me. Help us to take the next step in our faith whether that be learning more about you, talking to our parents about you, or deciding to follow you for the first time. Amen.