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BIBLE STORY

Suddenly I See
Paul Becomes a Believer
Acts 9:1-9

MEMORY VERSE

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.
Hebrews 11:1, NIrV

LIFE APP

Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

BOTTOM LINE

Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience
For Leaders Only
Create the Environment
Monthly Overview

15 MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction
Early Arrivers
I See It!

25 MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways
Opener
Bible Story
Worship
Prayer
Closer

10 MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God
"Can't Stop, Won't Stop" from *Can't Stop, Won't Stop*
"Thank You God" from *Can't Stop, Won't Stop*

25 MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect
Changing the Way You See
What's Happening?
What We Don't See
Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience
GodTime
Parent Cue

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GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

Made to Explore: *an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An offering container
- A variety of interesting natural items, such as shells, colorful rocks, feathers, bark, or leaves
- Magnifying glasses or a magnifying app; enough for kids to take turns using

I SEE IT!

Made to Play: *an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "I See It!" Activity Pages on white cardstock and cut apart; five cards for each kid
- Print the "Clue Cards" Activity Page on white cardstock and cut apart; one set for each small group
- Print the "The Final Clue" Activity Page on white cardstock and cut apart; one for each small group

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #3.*

1. CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Connect: *an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Jesus Puzzle" Activity Page on white cardstock and cut apart; one puzzle for every two kids
- Red decoder glasses; one pair for each kid

2. WHAT'S HAPPENING?

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Move: *an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Situation Flip" Activity Pages double-sided on cardstock and cut out discs; three sets (12 discs) for every eight kids
- Rubber or silicone spatula
- Buzzer from a board game or call bell

* 3. WHAT WE DON'T SEE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Create: *an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Hebrews 11:1" Activity Page; one for each kid.
- Use a white or clear birthday candle to print the word "Faith" in the center of each page.
- Bible marked at Hebrews 11
- Watercolor paints
- Brushes (wide brushes work best)
- Containers of water

PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: *an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "I See It!" cards from Social

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app.**

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EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to help you see how knowing Jesus has changed the way you see the world. Pray that you can convey the awe and the comfort that has brought you during the time you've been following Jesus. Ask God for guidance as you help your few discover some of the ways God speaks to us and helps us interpret the world we live in.

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: An offering container, a variety of natural items, magnifying glasses or a magnifying app

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to place their offerings in the container.
- Set out the nature items and invite kids to first examine the items with their eyes, then with magnifying glasses or a magnifying app.
- Encourage kids to describe what they see.
- Seize opportunities to expand on their observations and vocabulary.
- As they tell you what they observe, ask questions about why they think leaves have little veins in them, or why a stick has a rough texture.
- Allow your conversation to help instill a sense of wonder: Wow! Did you ever imagine that a leaf could be so interesting and amazing? Look at all of the colors and detail that God put into this one tiny part of a tree!

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2. I SEE IT!

WHAT YOU NEED: "I See It!" cards (Activity Page), "Clue Cards" Activity Page, "The Final Clue" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Lead kids in a fast-paced clue game.
- Guide kids to sit in a circle.
- Deal five "I See It!" cards to each kid.
- Guide kids to lay their cards down, face up, in front of themselves.
- Place the deck of "Clue Cards" in front of you, face down. Also set "The Final Clue" Activity Page face down.
- Flip over the top clue card, place it in the center of the circle, and read it aloud.
- Kids quickly look at their cards to find a picture that fits the clue, pick it up, and slap it on top of the clue card. (For example, if the clue card reads, "Has four legs," kids could slap down a picture of a dog, a table, or a horse.)
- Continue play until two or three kids get rid of all of their cards.
- End the game by spreading out all of the "I See It!" cards.
- Show kids the "Can become something else" clue card, and guide kids to find things that can become something else (kids might identify the caterpillar, ice, and tadpole).

WHAT YOU SAY:
"Yes! A caterpillar becomes a butterfly, ice can become water, and tadpoles become frogs. ***[Transition]*** **In Large Group we'll learn about someone who became someone else. Let's go learn more."**

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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ABOUT GOD

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1. CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE

WHAT YOU NEED: "Jesus Puzzle" Activity Page, red decoder glasses

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to get into groups of two.
- Give each pair a set of "Jesus Puzzle" pieces.
- Guide kids to work together to assemble the puzzle.
- When every group is finished, ask, "Can you see what picture is on the puzzle?"
- Give each kid a pair of decoder glasses.
- Guide kids to put them on all at the same time then look at the puzzles.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Just like you couldn't see the picture that was on the puzzle before you put on the glasses, Saul couldn't really see who Jesus was until he met Him on the road to Damascus. But knowing Jesus changed the way Saul saw everything. When Saul knew Jesus, he knew that Jesus is God's Son. When Saul knew Jesus, he knew that Jesus is alive! When Saul knew Jesus, he knew that Jesus is the One God sent to save us!

