

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

**PUT IT BACK TOGETHER**
[EARLY ARRIVAL ACTIVITY]**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- nectarine or mandarin orange that separates into slices
- plates
- paper towels
- wipes
- tape
- rubber bands
- string
- music

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

The Calling of the Disciples
Luke 5:1-11, 27-32

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

I can have confidence
because I belong.

MEMORY VERSE

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."
John 15:12, NIV

LIFE APP

Confidence—Learning to see yourself as God sees you.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set up a supply station with a few rolls of tape, strings, and rubber bands.
- Give each kid an orange and a paper plate.
- Assign each kid a workstation so they are apart from each other.
- Ask the kids to peel their orange and pull apart the slices.
- Instruct the kids to leave their peels on their plates.
- When the kids are almost done, interrupt them and tell them that you've changed your mind and you want them to put the orange back together using the following guidelines:
 - No one can touch their plate or orange until you "push play."
 - When you stop the music, the kids must leave their orange as-is on their plate.
 - They can only use the provided supplies one at a time (For example: If they are using the tape, they must return it before they can use the string.)
 - At the end of three minutes, the kid whose orange looks the most like the original orange wins.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Did you successfully put your orange back together? Just like you couldn't put your orange back together, you can't fix your broken relationship with God on your own. You need Jesus to pay the price for your sins and for God to forgive you. The entire world needed God's sacrifice of His Son Jesus, which is why He sent Jesus to pay the price for EVERYONE'S sins. Anyone who asks for God's forgiveness is forgiven. We can't do this fixing on our own, but God did it for us. How does it make you feel that God fixed your relationship with Him when you couldn't? (Pause for responses.)

Right! It makes us feel loved and happy and thankful. God wants you to feel all of those things. [Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I am forgiven. Through Jesus, everything is made whole again."

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines as a group

**VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU**

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED:

- “Directions Signs” Activity Page—one set per small group
- Bibles
- Colored pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Put up the “Directions Signs” from the Activity Page around your small group area. They do not have to be scientifically accurate. Put the signs:
 - EAST on the right side
 - WEST on the left
 - SOUTH and NORTH on the front and back of the room
- Direct kids to move in the directions you call.
- At first, make it easy—only call out one direction. As the game progresses, get more creative and call out multiples.
 - Here are some examples of directions to call out:
 - East, North, East
 - South, West, North
 - North, West, South, West
- As kids get the hang of it, start calling out the directions quickly. Anyone who does not follow the pattern correctly is out for the round
- Make “rounds” a couple of minutes long. Once a round is over, call everyone in and start again.
- Ask the kid who had the best “sense of direction” to take the Bible and look up Psalm 103:12.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“Have you ever deleted something on a phone or app and it didn’t really “go away”? In fact, most things you delete can show up again in cloud storage or other archives. This verse says our sin is not like that—God removes it as far as the east is from the west.

“How far east could you go before you found west? (Let kids discuss. If necessary, point out that if you walked in a straight line, you could walk east all the way around the globe and never once turn west.)

“Once sin is forgiven by God, it’s gone. You can’t find it again, even if you walked the whole earth. We are totally forgiven by God and He will never hold it against us. You can be confident that God’s forgiveness is complete and forever.”

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What to Do:

Make one copy on white paper for each small group.

Directions Signs

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FRUIT
SOS

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EAST

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TEST

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application

**PRAYER**

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Index cards
- Pencils
- Markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass out an index card to each kid.
- Ask kids to use markers to write the word “forgiven” in heavy lettering on their index card.
- Encourage kids to silently ask God to help them know if there are things they need to ask forgiveness for from God and/or someone in their lives as they color the word.
- Close in the following prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“God, thank You for loving us no matter what. It doesn’t matter if we mess up a little or a lot, we know that You will forgive us. Thank You for offering forgiveness not just some of the time, but all of the time. We come to You with all the things we just thought about that we need Your forgiveness for. Please help us to be brave enough to not only seek Your forgiveness, but also to seek forgiveness from those we have hurt. Help us to see ourselves the way you see us so [Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I am forgiven, which gives me the strength to rely on You to change my actions. We ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

TRAVEL TIME:

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going, and to keep kids thinking about what they’re learning.

TRAVEL TIME:

- Who else do you think Zacchaeus invited to dinner with Jesus?
- Who else would YOU invite to your house if Jesus said He was coming over?
- If you could serve Jesus a special meal, what would it be?

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