



WEEK
FIVE
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



2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Yellow beach ball (or balloon), permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to stand in a circle.
- Stand in the circle with them and hold the beach ball (or balloon).
- Compare the ball (or balloon) to the sun.
- Ask kids to describe things that sunlight provides.
- Summarize their responses into the following categories:
 - Guidance (*It helps us to see the way.*)
 - Growth (*We need the sun to grow.*)
 - Greatest need (*We cannot live without the sun!*)
- Give the permanent marker and ball (or balloon) to a kid, and direct them to write the 3 main words in different places on the ball (or balloon) (Guidance, Growth, and Greatest need).
- Ask the group how Jesus gives us guidance. Tell kids to raise their hands if they have an idea.
- Toss the ball (or balloon) to someone who has their hand raised and give them a chance to share.
- Direct that kid to toss the ball (or balloon) to someone else with their hand up.
- Continue giving kids a turn to share.
- Repeat by asking how Jesus helps us with our growth then repeat again by asking how Jesus meets our greatest needs.
- Guide a conversation around Jesus being the Light of the world:
 - Encourage kids by explaining that we all need light in our lives.
 - Every single one of us has done wrong things that hurt others and break our relationship with God. We cannot fix that on our own. But God saw our need and sent Jesus to be light in our darkness.
 - When we choose to follow Jesus, we can live with God forever!

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Saw the Light

Jesus Is the Light of the World
John 8:12

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Where have you seen the light of Jesus?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

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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:

- Do you like the dark? Why or why not?
- How does light help us?
- Where have you seen the light of Jesus?
- Who do you go to for guidance?
- Why does the world need Jesus?

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Dry erase board, dry erase marker, dry eraser

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to sit so they are facing the dry erase board.
- Ask a kid to write the following letters at the top of the dry erase board: L I G H T.
 - They should space them so there is room to write things underneath each letter.
- Ask the group if anyone has a prayer request that starts with the letter, "L" (i.e.: *Learn a new skill in math*).
- Write down any prayer requests mentioned underneath the L on the board.
- Repeat with each letter of LIGHT.
- Give kids a chance to share any other prayer requests they may have, even if they don't fall under any of the letter categories.
- Ask kids to sit in a circle.
- Assign each kid one of the prayer requests from the board to pray for.
- Explain that you will begin by opening up the prayer. Then each person will go around the circle, praying for the request they were assigned.
 - Don't pressure anyone to pray but encourage them to pray silently if they don't want to pray out loud.
- Close the prayer after everyone has had a chance to pray and be sure to pray for any requests that may not have been assigned to kids.

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