[Make it Personal] (Tell kids how knowing Jesus has changed how you see the people or circumstances around you.)

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2. WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WHAT YOU NEED: "Situation Flip" cards (Activity Page), spatula, buzzer or call bell

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set the "Situation Flip" cards in a loose cluster, frown-side up.
- Guide kids to line up at one end of your area.
- Tell kids that the goal of the game is to turn every card smile-side up.
- Give the first kid in line the spatula.
- At your signal, that kid runs to the cards and flips over as many as possible until you sound the buzzer or bell. (Sound the buzzer every five to ten seconds to keep kids engaged and interested.)
- The kid then runs back to the group and hands the spatula to the next kid in line.

NOTE: If you have a small environment, guide kids to stand in as large a circle as possible. Loosely cluster the discs in the center. Kids move to the center whenever it's their turn. Direct kids to pass the spatula to the kid on their right whenever you sound the buzzer.

- Throughout the game, randomly turn cards frown-side up, adding a competitive element to the game!
- Continue until every kid has a turn and every card is smile-side up.
- One at a time, hold up each scenario.
- Guide kids to identify the problem and name ways that knowing Jesus could change the way the person sees everything. Don't hesitate to ask leading questions if kids are stuck for ideas.
  - Moving: God helps you make new friends. You can have fun unpacking and setting up your new room.
  - Someone is sick: You can show them God's love by doing something kind. You can help them and become their friend. You can pray for them.
  - Scared in a storm: You can pray. You can remember how much God loves you and how He's more powerful than the storm.
  - You're sad: You remember that God loves you.

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APPLICATION ACTIVITY

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Today we learned that **knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.** Everyone has problems sometimes. People can hurt our feelings, people can get sick, and things can happen that are confusing or even sad.

"But because God loves us so much, He brings good things from even the most difficult situations. God showed us how much He loves us when He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and make a way for us to have a friendship with Him. And when you know how much Jesus loves you, you can see things differently.

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WHAT YOU NEED: "Hebrews 11:1" Activity Page, Bible marked at Hebrews 11, watercolor paints, brushes, water

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite a volunteer to open the Bible to Hebrews 11:1.
- Read the verse aloud or invite a volunteer to read.
- Use the conversation below as a guide to unpack the phrase "sure of what we don't see."
- Use a blank piece of paper to show kids how they can dip a brush in the water, gently rub it on a cake of paint, then brush the color over their papers.
- Give each kid a "Hebrews 11:1" Activity Page.
- Set out the watercolor paint, brushes, and water.
- Invite kids to paint their papers however they choose.
- Advise kids to re-load their brushes as soon as they begin to dry out.
- When kids uncover the hidden word, read it aloud together.
- Kids can take their pictures home to remind them that when you have faith in Jesus, you can see things differently.

NOTE: This concept isn't concrete for the thinking of this age group, but the goal is to plant seeds that will sprout when kids mature a bit more or to look back on when they're in tough situations.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Just like you couldn't see the word until you added the paint, sometimes we can't see or understand God's big plan right away. But **knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.** Because when you know Jesus, you understand that everything God does, He does because He loves you more than you could ever imagine! So, no matter what, trust God's love for you. And remember that **knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything."**

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REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: "I See It!" Cards

WHAT YOU DO:

- Show pairs of "I See It!" cards, using the conversation below as a guide to emphasize today's truths.

WHAT YOU SAY:
"Can a shark become a jellyfish? Can a mouse become an elephant? No! But through the goodness of God, we can believe in Jesus and become God's children. And when we know Jesus, God changes how we see EVERYTHING! Because **knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything."**

Lead kids in prayer, asking God to help kids see everything through God's love for them.

As adults arrive to pick up, guide kids to show them their "Hebrews 11:1" artwork and read the verse.

