



Keep Going Because Of What God Has Done

Older Elementary Small Group Guide
Week 1 • May 2/3/4
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

Kids feel safe when someone friendly is by their side, showing them the ropes. And they have the most fun when they feel like they belong—when they're part of a community that's full of energy, kindness, and joy. Let's create a place where every kid can't wait to come back—because they felt loved, had a blast, and met people who truly cared.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Would you rather climb a really tall mountain or walk through a deep forest?
- Last week you were challenged to Trust Jesus more by picking one thing to turn away from and trust Jesus with. How did that go?



PRAY

Ask kids to mention one thing they are thankful for today.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for {list things kids mention}. Help us remember these good things when life gets hard. We are wanting to learn more about you today in your book, the Bible. Amen.



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- It is a new month and a new Memory Verse to start memorizing! Let's look it up together.

Read:

- Galatians 6:9

Review:

- What do you think it means to "not become tired of doing good"?
- Why do you think it can sometimes feel hard to keep doing the right thing?
- What does it mean that we will "gather a crop" if we don't give up?

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



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ACTIVITY

Take out the Butcher Block Paper and place it in the center of your Group.

- You can write the Memory Verse very large in the center, or if your kids are able to, you can have them take turns writing words.
- Ask everyone to draw a picture of an example from their own life of something good they get tired of doing or something they hope happens if they don't give up.
- Discuss the pictures your Group drew.



CHALLENGE

Say: You should all have this month's Memory Verse DOWN! So, your challenge this week, is to encourage one person by sharing this month's Verse. You can share it to them word for word, or you can put the Verse in your own words and encourage them. You can even use it to encourage yourself when you are facing hard things. It is a powerful Verse!



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- Can you think of a time when you did something kind even though it was hard?
- Have you ever wanted to stop doing the right thing because no one noticed? What happened?
- Who is someone you know that keeps doing good things for others?

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

As kids leave, remind them of their challenge this week.

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Keep Going And Ask If You Have Hard Questions About God

Older Elementary Small Group Guide
Week 2 • May 9/10/11
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

Let's go the extra mile to make sure every new kid feels seen, safe, and celebrated from the moment they walk in. Make sure they get their first-time kid resources, and help them feel comfortable by staying close, introducing them to others, and letting them know what to expect next.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Would you rather find a hidden waterfall or spot a wild animal on your hike?
- Last week you were challenged to encourage one person using this month's Memory Verse! Who did you encourage?



PRAY

Ask kids to name one person who you are thankful for.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for {list the people who were mentioned}. We might have many questions today about who you are, so please help us be brave and explore our questions, even if we don't get answers! Amen.



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Have you ever needed help understanding something? In today's story, God sends Philip to help a man understand the good news about Jesus.

Read:

- Acts 8:26-40

Review:

- Why do you think Philip listened right away when God told him to go somewhere?
- How do you think the Ethiopian man felt when Philip explained the Scripture to him?
- What do you think surprised the Ethiopian man the most in the story?

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



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ACTIVITY

Say: *We are talking all about having hard questions about God. I know that when I have a hard question about God it makes me feel uncomfortable. But having questions about God is a good thing! It makes our relationship with him stronger.*

- Give everyone a Questions For God Activity Page.
- Let your Group take time to draw pictures of things they are wondering about God or write down questions they have.
- Then invite them to share with the Group and discuss!



CHALLENGE

Say: *Your challenge this week is to explore one of the questions you have for God. You can ask a grown-up to help you look for answers on the web or books in the library! You can ask friends or family what they think the answer to your question is. Get curious and start exploring. Some of our questions we might never have an answer to, and that is ok, but that shouldn't stop us from giving up asking!*



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- What are some good things kids your age can do for others?
- How could you keep doing the right thing even when it feels difficult?
- What might happen if everyone stopped doing good things when it got hard?

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

Questions For God Activity Page (1 per kid, in Small Group)

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God Can Help You See Things In A New Way

Older Elementary Small Group Guide
Week 3 • May 16/17/18
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

Kids will be more engaged, excited, and willing to learn when they feel seen and known. Take the time in Small Group to ask kids about their week, learn what they enjoy doing, and have fun together! This helps to form trusting relationships and open their hearts to experience God.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Would you rather carry a backpack full of snacks or carry a backpack full of toys?
- Last week you were challenged to explore a potential answer to one of the questions you had about God. What did you discover?



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, you can help us see things in a new way. Help us see ourselves and others the way you do. Thank you for always being ready to change our hearts. Amen.



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Today we're going to hear a story about Saul, who couldn't see the way to follow Jesus—until God helped him see things in a whole new way!

Read:

- Acts 9:1-19

Review:

- How do you think Saul felt after he realized Jesus wanted him to change?
- How do you think Ananias felt when God told him to go help Saul?
- Why do you think Saul listened and obeyed God even though he used to fight against Jesus?

