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Opener

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Opening Activity

What You Need

👤 Offering Container 1

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five or fist bump.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Encourage the kids to sit in a circle with you.
- Explain that you're going to play a whispering game called "Telephone."
- Model for the kids how to whisper into your hand or into the ear of the kid next to you.
- Start by whispering the phrase, "God is good," to the kid on your right.
- Instruct that kid to whisper the same thing to the kid on their right.
- Encourage the kids to whisper the statement around the circle until it reaches the last kid.
- Invite the last kid to say the message out loud.
- When the last kid shares the message they think they heard, share the original message.
- Play a few more rounds with other simple phrases like, "Jesus loves me," or "God is strong."

EveryChild Tips:

- *For kids who are non-verbal, use a picture card that represents the phrase that they can show the next kid when it is their turn.*

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Bible Story Review

"That was fun! Was the message the same at the end as it was at the beginning? We shared some short, true statements about God! We practiced talking about God! **[Transition]** That's what our true story from the Bible is about today. Let's go hear it!"

What You Say:

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K1 - What Happened Next | Made to Connect

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Gather your group in a circle.
- Tell the kids that you will retell the story from the Bible together.
- Start the story using the prompts below, and then ask them what happened next.
- Use the following prompts:
 - "In our story, Jesus and His family traveled to Jerusalem for a special festival. When it was over, they started the long trip home. What happened next?" (*Jesus was missing!*)
 - "Mary and Joseph rushed back to Jerusalem to look for Jesus. What happened next?" (*They searched for three days.*)
 - "After three long days of searching, they finally found Jesus! What happened next?" (*Jesus was in the temple.*)
 - "What was Jesus doing when they found Him?" (*He was sitting with the religious teachers, listening and asking questions.*)
 - "The teachers were amazed by Jesus! What did Jesus say when Mary asked why He had worried them?" (*Jesus said He had to be in His Father's house.*)
 - "What happened next?" (*Jesus went home with Mary and Joseph. He obeyed them. He also got wiser and stronger.*)

"You remembered our story so well! Even though Jesus was only 12, He was already in the temple, listening and talking with the teachers. Jesus showed us one way to grow. He listened, He asked questions, and He talked about God with people who knew Him. Just like Jesus, we can **[Bottom Line] practice talking about God** to the people in our lives who know Him."

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Application Activity

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Flip the Plate: Where's Jesus? | Made to Play

What You Say:

"You found Jesus! When Mary and Joseph found Jesus, He was talking to teachers in the temple about God.

"We can talk about God too! You will spend your whole life getting to know who God is, and the people around you who know Him can help you. A lot of people you know have been friends with God longer than you have, and they can teach you about Him. So ask them questions

What You Need

-  Paper Plates Several
-  Pencil 1

What You Do:

- Before the activity, draw a simple stick person Jesus on the underside of one of the paper plates.
- Line up all sixteen plates face-up on the floor, so the drawing of Jesus can't be seen.
- Gather the kids around the plates.
- Instruct the kids, one at a time, to point to the plate they think Jesus is under.
- Flip the plate to see if they were right.
- Celebrate when they find Jesus.
- Mix up the plates and play again.

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Memory Verse Activity

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K1 - Memory Verse with Motions | Made to Move

What You Need

-  "Memory Verse Motions" Activity Page 1

What You Do:

- Gather the kids in front of you.
- Show the kids the "Memory Verse Motions" Activity Page, and teach them the motions to the Memory Verse.
 - "Training the body" (flex your muscles)
 - "has some value." (two thumbs-up)
 - "But being godly" (point up)
 - "has value in every way." (stretch arms out wide)
 - "It promises help for the life you are now living" (march in place)
 - "and the life to come." (point forward)
 - "1 Timothy 4:8" (open your hands like a book)
- Say the whole verse with the motions together several times.

about God. Talk to them about Him. **[Bottom Line] Practice talking about God."**

What You Say:

"Great job with those motions! Our verse reminds us that learning about God is so important. Being God's friend—learning about who He is and following His ways—is the most important thing you can do in your whole life! It is valuable now and forever! One way we learn about God is to **[Bottom Line] practice talking about God."**

- Print a few extra "Memory Verse Motions" Activity Pages to support visual learners and readers who want to follow along.

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Prayer

5 min

Talking About God | Made to Reflect

What You Need

-  Index cards 1
-  Pencil 1

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle with you.
- Give each kid an index card and a pencil.
- Encourage them to think of and write down the name of someone (or draw someone) in their life who is a friend of God, who they can talk to about God.
- Say: "One of the people God has put in your life to help you learn about Him is me! He's also put other people in your life who know Him, who you can talk to about Him to learn more about Him. And if you can't think of a lot of people in your life who you can talk to about God, ask God to bring more people that you can talk to. All of God's friends are just trying to get to know Him better. So talk to the people in your life who know Him to get to know Him better! **[Bottom Line] Practice talking about God.**"
- Close your group time in prayer

Allow children to whisper a person to the leader to write or draw if they feel more comfortable.

What You Say:

"Dear God, thank You so much that You want us to know You. We all want to know You better. Help us see the people in our lives who are Your friends, and give us the courage to talk about You. And bring more people in our lives who are Your friends so we can all grow together and get to know You better. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Supplies

Opening Activity Quantity

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| 1. | Offering Container | 1 |
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Flip the Plate: Where's Jesus? | Made to Play Quantity

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| 1. | Paper Plates | Several |
| 2. | Pencil | 1 |

K1 - Memory Verse with Motions | Made to Move Quantity

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| 1. | "Memory Verse Motions" Activity Page | 1 |
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Talking About God | Made to Reflect Quantity

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| 1. | Index cards | 1 |
| 2. | Pencil | 1 |