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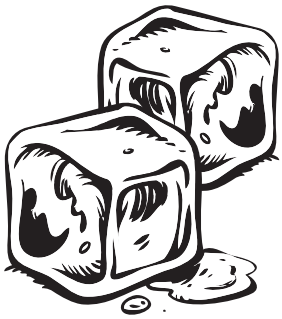
Caterpillar



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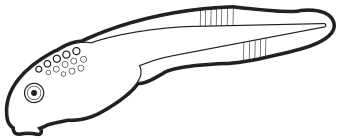
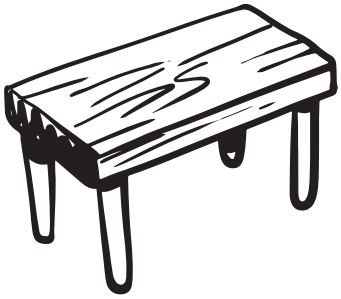


Tadpole

Zebra

Dog



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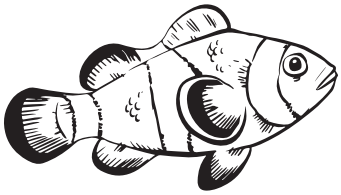
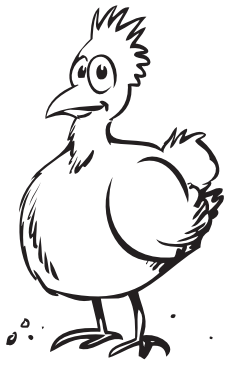
Jellyfish



Clown fish



Chicken

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Print two sets on cardstock and cut apart. One double set for every Small Group.

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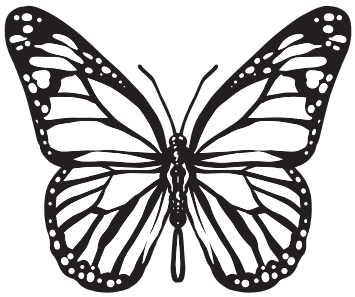
Penguin



Butterfly

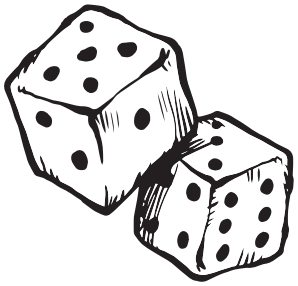
Mouse

Tiger

Snowman

Ice cream

Cat



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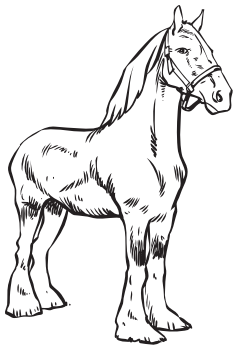

Horse

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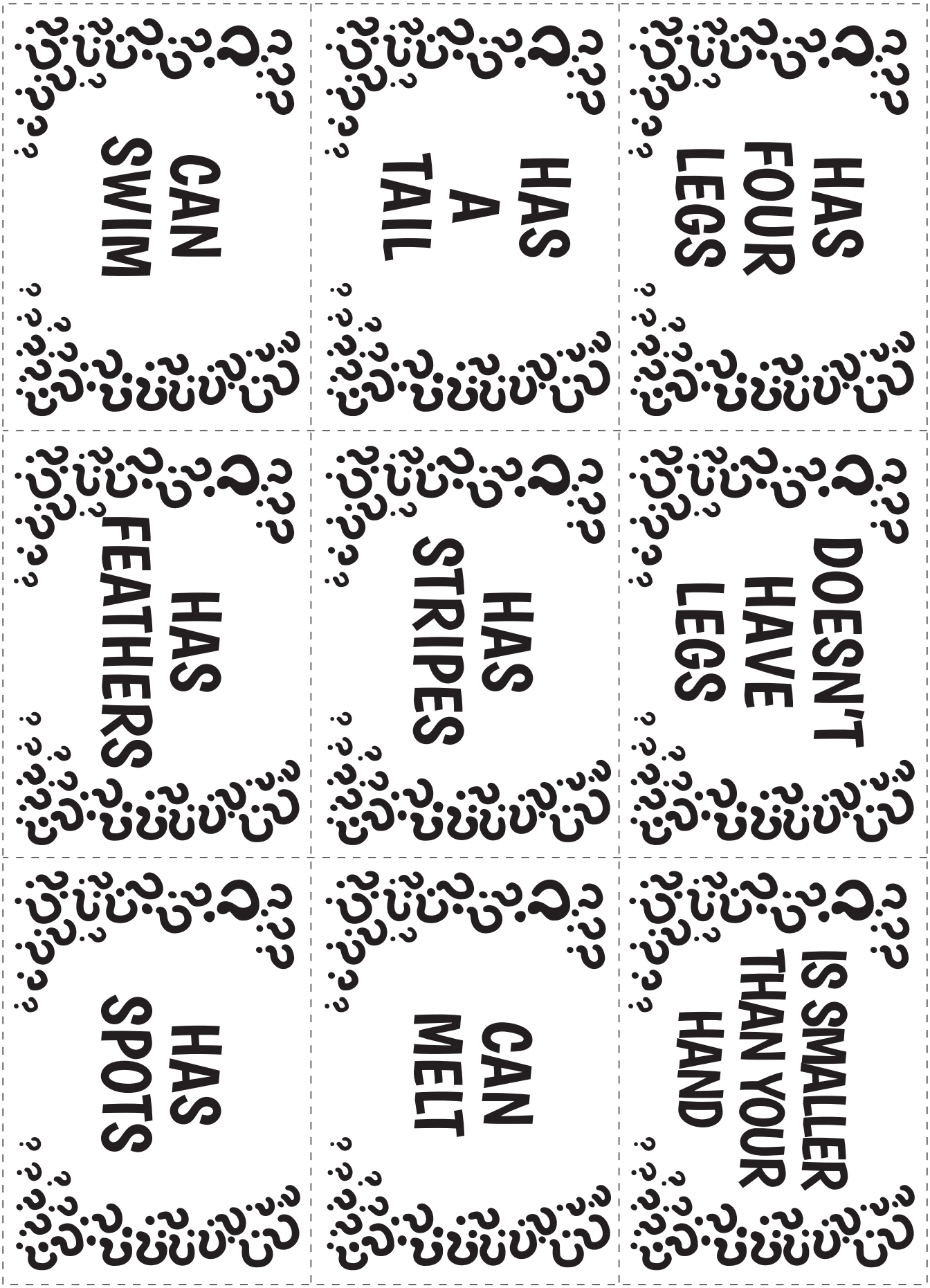

