



Keep Looking To Jesus

Older Elementary Small Group Guide
Week 1 • April 5/6/7
Side 1 • Small Group # 1
10 minutes



PRO TIP

It can be hard for older Elementary Schoolers to prioritize going to God. Talk to them about their friends and routines. Listen for the moments they can use to go to God. Talk with them about choices they make and what it means to prioritize God and point others to him, even when it isn't easy.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Do you have any pictures hanging in your house? What is in the pictures?
- Last week you were challenged to start inviting people to LCBC. Who did you invite?
- If you have anyone in your Group for the first time, ask them to share what brought them to LCBC.



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, thank you for the fun we are having today and the friendships we are building. Please help us keep looking to Jesus no matter what distractions might be in our way. We know you will help us find hope in every situation if we just focus on you. Amen.



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Hebrews is a letter in the Bible that helps us understand how to live a life that honors God.

Read:

- Hebrews 12:1-3

Review:

- What do you think the 'great cloud of witnesses' are doing for us as we run our race?
- Why do you think the Bible tells us to throw off things that weigh us down or make us stumble?
- How can you 'run the race' in your own life? Are there places you need more strength or focus?

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



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ACTIVITY

Choose someone to go first. They must focus on you while doing a task such as standing on one foot or patting their head and rubbing their stomach.

- Instruct the rest of your Group to try to distract them by making silly faces or doing harmless actions trying to make them laugh or look away. (While also avoiding touching the person trying to focus.)
- If they look away, or after a minute, move onto the next kid.
- *Jesus taught us how to stay focused on God no matter what might be happening around him. That can be super difficult for us, but Jesus is alive right now and can help us!*



CHALLENGE

Give everyone Easter Invites.

Say: *Let's keep filling out some invites for the people you can invite to Easter at LCBC! Your challenge this week is to invite these people.*



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Share about an age-appropriate time in your life when you were distracted and found it difficult to focus on Jesus. Share about what you did to correct it when you realized the distraction.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Review the Memory Verse

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

- Easter Invites

In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world.

John 16:33



Remember God Is Still Working

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Side 1 • Small Group # 1

10 minutes



PRO TIP

Talking about inviting is easy, but doing it can be much more difficult. Make it real for your Small Group by naming the people they want to invite. During kZones, talk to them about how they can personalize the Easter invitations. This helps older Elementary Schoolers feel confident to invite others and introduce them to Jesus.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- If you could take a picture of anything in the world, what would it be?
- Last week you were challenged to start inviting people to LCBC. Who did you invite?
- If you have anyone in your Group for the first time, ask them to share what brought them to LCBC.



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, thank you for our time together today. Each of us faces our own challenges and worries, and we are so thankful that you are with us through them. Help us remember that no matter what happens, you are always working in our lives. Thank you for turning something good out of something bad when you brought Jesus back to life. Give us hope to see the bigger picture. Amen.

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- John was one of Jesus' besties. He was writing a story about what he saw when Jesus visited Jerusalem.

Read:

- John 12:12-16

Review:

- In Verse 15, it is actually referencing a verse in the Old Testament. The verse in the Old Testament was written 500 years before this verse in John. This verse shows how Jesus fulfilled the prophecy, or what was predicted, about him.
- What do you think Jesus wanted the people to understand as he was riding into the city the way that he was? (That he was what Zechariah was written about)
- If you were in the crowd, would you be celebrating Jesus?

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BIBLE



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ACTIVITY

Ask someone to hold the Target and stand a few feet away.

- Ask another child to go first. Have them share with the Group something they hope they will achieve in the future.
- Spin them around a few times, ask them to hold out their pointer finger in front of them, and walk heel to toe to land their finger in the center of the Target.
- Keep playing allowing kids to switch roles.
- After everyone has had a turn, **Say:** *Being dizzy, and not seeing clearly, made it difficult to achieve our goal. It's tough to reach a target when you can't see straight. Whenever you are feeling not sure of what might be going on around you, remember God is working! Keep focusing on him and he will show you the way!*



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Share an age-appropriate story of when you needed God's help to get you through a difficult time. Share what gave you hope and how you held onto that hope.

