



PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Plastic disposable cups, small bouncy ball

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite everyone to gather around in a circle.
- Set out the cups (facedown) in the middle.
- Ask kids to watch as you place the bouncy ball underneath one of the cups.
- Explain that you are going to mix the cups around, keeping the ball hidden under one.
- Tell kids they should try to keep track of the cup that is hiding the ball.
- Mix the cups around to make it challenging for kids to follow the one with the ball.
- Invite kids to guess which cup the ball is under.
- Reveal the ball and congratulate those who guessed correctly.
- Play again, allowing a kid to mix the cups around.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Lights Up
You Are the Light of the World
Matthew 5:14-16

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How can you be a light?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can shine God's light.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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MONTHLY VIRTUE

Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

BASIC TRUTH

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"It was challenging to know where the ball was when it was hidden underneath the cup, wasn't it? **[Transition]** Today, in Large Group, we're going to hear about something we should not keep hidden. Let's go check it out now!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



WEEK
ONE
SEPTEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment



1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Dry erase board, yellow dry erase marker, dry eraser, prepared strips of yellow or orange paper, tape, pens or pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle near a dry erase board.
- Ask for a volunteer who likes to draw.
- Give them the yellow dry erase marker and instruct them to draw a large circle on the board and color it in.
- Set out the prepared strips of paper in the middle.
- Give each kid a pen or pencil.
- Explain that there are so many ways we can shine God's light to those around us.
 - It could be something big, such as helping someone in need. But sometimes, it can include simple ways such as giving someone our attention or smiling at someone.
- Ask kids to think of ways they can shine God's light and write their ideas on a strip of paper.
 - Kids can create as many "sun rays" as they would like—one idea per strip of paper.
- When most kids are done, give each kid a turn to share what they wrote.
- After kids share, give them pieces of tape to attach their strips of paper around the yellow circle to look like sun rays.
- Point out how the sun grows brighter as its rays grow. Likewise, as we continue to do things that shine God's light, we become a brighter message that brightens the world with the love of Jesus.

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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW] WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:
Ask:

- Who do you know that needs light in their life?
- How can you be a light?
- Do you ever want to hide your light?
- What can sometimes stand in your way of shining?
- Do we have to be perfect to shine God's light?

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