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Clue Cards
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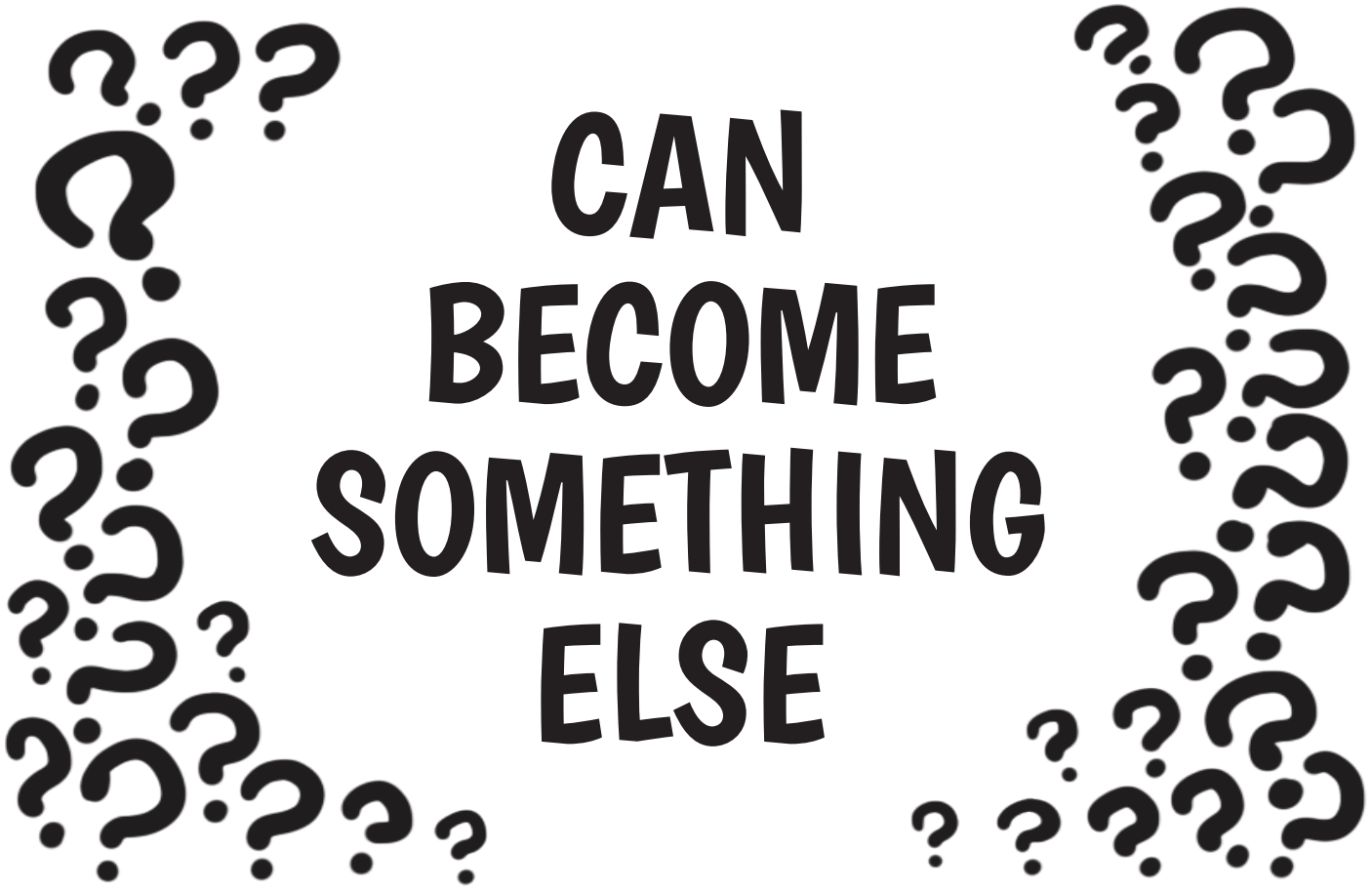

