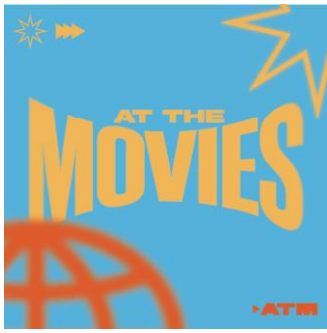




Following Jesus Means Seeing Differently

How To Train Your Dragon

Younger Elementary Small Group Guide

Week 1 • July 4/5/6

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



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.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: *Your friend wants to sneak out and go to a movie without telling an adult. What would you do?*



PRAY

Say: *When we pray, we are talking to God. It can be helpful to fold our hands and close our eyes. This helps us really focus in on talking to God. Let's try it out!*

Pray: *Dear God, thank you for loving us and making us special. Sometimes it's easy to just do what everyone else is doing, even when it's not the best choice. Help us follow you instead. Teach us to think the way you want us to think. Help us choose what is right, kind, and true. Change our hearts so we can be more like Jesus every day. Amen.*

Give each kid a Bible.

There may be a lot of new kids in your environment this month for At The Movies. Take time to introduce the Bible to everyone in your Group like it is their first time using the Bible.

Say:

- *Let's start to explore how to find Verses in the Bible!*
- *Open your Bible and look at the Table of Contents. This is like a map for our Bible. It breaks the Bible into two sections: the Old Testament (before Jesus' birth) and the New Testament (after Jesus' birth).*
- *The Table of Contents lists each book of the Bible and the page number it is found on. Just like a map shows you which road to take and where to go, the Table of Contents tells us the page to look on for each book of the Bible.*
- *Have your Group practice using the Table of Contents to find the book of Romans and open it to that book. Repeat as time allows. Explain that our Memory Verse comes out of the book of Romans.*



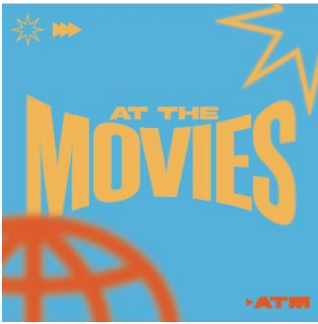
BIBLE

Read: Romans 12:2

Review:

- *What does this Verse tell us not to do?*
- *When you hear "the world," what are some things kids might do that aren't a good choice?*
- *What does it mean to let God change the way you think?*

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



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ACTIVITY

Say: For our game today, everyone will be using your bodies to create an obstacle course! You will stand in a spot nearby while doing a funny pose and standing as still as a statue.

One person will be blindfolded with a Bandana. This kid will walk through the obstacle course and try not to bump into anyone.

- When they complete the obstacle course, wave the Glow Baton to celebrate them!



CHALLENGE

Say: I know you are leaving here with a great understanding of thinking differently. God wants you to think and see differently, we can do that because God loves us.

Your challenge this week is for everyone to have "Hiccup Sight" and try to see one thing differently. For example, maybe when a sibling is annoying, you might realize they are just tired. Or maybe you thought you couldn't do something, but you decide to try anyway and see that you could do it! God can help you choose to see people, problems, and situations in a new way instead of the first quick assumption.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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 invites to anyone who wants to invite someone.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Review the Memory Verse

Remain in Small Group 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)

Don't live the way the world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed. Romans 12:2



God Rewards Faithfulness, Not Perfection

Goat

Younger Elementary Small Group Guide

Week 2 • July 11/12/13

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

Our atriiums 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 and fun ways during kZones, so they know that their environment is a great place to be, too!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Say: Imagine that you made plans to go to the movies with a friend, and then another friend wants you to come with them and do something else. Do you ditch the friend you originally had plans with and go with your other friend? Or are you honest- you kindly decline the second friend and ask them to choose another day?



PRAY

Say: When we pray, we are talking to God. It can be helpful to fold our hands and close our eyes. This helps us really focus in on talking to God. Let's try it out!

Pray: God, thank you that you don't ask me to be perfect—you ask me to be faithful. Help me keep showing up with a trusting heart, and remind me that you reward steady faith, even when I stumble. Amen.

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: There may be a lot of new kids in your environment this month for At The Movies. Take time to introduce the Bible to everyone in your Group like it is their first time using the Bible!

