



Who Teaches You About God's Kingdom?

Jesus Teaches Me About God's Kingdom

Oyster Bay Small Group Guide

Week 1 • July 4/5/6

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 15 minutes



Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Raise your hand if you like to watch movies.*
- *Raise your hand if you like to have snacks when you watch a movie. (Give some fun examples of different snacks)*



Give each kid a Bible.

Say: *Jesus wants you to talk to him and he wants to talk to you. Isn't that super cool? Jesus wants you to be part of his Kingdom. Let's read about how Jesus invited the children to spend time with him.*

Read: Page 409

Review:

- *Who do we hear about in our story? (Jesus)*
- *Who does Jesus love? (Me)*
- *Can you come to Jesus when you are little? (Yes)*



Pray: *Dear Jesus, teach us that you are good and kind and that you love us. You are the best, Jesus! Thank you for loving us so much. Help us love others, too. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*



Take out the Parachute, Snowballs, and Beach Bucket.

- Place the Snowballs into the Bucket and place the Bucket near the Parachute.
- Instruct everyone to hold the Parachute and start shaking.
- One at a time, say something true about God and add one snowball to the parachute.
 - *God is good! (Add one snowball)*
 - *God loves us. (Add another snowball)*
 - *God helps us! (Add another snowball)*
 - *We can pray and talk to God! (Add another snowball)*
- *Look at all the true things we learned about God. God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up. We can pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything!*

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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SNACK TIME

Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Share with kids that they can still invite their friends to church for At The Movies! There is so much fun happening at LCBC this month we don't want anyone to miss it. Hand out At The Movies Invites to anyone who wants to invite someone.
- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Two-year-olds struggle to stay in Small Group during this time, however there is value in having them sit in a community. Leverage the tool of a snack and creative conversation to help kids remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

How To Train Your Dragon Family Guide (1 per family, at the door)

At The Movies Invite (a few per kid, in Small Group)



PRO TIP

At The Movies is a great time for kids to invite others to church. Spend time talking about who they would like to invite to experience the rest of the month. Pray for their potential guests by name and support them as they think about how they will invite them.

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Week 2 • July 11/12/13

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Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- What is your favorite movie or TV show? (Give some fun examples)
- Who is your favorite movie or TV show character?



Give each kid a Bible.

Say: Jesus wants you to talk to him and he wants to talk to you. Isn't that super cool? Jesus wants you to be part of his Kingdom. Let's read about how Jesus invited the children to spend time with him.

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Review:

- Can we talk to Jesus? (Yes)
- Does Jesus want kids near him? (Yes)
- Is Jesus happy to see children? (Yes)



Pray: Dear God, Jesus teaches us that you are good and kind and that you love us. You are the best, God! Thank you for loving us so much. Help us to love others, too. Amen.

Give everyone a Jesus Talking With The Children Coloring Sheet.



As kids color, discuss the story.

- Who is in the picture? (Jesus and some children)
- Can you point to Jesus?
- Can you point to the children?
- What are they doing in the picture? (They are all talking to each other)
- Jesus wants to remind us that we can talk to him all the time and he wants us to come to him.

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SNACK TIME

Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

Goat Family Guide (1 per family, at the door)



PRO TIP

Our atriums are full of excitement and fun for At The Movies! Because of this, we can anticipate that kids may have a difficult time transitioning into the environment. Be ready to engage with kids in big, fun ways during kZones, so they know that their environment is a great place to be, too!

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Week 3 • July 18/19/20

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 15 minutes



Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Raise your hand if you like to watch movies.
- Raise your hand if you like to have snacks when you watch a movie. (Give some fun examples of different snacks)



Give each kid a Bible.

Say: Jesus wants you to talk to him and he wants to talk to you. Isn't that super cool? Jesus wants you to be part of his Kingdom. Let's read about how Jesus invited the children to spend time with him.

Read: Page 409

Review:

- Can we talk to Jesus when we are little? (Yes)
- Jesus wants to talk to you, so you can be part of his kingdom!
- Where can we talk to Jesus? (Everywhere)



Pray: Dear God, Jesus teaches us that you are good and kind and that you love us. You are the best, God! Thank you for loving us so much. Help us love others, too. Amen.



Take out the God Loves You Everywhere Card Set.

- Place the pictures around the room, either laying on the floor leaning against the wall.

Say: There are pictures of different places we can talk to God all around. (Point to the different pictures) We are going to play a game where we move to each picture and learn that we can talk to God anywhere.

- Let's crawl to the house! (Crawl together) God loves you here at the house. You can talk to God here!
- Now let's walk to the school! (Walk together) God loves you here at school. You can talk to God here!
- Now let's stomp to the playground! (Stomp together) God loves you here at the playground. You can talk to God here!
- Do you see the picture of the bed? (Pause) Tiptoe to the bed! God loves you at bedtime, and you can talk to God here.
- (Continue to each picture with different movements as time allows.) God loves you at home. God loves you at school. God loves you everywhere!

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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SNACK TIME

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TAKE HOME

Lilo And Stitch Family Guide (1 per family, at the door)



PRO TIP

There are many first time guests during At The Movies. Look out for new kids who may be alone, hesitant to participate, or just unsure of the environment. Get on their level, call them by name, and let them know what they can expect. Doing these things helps kids to feel seen and known.

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Week 4 • July 25/26/27

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WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- What is your favorite movie or TV show?
- Who is your favorite movie or TV show character?



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: Jesus wants you to talk to him and he wants to talk to you. Isn't that super cool? Jesus wants you to be part of his Kingdom. Let's read about how Jesus invited the children to spend time with him.

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Review:

- Can we talk to Jesus when we need help? (Yes!)
- When we feel sad, can we still come to Jesus? (Yes!)



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, Jesus teaches us that you are good and kind and that you love us. You are the best, God! Thank you for loving us so much. Help us love others, too. Amen.



ACTIVITY

Take out the Bubbles and start blowing them.

- **Say:** I have something super fun for us to do today. It's time for... BUBBLES! Look at all the bubbles! Your job is to pop them! Pop, pop, pop!

Encourage kids to pop as many bubbles as they can before they touch the floor. Keep the bubbles coming!

- **Say:** Try to get them all! You are such good bubble poppers!
- Whew, that was a lot of work! But you didn't give up! Our story today is about a woman who did not give up. Let's go hear it!

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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Side 2 • Snack Time • 10 minutes



SNACK TIME

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- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

Out Of My Mind Family Guide (1 per family, at the door)



PRO TIP

Use At The Movies to get to know more about the kids in your Small Group. Learn their favorite TV shows, movies, and characters. Share with them what you enjoyed watching as a kid or even ask for recommendations of things they think you should watch! This is a great way to build relationships with kids.

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