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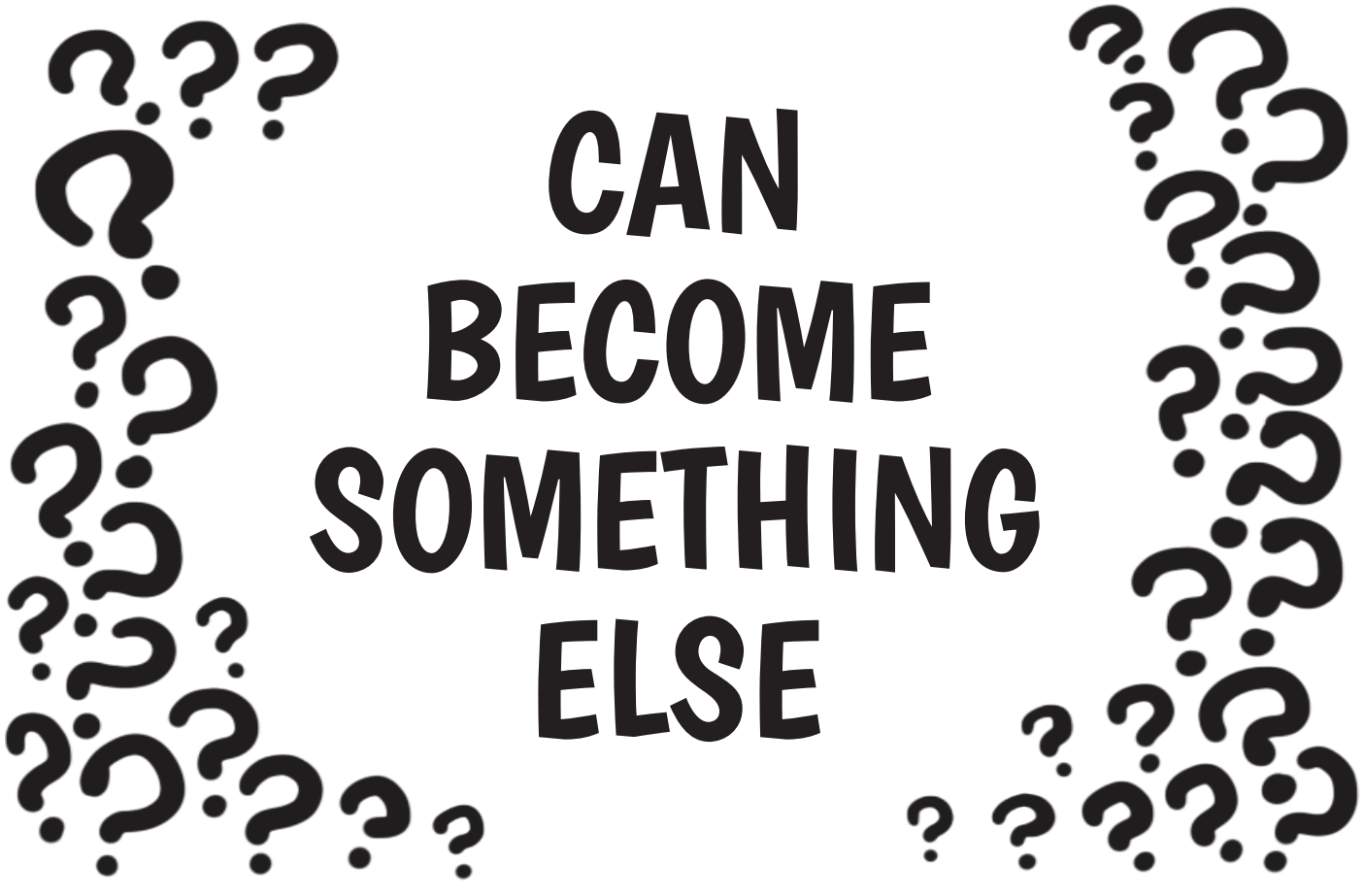