- Last week we learned that the Table of Contents in a Bible is like a map. It tells us where we want to go.
- This week we are going to talk about the books of the Bible. There are 66 different books in the Bible. The Old Testament has 39 books, and the New Testament has 27 books.
- Each book of the Bible is then broken down into individual Chapters, and each Chapter is broken down into individual Verses.
- Last week we learned that we can use the Table of Contents to find the page number where each book of the Bible starts. Let's use the Table of Contents to find our Bible Verse this week, in the book of Galatians.
- Then, we will find the Chapter number. Chapters are the big numbers that start each section of writing. We are looking for Chapter 6.
- Next, we will find the Verse. The Verse is the small number you see. We are looking for 9.



BIBLE

Read: Galatians 6:9

Review:

- Who gives us good gifts?
- Are God's gifts good or yucky?
- What does "every" mean—some gifts or all gifts?
- Where do God's good gifts come from?
- Name one good gift God has given you. (family, friends, food, home, Jesus, church)

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



God Rewards Faithfulness, Not Perfection

Goat

Younger Elementary Small Group Guide

Week 2 • July 11/12/13

Side 2 • Small Group # 2 • 15 minutes



ACTIVITY

Take out the Snowballs and Beach Bucket. Set the Beach Bucket a few feet away from the Group and place the Snowballs in the a pile near the Group.

Say: *Alright everyone, today we are going to play a game called Knock Out. The goal is to try and get the snowballs into the beach buckets.*

One at a time, each kid should try to recite the Memory Verse. The Group can help if needed. After reciting the Memory Verse, the kid can try to throw a Snowball into the Beach Bucket. Encourage the Group to cheer and celebrate each kid's effort!



CHALLENGE

Say: *Whenever you see someone wanting to give up or getting frustrated while trying to accomplish something, cheer them on! Greatness isn't just winning, it's showing up and trying your best again and again. Doing good matters even when it's hard, because growth comes in the sticking with it.*



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- Does God want us to be perfect or faithful?
- True or False: Mistakes mean you should quit.
- Review the Bottom Line
- Review the Memory Verse

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

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

**Let us not grow tired of doing good, for at the right
time we will gather a crop if we do not give up.**

Galatians 6:9



I Can Trust Jesus

Lilo & Stitch

Younger Elementary Small Group Guide

Week 3 • July 18/19/20 • Trust Jesus Gathering

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

Today kids will be talking all about what it means to trust Jesus. Some kids may embrace this next step in their relationship with Jesus by speaking aloud, others may quietly pray and accept him, while some may not be ready today. No matter how kids respond to the message, encourage them that Jesus loves them no matter what! Let them know that you are, and will continue to be, there for them as they learn more about him, and be ready with resources to support them.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- If you had to pick a movie character to guard your valuable treasure, who would it be? Why do you trust them?
- If your pet could talk, do you think you could share anything with them? Why or why not?



PRAY

Say: Prayer is just talking to Jesus. You don't need a special voice. You don't need fancy words. You don't even have to be loud! We pray because Jesus hears us. Jesus isn't distracted or too busy to listen. We also pray because Jesus wants to help us. Sometimes he helps us feel brave, make good choices, or feel peaceful inside. Let's talk to him now. **Pray:** Dear Jesus, sometimes it's hard to know who we can trust. Please help us learn to trust you more. Show us that your love and peace are bigger than anything else. Help us feel your love today. Amen.

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: We are going to read a great Verse about trusting Jesus. Let's open our Bibles to it. I will read it first, then you can try to read it by yourself.

Lead everyone in your Group through finding the Verse using the Table Of Contents.

Read: Proverbs 3:5-6

Review:

- What do you do when you are trying to understand something? (Ex: Ask for advice, look it up on a device, try figuring it out yourself)
- What do you think this Verse means when it says that Jesus will make your paths smooth and straight? (He will help you go the right way, like a flashlight in the dark or a map when you're lost)
- Can you think of anything that makes it hard for you to trust Jesus?

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



BIBLE



I Can Trust Jesus

Lilo & Stitch

Younger Elementary Small Group Guide

Week 3 • July 18/19/20 • Trust Jesus Gathering

Side 2 • Small Group # 2 • 15 minutes



ACTIVITY

Say: Let's all sit quietly and get ready to talk to Jesus. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes so we can focus and not be distracted.

