



# Live Like Jesus

Older Elementary Small Group Guide  
Week 1 • May 31/June 1/2  
Side 1 • Small Group # 1  
10 minutes



PRO TIP

This week new Kindergarteners are coming into K4 Environments. Take time with your group to discuss what it means to live like Jesus and welcome new kids. Plan some friendly welcome phrases, practice a warm smile, and high fives. Celebrate your group as they live like Jesus and welcome others to kidVenture Island.



WELCOME

**Welcome each kid by name.**

**Ask:**

- Do you think you and your friends all think and act alike? How are you different?
- Your challenge last week was to have one conversation with one person about Jesus. Who did you talk to and what did you discuss?



PRAY

**Say:** Today is all about living and acting like Jesus. But, before we can think and act like Jesus, we need to know Jesus! That is a big reason to come to this Small Group each week! The more we can learn about how he lived and cared for each other, the more we can discover how he wants us to live. Let's pray.

**Pray:** Dear Jesus, we want to think and act like you because when we do we know we are living life to the fullest. Please help us learn more about you today. Amen.

**Give each kid a Bible.**

**Say:**

- We are going to read this month's Memory Verse from our Bibles. It is found in the book of Philippians.
- Philippians was a letter that was written by one of Jesus' followers named John. He was writing to the people who belonged to a new church who believed in Jesus in a town called Philippi.
- John was writing to this church in Philippi to have joy in the face of hardship.

**Read:**

- Philippians 2:5

**Review:**

- What do you think Paul meant when he said, "deal with each other"?
- What do you think Paul meant when he said, "think and act as Jesus did"?

**Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.**



BIBLE



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15 minutes



## ACTIVITY

Give everyone a Straw and a Cotton Ball. Place the A & B Cards in the center of your Group.

- One at a time, read questions from the Launch Questions Sheet. Have kids vote on which answer they think is correct by blowing their cotton ball onto the corresponding letter in the center of your Group.
- You can keep the score and determine the winner. Or give random points to each question making it impossible to determine a winner, whatever you think is best for your Group!



## CHALLENGE

*Today, everyone is going home with a special gift. Your challenge is that every time you look at it, remember our church, LCBC, where you are always welcome, and you always belong. You have a place here to make friends and learn about Jesus!*



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Share an age-appropriate story about a time you 'lived it out' as a kid. Maybe you shared a Verse with someone who needed to hear it or forgave someone who hurt you.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Review the Memory Verse

**Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.**



## TAKE HOME

Summer Kick Off Item (at the door)

**As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did. Philippians 2:5**



# Live In Peace With One Another

Older Elementary Small Group Guide

Week 2 • June 7/8/9

Side 1 • Small Group # 1

10 minutes



PRO TIP

**Older Elementary Schoolers are in the thick of learning what it means to form supportive and positive friendships. As kids are learning what it means to live in peace with each other, consider age-appropriate stories you have to share about navigating friendship in your own life. These real stories can have a long-lasting impact on the kids in your environment!**



WELCOME

**Welcome each kid by name.**

**Ask:**

- *Would you rather eat ice cream every day for a week or go swimming every day for a week?*
- *Last week you were challenged to kick off summer and remember our church every time you looked at your gift. How did it go?*



PRAY

**Say:** *When we pray, we talk to God and Jesus. It is one way to learn how to become more like Jesus. Let's pray now.*

**Pray:** *Dear Jesus, help us love others just like how you love us. Help us become more like you and look for ways to live in peace with the people we love. We love you. Amen.*

**Give each kid a Bible.**

**Say:**

- *The book we are reading today was written by Paul. He wrote 13 of the 27 books of the New Testament! That is a lot!*

**Read:**

- Romans 12:18

**Review:**

- *Is it always easy to get along with each other? Why or why not?*
- *What might happen if we don't live at peace with others?*

**Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.**



BIBLE



# Live In Peace With One Another

Older Elementary Small Group Guide

Week 2 • June 7/8/9

Side 2 • Small Group # 2

15 minutes



## ACTIVITY

- Instruct everyone to stand in a circle. Place a Paper Plate at each spot where someone is standing. Leave one person without a plate. You will hold onto the extra plate.
- Ask everyone to play "Musical Plates" and start walking in a circle. When you say, "Stop," everyone should find a plate to stand on.
- Then, you will place the extra plate on the ground in the circle and encourage the kid to stand on it because no one is out!
- Play again, allowing that kid to hold the plate in their hand, and then giving the next person who doesn't land on a plate a place to stand.
- Continue playing a few rounds.