What to Do:
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The Final Clue
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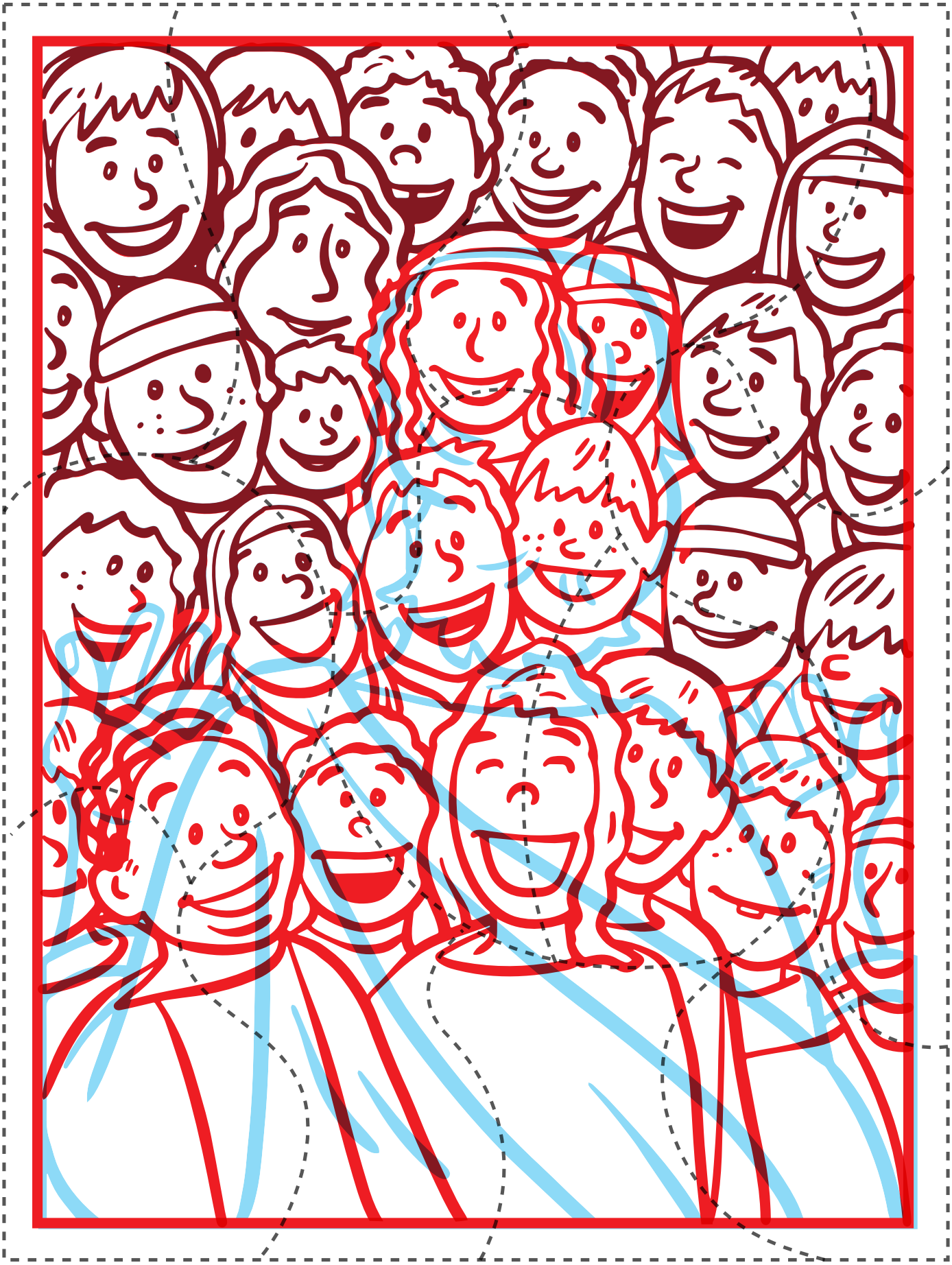

What to Do:
Print on cardstock and cut apart. Provide one puzzle for every two kids. *Note: It is very important that these pages are printed in full color, otherwise the decoder aspect of the activity will not work.*

Jesus Puzzle
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What to Do:
Print or photocopy double-sided on cardstock and cut out. Make 12-16 discs for each small group.