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving each of us. Some of us already trust you, and I pray we keep learning to trust you more. Some of us have questions about what it means to trust you. Please help us to be brave to ask those questions and learn more. Some of us might be ready to trust you for the first time today. They are going to tell you that now. We're going to be quiet for a moment so everyone can say their own prayer to you. Pause for a few moments. Amen.

Ask kids if it was their first time they prayed to trust Jesus. As they respond, celebrate warmly, cheer, clap, and smile. Write their first and last names down to submit to your Captain.

- Give all kids a Trust Jesus ABC Sticker.
- Show the Group a Trust Jesus QR Code Card. **Say:** Your family will get one of these at the door. Your grown-up can scan this QR Code to learn more about what it means to trust Jesus. If you chose to trust Jesus today, make sure to tell your grown-up so they can celebrate with you!

Take out the Game Board and Trust Jesus Game Card Set. Give each kid a Game Play Piece. Play the game using the Game Board Instructions.

- Create a respectful, safe, and honest space with your Group as you play the game.



CHALLENGE

Say: If you already trust Jesus, pick one thing in your life you can turn away from so you can trust Jesus more. If you have questions and don't trust Jesus yet, think about what might be stopping you and ask for help when you need it! If you just trusted Jesus today, start growing your relationship with him! You could pray more, start a prayer journal, or talk with someone who also trusts Jesus.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Share, in an age-appropriate way, your personal story of trusting Jesus. You can share when you first trusted Jesus, as well as age-appropriate examples of what you had to turn away from to trust him.

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



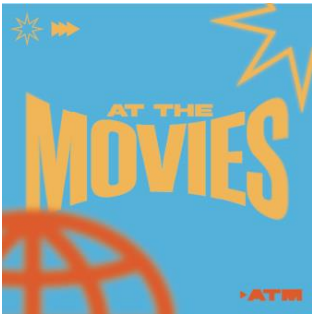
TAKE HOME

Trust Jesus ABC Sticker (1 per kid, in Small Group)

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

Trust Jesus QR Code Card (1 per family, at the door)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart: do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6



People See Limits, God Sees Purpose *Out Of My Mind*

Younger Elementary Small Group Guide

Week 4 • July 25/26/27

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

Use *At The Movies* to get to know more about the kids in your Small Group. Learn their favorite shows, movies, and streaming services. 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.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: You are at the movie theater with a friend, and you have popcorn and candy, but your friend doesn't have any. What would you do?



PRAY

Say: When we pray, we are talking to God. It can be helpful to fold our hands and close our eyes. This helps us really focus in on talking to God. Let's try it out!

Pray: Dear God, when people only see our limits, help us remember you see our purpose. Give us faith to trust what you're doing in us, even when we feel small or overlooked. Amen.



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: Every week this month we are going to keep getting more familiar with reading the Bible.

Work together, using the Table of Contents, to find the book of 1 Samuel and read Chapter 16 Verse 7 out loud to your Group.

Read: 1 Samuel 16:7

Review:

- What does God look at when he looks at us?
- Why do you think it matters to God what's in our heart?
- How can you treat someone kindly even if they look or act differently than you?

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



People See Limits, God Sees Purpose *Out Of My Mind*

Younger Elementary Small Group Guide

Week 4 • July 25/26/27

Side 2 • Small Group # 2 • 15 minutes



ACTIVITY

Take out the Buzzer and Movie Trivia Questions. Line kids up on one side, and place the Buzzer a few feet away. You will stand near the buzzer and act as the Trivia Host.

- Ask kids one trivia question at a time and let them race to push the Buzzer and answer the question.
- Keep score and determine a winner. Make sure all kids are getting the chance to answer a question.
- Another way to play: After a kid answers a question correctly, let them be the Trivia Host and ask the next question.



CHALLENGE

Say: *This week, pick one person you usually overlook do one intentional act of kindness (include them, encourage them, sit with them, help them) to show you're choosing to see what God sees—purpose.*



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *How can we practice seeing people the way God sees them?*
- *Can you think of a time you judged someone by the outside? What happened?*
- Review the Bottom Line
- Review the Memory Verse

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

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

**People look outside of a person. But the Lord looks
at what is in the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7**