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Week 3 • Easter Gatherings

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10 minutes



PRO TIP

Some Elementary Schoolers feel things in big ways, and the Easter Story can stir up lots of emotions. Be ready to support kids as they share their thoughts, ideas, and feelings about Jesus' death and resurrection. Use a feelings chart or other asset and listen as kids share. Listening to their feelings helps them to know their emotions are valid and that they are cared for, no matter what they feel.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- What is happening in the funniest picture you have ever seen?
- If you have anyone in your Group for the first time, ask them to share what brought them to LCBC!



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, thank you for fun friends and experiences to share as we celebrate Easter. Thank you for giving us hope through the story of Jesus coming back to life. Help us remember, no matter what happens, that Jesus is still alive today. We love you. Amen.

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- We have been learning our Memory Verse, John 16:33 for the past few weeks. Today, we are going to read that Verse in the Bible to get a little more context to what it is about.

Read:

- John 16:31-11

Review:

- Jesus was talking to his friends right before he died. He was telling his friends that he was going to come back to life. That is what he means when he says, "I have won the battle over the world."
- What might you do if you knew you already won before you even started?
- When you feel upset or alone, what do you think it means to have the peace that Jesus is talking about?

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BIBLE



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ACTIVITY

Say: *Our Verse is super important, and I want everyone to leave with something to help you remember it. We celebrate Easter because Jesus won the battle over the world and beat death! That should give us hope no matter what we are going through!*

- Give everyone a Star Paper and help them write the Verse on it.
- Give everyone an Easter Egg to put the Verse inside folded.
- Give everyone a Pebble.
- **Say:** *This pebble glows in the dark and represents the rock that was rolled away when Jesus came back to life! It glows because Jesus is alive RIGHT NOW!*



CHALLENGE

Say: *Your challenge this week is to celebrate Easter! Remember why we celebrate Easter- because Jesus is alive right now. Find fun ways to show Jesus how thankful you are for that truth by how you celebrate!*



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Share an age-appropriate way that Jesus gives you hope and why Easter means so much to you.

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- Easter Egg with the Memory Verse and glow in the dark Pebble inside

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Remember God Is Bigger Than Your Questions

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Week 4 • April 26/27/28

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10 minutes



PRO TIP

Kids have lots of questions, but they may not always feel comfortable sharing in front of the whole group. Provide kids an opportunity to think by themselves before sharing, or maybe even talk with a partner first. Let your group know you are there to listen, and that God is there no matter what!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *How do you think taking pictures can help us remember things?*
- *How did you celebrate Easter last week?*



PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, thank you for bringing us together at church. Help us be brave and ask questions that might be on our mind. We know you are bigger than any question we might have. You are a safe place we can always turn to. We love you. Amen.*



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- *This story takes place after Jesus died. When his friends were scared and unsure of what to do next.*

Read:

- John 20:19-21

Review:

- *How do you think his friends felt when Jesus appeared to them after he died?*
- *What does it mean that Jesus came to give his friends peace, even when they were scared?*
- *How can we be brave and share stories about Jesus, even if we are scared?*

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



Remember God Is Bigger Than Your Questions

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Week 4 • April 26/27/28

Side 2 • Small Group # 2

15 minutes



ACTIVITY

Give everyone a Sticker Sheet.

- Have them fill in the blanks of the Verse with the missing words.
- **Say:** *It's our last week to dig into this month's Memory Verse! Everyone up on your feet and stand in a circle, facing to your left.*
- *I'm going to give this bean bag to someone in the circle. They will say the first word of our Memory Verse and pass it back over their head to the next person. Then, they'll say the next word and pass it between their legs to the person behind them.*
- *We'll keep passing over, under saying one word of the memory verse at a time until we say the whole Verse together!*



CHALLENGE

Say: *These Sticker Sheets are for you to take home and put them in places that you might need a message of hope. Maybe you can also share them with your friends or family who might be having a difficult time.*



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *Do you ever have questions about the tough things that are happening in your life?*
- *Share a time you had a doubt or question for God. Share how you resolved that doubt and what the result was.*
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