

Following Jesus Calls Me To Share Him With Others

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide
Week 1 • Oct. 17/18/19
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes

PRO TIP

At this age kids are starting to ask "why" about everything and that's a gift! When they ask questions about the story don't rush past them. Slow down, get on their level, and let them wonder out loud. A simple "That's a great question, what do YOU think?" goes a long way.

WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Would you rather shout or whisper something to someone?*

BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: *Jesus had one more surprise for his friends before he went back to heaven but first, he gave them a very special job to do. Let's open our Bibles and find out what that special job was.*

Read: Page 466 Jesus Goes To Heaven

Review:

- *Before Jesus went back to heaven, he gave his friends an important job to tell people everywhere about him, starting right where they were.*
- *Jesus promised his friends they wouldn't do this job alone. He would send the Holy Spirit to give them courage.*

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.

God gives you power to tell everyone that Jesus loves them.
Acts 1:8



Following Jesus Calls Me To Share Him With Others

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide
Week 1 • Oct. 17/18/19
Side 2 • Small Group #2 • 10 minutes

PRAY

Pray: *God, thank you for sending Jesus and for giving us the Holy Spirit. Help us be brave and share your love with others, starting right here at home. Amen.*

ACTIVITY

Say: *Today we're playing a game called Pass the Microphone because just like this Microphone gets passed from hand to hand, God wants each of us to pass along the good news about Jesus to others!*

- *Have kids sit in a circle.*
- **Say:** *I'm going to call out a number. You'll pass the Microphone around to that many kids. Whoever is holding it when we hit that number, can talk into the Microphone and say, "I can tell others about Jesus!"*
- Hand the microphone to the first kid.
- Call out a random number (e.g., "7!").
- As the microphone passes hand to hand, count out loud together as a group ("1, 2, 3...") until you reach the called number.
- Whoever is holding the microphone on the last count stops and **Says:** *I can tell others about Jesus!*
- Reset – call a new number and pass again, repeating for as many rounds as you have time for.

Say: *just like the microphone passed from person to person, God wants each of us to pass along what we know about Jesus.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *What job did Jesus give his friends before he went back to heaven?*
- *Who is one person you could tell about Jesus this week?*

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.

TAKE HOME

- The Great Adventure Take Home (1 per family, at the door)
- Megaphone Coloring Page (1 per kid, given in Small Group)

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Following Jesus Means Doing Life Together

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide
Week 2 • Oct. 24/25/26
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes

PRO TIP

Literally. When you're talking with a 3-5-year-old, kneel down and make eye contact. At this age, feeling seen by a safe adult is everything. A kid who feels noticed is a kid who will engage and one who doesn't may act out just to get your attention.

WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Would you rather share your snack with a friend or share your favorite toy with a friend?*

BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: *Jesus' friends started something new and special they called it 'church,' and it was a place where everyone could learn about Jesus and be together!*

Read:

- Page 480 The First Church

Review:

- *Church is a place where we learn about Jesus together.*
- *At church, we share, pray, and are kind to our friends.*

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.

They learned, ate, and prayed together every day.
Acts 2:42



Following Jesus Means Doing Life Together

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide
Week 2 • Oct. 24/25/26
Side 2 • Small Group #2 • 10 minutes

PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, thank you for church and for my friends. Help me share and be kind. Amen.*

ACTIVITY

Before the Activity: Take out colored paper strips (one per kid), tape, and crayons.

Say: *Just like the first church, we're all connected as friends. Let's build a chain together to show it!*

- Give each kid one strip of colored paper.
- Let them color or decorate their strip with crayons.
- Take the first strip, loop it into a circle, and tape it closed.
- Thread the next kid's strip through that loop, then tape it closed to form the next link.
- Keep threading and connecting each kid's strip, one at a time, until every strip is linked together.
- Hold up the finished chain together as a group so everyone can see it.

Say: *Just like every link connects to make one long chain, we're all connected together as one church family – just like the friends in the first church!*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *Who is a friend that you have?*
- *What is one nice thing you can do for a friend this week?*

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.

TAKE HOME

- The Great Adventure Take Home (1 per family, at the door)

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Acts 2:42



Following Jesus Helps Me Live Boldly

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide
Week 3 • Oct. 31/Nov. 1/2
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes

PRO TIP

Three- to five-year-olds LOVE to feel helpful and important. Give them a job during the activity: the basket holder, the food passer, the counter. When a child has a role, they stay engaged, feel valued, and are far less likely to wander or get distracted.

WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Would you rather give your friend a big hug or a high-five?*

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: *Today's story is about three friends who were told to bow down to a statue or be thrown into a blazing furnace, but they chose to stay and trust God instead, no matter what happened.*

BIBLE

Read:

- **Say:** This Bible is FILLED with a ton of story's just like the one in our video. The bible is filled with strong brave people who can teach us how to be brave like them.
    - Open to page 173 and point to the cover page and **Say:** *David fought a giant (WOW!)*
    - Turn to page 251 and **Say:** *Daniel prayed even with lions nearby (How scary is that?) Who can make their best ROARRR?*
    - Finally turn to page 111 and **Say:** *Moses talked to a VERY scary king, but they were all brave because they trusted God. God can help us be brave too!*

Review:

- *What's something that feels a little scary to you? How can God help you be brave?*

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.