## CHALLENGE

*Our Bible Story today, and our activity, was all about inviting friends into our circle. And that is what next month, At The Movies, is all about! We have a huge opportunity to invite our friends and family to church next month. Raise your hand if you have never experienced At The Movies here at LCBC. If you have kids who have never experienced At The Movies, give them a brief explanation of what to expect. Help your Group come up with some names of people they could invite. Help them fill out At The Movies Invites.*



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Share an age-appropriate story of a time someone spoke up for you or included you in their circle. Share how it made you feel. Use the Feelings Wheel in your Small Group supplies to help you share.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Review the Memory Verse

**Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.**



## TAKE HOME

At The Movies Invites (a few per kid, at the door)

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# Look Out For One Another

Older Elementary Small Group Guide  
Week 3 • June 14/15/16  
Side 1 • Small Group # 1  
10 minutes



PRO TIP

Inviting others to church can be difficult for some kids. Support them in the process of inviting by helping them plan who they want to invite, what they can say, and how they can go to God as they wait and see if their friend will come. A great way for kids to invite others is to share what they love doing at kidVenture Island. Help kids to think of this and more as they invite others to church.



WELCOME

**Welcome each kid by name.**

**Ask:**

- Does anyone have any plans on going to any type of camp this summer? What type?
- Last week you were challenged to start inviting people to LCBC for At The Movies! Did you think of anyone you could invite, or did you start inviting anyone yet? Ask if there is anyone in your Group who has never experienced At The Movies or is there for the first time. Explain to them what At The Movies is.



PRAY

**Pray:** Dear God, help us continue to look for people to invite to LCBC for At The Movies. There are people all around us who need love, kindness, and help. We know your church can give people a place to belong and a chance to learn more about you and receive your love. Amen.

**Give each kid a Bible.**

**Say:**

- Our reading today is from the book of Luke. Luke was not one of Jesus' disciples. He learned about Jesus through the stories people who knew him would tell.
- Luke was a doctor. He was a very good investigator and historian.

**Read:**

- Luke 6:6-11

**Review:**

- What do you think Jesus was trying to teach us here on how to live? You should do the right thing no matter what.
- How can you show kindness to people who need help like Jesus did?



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**Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.**



# Look Out For One Another

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Week 3 • June 14/15/16  
Side 2 • Small Group # 2  
15 minutes



ACTIVITY

Lay out the Butcher Block Paper and draw a line down the center.

- Split your Group into two teams and have them stand in two lines a few feet from the Paper. Team 1 will make drawings on one side of the line, and the Team 2 will draw on the other side.
- You will give each player drawing prompts (found below). The first kid from each team will race to the paper, draw the prompt, and run back to their group. The second kid will run to draw the next drawing prompt.
- Encourage the teams to cheer and encourage as their player is drawing.
- When all the prompts are complete, place the paper in the center of your Group, and have everyone sit around it. Discuss each picture and how it relates to our Bible story.

## Drawing Prompts

- Religious leaders with worried faces about Jesus not doing things the way they had always done things
- Jesus reaching out to help the man with the twisted hand
- The man's hand before and after Jesus healed it
- A crowd of people watching Jesus heal someone
- Two people helping each other, like Jesus helped the man
- How the man might have felt before and after Jesus healed him
- Jesus teaching about doing good on the Sabbath



CHALLENGE

Challenge everyone to continue thinking of people to invite to At The Movies. Help them fill out invites. Discuss different creative ways they might invite people.



DISCUSSION  
QUESTIONS

Share an age-appropriate time you looked out for a coworker or a friend. Maybe you saw them sitting by themselves or maybe you showed up for them in a really tough week. Share what you did to look out for them.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Review the Memory Verse

**Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.**



TAKE HOME

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

**As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did. Philippians 2:5**





# Encourage One Another

Older Elementary Small Group Guide  
Week 4 • June 21/22/23  
Side 1 • Small Group # 1  
10 minutes



PRO TIP

Kids of all ages learn by example. Show your Small Group the value of encouraging others by modeling it for them. Use encouraging words to lift up another Leader in the Environment, acknowledge and thank the door greeters as you enter the building, or write personal notes to each member of your Small Group to encourage and support them. Kids will notice what you do and recognize the power of encouraging others!



