



WEEK  
**THREE**  
SEPTEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

**PRELUDE**      **SOCIAL**      **STORY**      **WORSHIP**      **GROUPS**      **HOME**

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

### MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



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

WHAT YOU DO:  
Ask:

- When has someone made time for you?
- How does it make you feel when someone makes time for you?
- Do you like receiving help from someone else? Why or why not?
- Why is time so valuable?
- What are some ways you can make time to help others?

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Take Time**  
Jesus Heals Bartimaeus  
Mark 10:46-52

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

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### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Matthew 5:16, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

### BASIC TRUTH

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### MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery



### 4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Seek and Find" Activity Page, blindfold, envelope, Bibles

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Direct the kids to gather and form a wide circle.
- Choose a volunteer to stand up. Secure a blindfold over their eyes.
- Explain that you are going to place an envelope somewhere in your group space for them to find by slowly walking around and listening for guidance from the rest of the group.
- Explain the rest of the group will give clue words, like *Hot*, *Cold*, *Warm*, or *Cool* to let the blindfolded kid know whether they are getting closer or farther away from the envelope.
- Set out the envelope and invite the group to start calling out clue words until the blindfolded kid finds it.
- Once they do, help take off their blindfold. Direct them to take one card out of the envelope and hold on to it.
- Repeat with different kids until all the cards have been removed from the envelope.
  - If preferred, you can give each kid a turn even after all the cards have been removed.
- Give each kid who has a card a Bible and ask them to look up the verse reference written on it.
  - Allow kids to help each other with finding the verses if needed.
- Give each kid a turn to read their verse out loud for the entire group.
- After each verse, ask:
  - What stands out to you about this verse?
  - What does it have to do with helping others?

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an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



### 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Prayer Plan" Activity Page, pens or pencils

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Direct kids to spread out in your group space.
- Explain that when we pay more attention to others, we are more likely to notice what they need.
  - We may not be able to plan for those needs, but we can practice making ourselves aware and available.
  - One way we can help others is by spending time praying for them.
- Give each kid a copy of the "Prayer Plan" Activity Page and a pen or pencil.
- Direct kids to write their names at the top of their Activity Page.
- Give kids time to think of how they can make a plan to pray throughout the week.
  - They can take time to write in the space provided on their "Prayer Plan" Activity Page about how they plan to pray and who they plan to pray for.
- Offer suggestions if kids need prompting for ideas on when to pray, where to pray, etc.
- Ask for a volunteer to pray for the group before you dismiss.

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