They Loved each other and shared everything. Acts 4:42



Following Jesus Helps Me Live Boldly

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide
Week 3 • Oct. 31/Nov. 1/2
Side 2 • Small Group #2 • 10 minutes

PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, thank you for everyone we talked about today and for how brave they were. Help us trust you and be brave too, just like them. Amen.*

ACTIVITY

Say: *Today we're playing a game called Brave Pass because just like Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego were brave, we're going to pass courage around our circle too! We are going to try passing our Beach Ball in a couple of different ways!*

- Round 1 – Basic Pass: Kids sit in a circle and pass the ball to the friend next to them, saying "I will be brave!" as it goes.
- Round 2 – Add Names: Pass it again, but each kid says their friend's name as they hand it over: "You can be brave, Emma!"
- Round 3 – Add a Brave Action: Before passing, each kid does a quick "brave move" (stand up tall, flex their arms, or roar like a lion) and then passes it on.
- Round 4 – Speed Round: Pick up the pace, passing quickly around the circle while everyone chants together: "Be bold! Be brave!

Say: *Just like Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego were brave, we can pass courage from friend to friend too – because God helps us be brave!*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *What's one thing you can do this week when you feel scared, so you can be brave like they were?*

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.

TAKE HOME

- The Great Adventure Take Home (1 per family, at the door)

They loved each other and shared everything.
Act 4:42



Following Jesus Changes The Way I Live

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide
Week 4 • Nov. 7/8/9
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes

PRO TIP

At this age, attention spans are only 5-8 minutes, and thinking is concrete, not abstract. Pair every concept with a physical action instead of just talking, since that's how they absorb and remember it.

WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Would you rather keep the name you have or change it to a new name?*

BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: *There was a man named Saul who was not kind to Jesus' friends, but Jesus made him brand new and gave him a new name, Paul!*

Read:

- Page 488

Review:

- *What happened to Saul on the road that changed his life?*
- *What was Saul's new name after Jesus changed him?*

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.

Saul's eyes were healed and he could see again he was changed on the spot.
Acts 9:17-18



Following Jesus Changes The Way I Live

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide
Week 4 • . 7/8/9
Side 2 • Small Group #2 • 10 minutes

PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, thank you for changing hearts, just like you changed Saul into Paul. Change our hearts too and help us love you more. Amen.*

ACTIVITY

Say: *Today we're playing a game called Mirror Moment because just like God gave Saul new eyes and made him brand new, God can make us new too!*

- Set out enough to share, 2 kids per mirror
- Have them hold up the mirror and look at their own face.
- Ask them to make a silly or sad face first, then say "That's the old me."
- Have them make a big smile and say, "God can make me new!"
- Go around and let each kid share their smiley face with the group.
- Do as many rounds as time allows.

Say: *Just like God changed Saul and gave him new eyes, God can change our hearts and make us new too.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *What is something kind you can do today?*
- *Who helps you be kind and good, just like God helped Saul?*

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.

TAKE HOME

- The Great Adventure Take Home (1 per family, at the door)



Following Jesus Means Staying Faithful

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide
Week 5 • Nov. 14/15/16
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes

PRO TIP

3-5-year-olds learn primarily through imitation, not instruction. Model the action yourself first before asking them to do it, since they'll copy what they see far more than they'll follow what they're told.

WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Would you rather share your lunch with a friend or share your dessert with a friend?*

BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: *A little boy gave Jesus his lunch and Jesus used it to feed thousands and thousands of hungry people!*

Read:

- Page 357 Jesus Feeds Thousands

Review:

- *A boy shared his small lunch, and Jesus made it enough to feed everyone.*
- *Jesus can take a little and turn it into a lot.*

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.

It's better to give than to receive.
Acts 20:35



Following Jesus Means Staying Faithful

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide
Week 5 • Nov. 14/15/16
Side 2 • Small Group #2 • 10 minutes

PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, thank you for taking care of us. Help us share what we have, just like the little boy did. Amen.*

ACTIVITY

Say: *Today we're making our very own basket of loaves and fish – just like the little boy who gave Jesus everything he had!*

- Give each kid a Paper Plate to use as their "basket."
- Let them color their Paper Plates.
- When they are done coloring, give each kid a few fish stickers to stick to their plate.
- Give each kid a bread picture with a piece of tape on the back to put on their Plate.
- Hold up the finished *baskets* together as a group.

Say: Remember that little boy only had 5 loaves and 2 fish, but he gave them to Jesus anyway and Jesus used it to feed thousands of people. When we give God what we have, even if it feels small, he can do amazing things with it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *What is something you could share with a friend?*
- *How do you think the boy felt when Jesus used his lunch to help so many people?*

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.

TAKE HOME

- The Great Adventure Take Home (1 per family at the door)
- Fish And Bread Basket Activity (1 per kid, in Small Group)

It's better to give than to receive.
Acts 20:35