Situation Flip! 1/2
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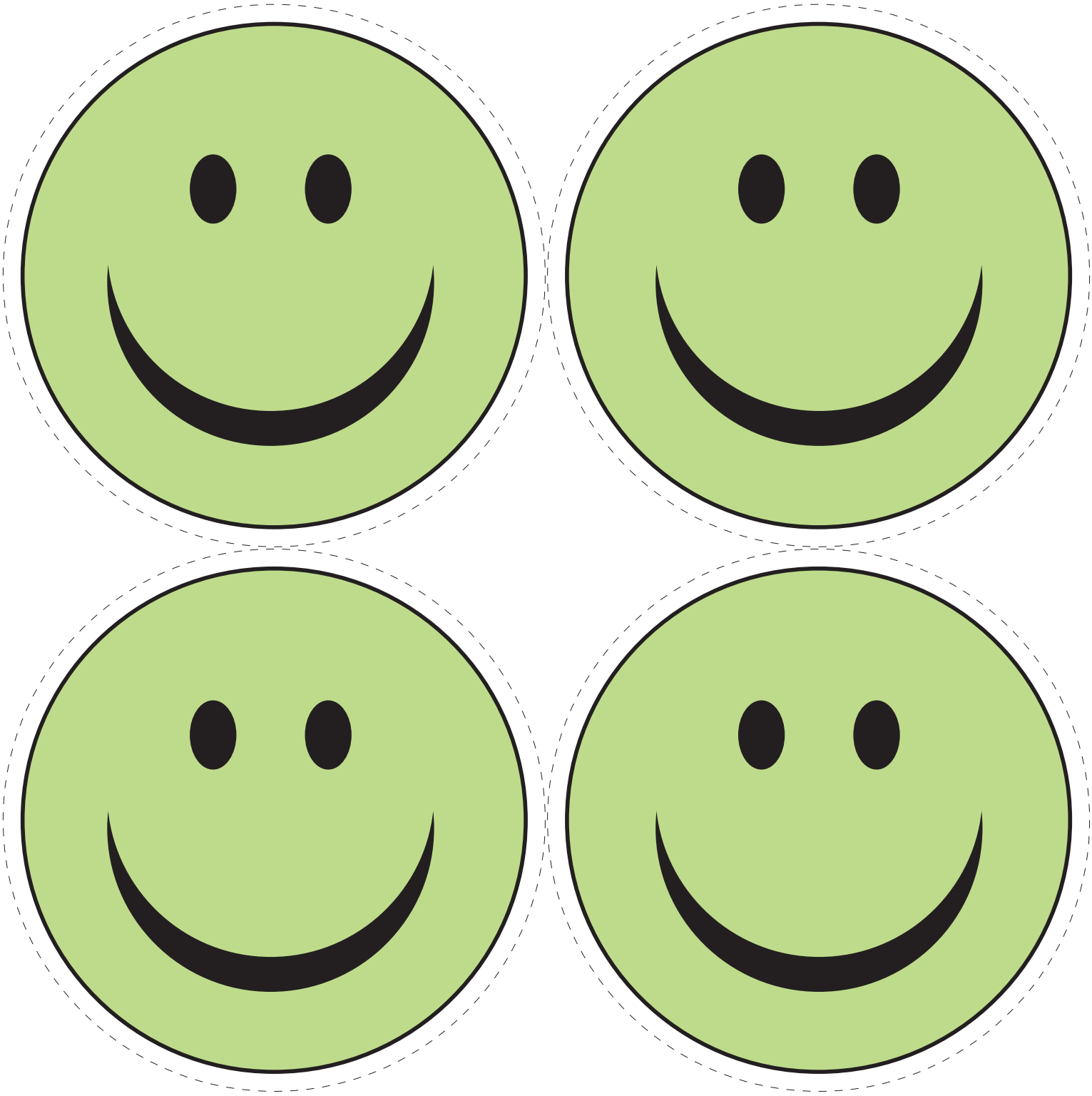

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Change

25 MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways
Opener
Bible Story
Worship
Prayer
Closer

10 MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God
"Can't Stop, Won't Stop" from *Can't Stop, Won't Stop*
"Thank You God" from *Can't Stop, Won't Stop*

25 MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect
The Right Size?
Center of the Eye
Secret Decoder
Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience
GodTime
Parent Cue

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GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

Made to Connect: *an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An offering container
- Paper; one sheet for each kid
- Markers

CHANGE

Made to Explore: *an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Pie pan
- Whole milk; enough to cover the bottom of the pan
- Food coloring; four colors
- Cotton swab
- Liquid dish soap; ten drops
- To see how this experiment works, do a video search for "Magic Milk Experiment"

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.*

*1. THE RIGHT SIZE?