WELCOME

**Welcome each kid by name.**

**Ask:**

- What is the best compliment you have received, or the best compliment someone could give you?
- We are challenged to invite others to At The Movies! How did you do with that last week? Explain At The Movies to anyone in your Group who has never experienced it or is there for the first time.



PRAY

**Pray:** Dear God, thank you for each of my friends who are here today. We are so thankful for your words written in the Bible. We look forward to learning new things about you today and looking for ways to apply new ways to live in our lives. Amen.

**Give each kid a Bible.**

**Say:**

- Our Verse today speaks directly to our season of inviting other people to LCBC for At The Movies! Check it out!

**Read:**

- Hebrews 10:24-25

**Review:**

- At The Movies Inviting is a great way to stir up one another to love and encourage others.
- There isn't much we can do in our life that lasts forever. You might be a superstar at singing or sports, but one day you will grow old, and that talent might not last. You might be able to earn a lot of money, but even money can go away!
- One thing that lasts forever and even beyond death is your relationship with God. It's the most important thing you can have in your life!
- That's why it's so important to get this right and invite everyone you know.

**Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.**



BIBLE



# Encourage One Another

Older Elementary Small Group Guide  
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15 minutes



## ACTIVITY

Take out the Memory Verse Card Set and lay it on the floor in an order in a hopscotch pattern.

- Instruct the kids in your group to line up at the beginning of the Verse. One at a time, instruct kids to jump the hopscotch course and shout out words of the Verse as they land.
- When they're done, they can join back in the line to go again.



## CHALLENGE

Challenge everyone to think of this Memory Verse as they continue thinking of people to invite to At The Movies. Help them fill out invites. Discuss different creative ways they might invite people.



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Share a time you encouraged another Jesus-follower. Share what you did to encourage them and how it impacted them.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Review the Memory Verse

**Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.**



## TAKE HOME

At The Movies Invites (in Small Group, consumable)

**As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did. Philippians 2:5**





# Accept One Another

Older Elementary Small Group Guide  
Week 5 • June 28/29/30  
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10 minutes



PRO TIP

During today's activity kids will be learning unique facts about others in their Small Group. Take it to the next level by having kids share something special they learned about another person in their Small Group aloud. Inviting kids to share something positive and unique about their peers helps kids to know that they are an important part of their group and accepted by others.



WELCOME

**Welcome each kid by name.**

**Ask:**

- What is your favorite movie?
- We are challenged to invite others to At The Movies! How did you do with that last week? Explain At The Movies to anyone in your Group who has never experienced it or is there for the first time.



PRAY

**Pray:** God, this is a very exciting time to be at LCBC. We got a sneak peak of what our At The Movies building is going to look like in our church. We know we work hard to create a place where people feel welcomed, safe, and excited to be here. As we encounter lots of first-time friends in our Group, help us accept each new person into our church with open arms. Help us show them kindness, respect and friendship. We want to help build your church. Amen.

**Give each kid a Bible.**

**Say:**

- Our Verse today speaks directly to our season of inviting other people to LCBC for At The Movies. Check it out!

**Read:**

- Romans 15:7

**Review:**

- What does it look like to accept one another?
- What does it not look like to accept one another?

**Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.**



BIBLE



# Accept One Another

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Week 5 • June 28/29/30  
Side 2 • Small Group # 2  
15 minutes



## ACTIVITY

**Say:** *We're going to play Line Up. We will learn a little about our friends and have fun while doing it! I will call out a category, and then you will have to "line up" in the order based on the category. For example, if I said BIRTHDAYS, you would need to talk to each other and figure out each person's birth month, then line up in the order they occur.*

- Categories: birthday month, alphabetical order of your name, size of pet, grade in school, age of oldest family member, etc



## CHALLENGE

Challenge everyone to continue thinking of people to invite to At The Movies. Help them fill out invites. Discuss different creative ways they might invite people!



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Share an age-appropriate story about a time you accepted or welcomed someone's differences.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Review the Memory Verse

**Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.**



## TAKE HOME

At The Movies Invites (in Small Group)

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