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



God Can Help You See Things In A New Way

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ACTIVITY

Say: *When Saul was blind, he had to listen very carefully to what God was telling him. Sometimes when we feel like we can't 'see' what God is doing, we need to stop and listen. We might hear God telling us to see something in a new way.*

- Ask for a volunteer to be the listener and have them sit in the center of the Group.
- Explain that when their eyes are closed, you will select a noise maker in your Group. That person will make a slight noise like patting the carpet, rubbing their hands together, or whispering to a neighbor.
- The listener will have to point the direction they think the noise came from.
- If they guess the correct direction, the noise maker gets to sit in the center. If not, they go again.



CHALLENGE

Say: *I want everyone to think of one person in your life who you see the most. God can help you see things in a new way-so your challenge is to pray every day this week for that person. Ask God to help you see them the way he sees them. Ask him to help you have appreciation and understanding for who they are.*



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *Why do you think God wants us to keep doing good even when it's tough?*
- *How can remembering God's promises help you not give up?*
- *How do you think doing good can show others what God is like?*

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

As kids leave, remind them of their challenge this week.

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Don't Give Up On God When Bad Things Happen

Older Elementary Small Group Guide
Week 4 • May 23/24/25
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

As a Leader, we can remind the kids in our group that God is with them, no matter what. One way we can do this is by showing up in unexpected places. Send kids a note in the mail, surprise them at their basketball game, or simply stop them in the atrium after the gathering to let them know you are there for them and God is too—no matter what!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Would you rather walk on a sunny trail or walk on a trail with lots of shade?
- Last week you were challenged to pray for someone in your life every day and ask God to help you see them in a new way. How did that go?



PRAY

Praying is one of the best things we can do when good things happen and when bad things happen. God loves it when we talk to him, even if we are frustrated or mad. If you start talking to God regularly, you will find you can face hard things because God is with you. **Pray:** God, thank you for always being there, ready to talk to us. Please help us remember you are always ready to help us during our day no matter what is happening. Amen.

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Today we're going to hear a story about Paul on a scary stormy ship, and how he kept trusting God even when things were really hard!

Read:

- Acts 27:1-12

Review:

- Why do you think the soldiers and sailors didn't listen to Paul at first?
- How do you think Paul felt during the storm?
- What does this story tell us about Paul's trust in God?



BIBLE

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



Don't Give Up On God When Bad Things Happen

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ACTIVITY

Say: *In our Bible story today, Paul was on a long, difficult journey, or a trek. But he was strong in his faith and clung to his trust in God. Let's work on our strength!*

- Give kids different actions to repeat to test their strength. As they are completing their actions, have them repeat the Bottom Line or Memory Verse.
- Start with these:
 - Jumping Jacks
 - Mountain Climbers
 - Jump Over Rocks
 - Take Deep Breaths Of Mountain Air



CHALLENGE

Say: *We were all inspired by the stories from our Leaders of how they served during Impact PA! We can do things like that too! They don't need to be big and elaborate. But simple acts of kindness God uses to make a big difference in the world. I want everyone to do one simple thing to make someone smile every day this week. You got this!*



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *What does this story teach us about speaking truth even when others don't listen?*
- *How can God use people to help guide and protect us in hard times?*
- *How can this story help us remember to stay calm and trust God when life gets tough?*

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God Will Make Everything Right In The End

Older Elementary Small Group Guide
Week 5 • May 30/31/June 1
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

Memorizing scripture can be hard for some kids. Using their body can make it easier. After practicing today's game as a group, invite kids to think of ways they can replicate the activity at home and memorize God's word.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Would you rather cross a small stream or walk over big rocks?
- Last week you were challenged to make someone smile every day. How did that go?



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, thank you for bringing us all together today! Help us have happy hearts and curious minds as we learn about you. Open our eyes to see your amazing stories and help us hear what you want to teach us in the Bible. Thank you for loving us and for being with us every step of the way. We're so excited to learn from you today!
Amen.

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Today we're going to hear a verse that tells us that one day God will make everything right, wipe away all our tears, and we will be happy and safe with Him forever!

Read:

- Revelation 21: 3-4

Review:

- Who will live with God in this verse?
- What does it mean that God will wipe away every tear?
- What kinds of things will no longer be there?



BIBLE

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



God Will Make Everything Right In The End

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ACTIVITY

Say: For our Bible time today, I'm going to divide you into groups of two and give each group a category. Your group will have to act out the Memory Verse in that category! For example, if I said FARM ANIMAL, your groups could pretend to be farm animals or use a farmer voice as you recite the Verse!

- Divide your group into teams of two and give each team a category, like superhero, ocean, ninja, princess, zookeeper etc.
- Give teams a couple of minutes to decide how they want to recite the Verse, and then have them share with the Group.



CHALLENGE

Say: Our series this week was all hiking themed. So your challenge this week is to go for a prayer walk. You can walk around your house or yard, you can walk around the playground or park, or you can go on an actual hike. While you walk, talk to God. It might feel silly at first, it will probably feel like you are just talking to yourself, so give yourself pauses to listen to see if God talks to you. He might put thoughts in your head that weren't there before, or he might make your body feel calm when it was feeling something else. Give it a shot-one prayer walk this week!



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- How does knowing God promises a new, perfect world change the way we live today?
- Can you think of a way to show God's love to others while we wait for His new world?

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

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