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Explore: *an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print "Hole in the Middle" Activity Page; one for each small group
- 3 x 5 index cards; two for each kid
- Scissors

2. CENTER OF THE EYE

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Play: *an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Center of the Eye Questions" Activity Page, one for each small group
- Fake magnifying glass or eye glasses

3. SECRET DECODER

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Create: *an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Bottom Wheel" Activity Page and cut out; one for each kid
- Print the "Top Wheel" Activity Page and cut out; one for each kid
- Print the "What Does It Say" Activity page; one for each kid
- Brad; one for each kid
- Pencils
- Scissors

PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: *an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Decoders from the "Secret Decoder" activity
- Index card; one for each kid
- Pens

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app.**

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MEMORY VERSE

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Hebrews 11:1, NIrV

LIFE APP

Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

BOTTOM LINE

Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to help you see how knowing Jesus has changed the way you see the world. Pray that you can convey the awe and the comfort that has brought you during the time you've been following Jesus. Ask God for guidance as you help your few discover some of the ways God speaks to us and helps us interpret the world we live in.

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: An offering container, paper, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Collect kids' offering as they arrive.
- Hand out paper and ask kids to draw their favorite season and favorite thing during that season.
- When they're finished, ask kids to share what they drew.
- Lead them in a discussion about how they know that seasons change.
  - What do they see that indicates a season change?
  - What about smells or sounds of season change?

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EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

2. CHANGE

WHAT YOU NEED: Pie pan, whole milk, food coloring, cotton swab, liquid dish soap

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask the kids to gather around you.
- Invite one kid to pour milk into a pie pan.
- Lead kids as they take turns carefully adding two drops of the food coloring into the milk.
- Instruct kids to space out their drops of color, and ask them to be careful not to bump or shake the pie pan.
- When everyone has added some color, generously soak the end of a cotton swab with liquid dish soap.
- Dip the soaked cotton swab into the milk next to a drop of color.
- Repeat the process with all the drops of color. Let kids take turns dipping the swab themselves.
- End by swirling the soaked cotton swab through the colors.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Adding soap to the milk completely changed how the milk looked. It was something simple changed into beautiful art. ***[Transition]*** **Lets go to Large Group to discover how someone's life was completely changed."**

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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LIVE FOR GOD APPLICATION ACTIVITY

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*1. THE RIGHT SIZE?

WHAT YOU NEED: "Hole in the Middle" Activity Page, index cards, scissors,

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid an index card and a pair of scissors.
- Let them know that you have a challenge for them: to cut a hole in the index card big enough for their entire body to fit through!
- Allow time for kids to attempt the challenge and maybe even get a little frustrated with it.
- Next, give each kid a new index card.
- Tell the group that you know how to create a big enough hole to fit their bodies. Ask them to follow along as you demonstrate the steps.
  - Refer to the "Hole in the Middle" diagram and start by having the kids fold the index card in half lengthwise.
  - Next, cut a slit on each side near the left and right edges. *(The slits should be vertical and go down from the fold, NOT from the unfolded edges. Do not cut the ends; leave a little space.)*
  - Now, cut off the folded edge. *(Be careful to not cut the ends, and stop when you reach the slits.)*
  - Make more cuts by alternating each cut, one from the unfolded edge and the other from the folded edge.
  - Continue cutting back and forth until you fill the card with cuts.
  - Remind the kids to keep the correct pattern of back and forth.
  - Once the kids are done cutting, have them gently open the index card.
  - Encourage the kids to carefully step through the card!

WHAT YOU SAY:

(Modify this if your kids have already seen this experiment before.) "Saul was convinced that Jesus wasn't who He said He was, just like you were convinced that you couldn't cut a big enough hole to fit your bodies through the center of the index card. Once Saul met Jesus, his idea about who Jesus was completely changed! He learned an amazing truth—that Jesus was alive and had a plan for Saul's life! It changed how Saul saw himself and others. Now, instead of hurting people who followed Jesus, Saul wanted others to know God by believing in who Jesus said He was! That was a pretty dramatic change! **Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything."**

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TALK

ABOUT GOD

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

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PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

2. CENTER OF THE EYE

WHAT YOU NEED: "Center of the Eye Questions" Activity Page, fake magnifying glass or eye glasses

WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage the kids to sit in a circle to create the shape of an eye.
- Tell them that you will randomly pick one kid to answer a review question.
- Hand that kid the magnifying glass.
- As soon as you ask the chosen kid a question, the group should start passing the magnifying glass to their right.
- The object of the game is for the kid to answer the question before the magnifying glass arrives back.
- If the kid is unable to answer the question before the magnifying glass comes back, they can ask someone to help.
- As soon as the question is answered, the kid gets to go to the center of the circle to become the "center of the eye."
- When the next kid answers the question, they swap places with the kid in the center.
- Continue playing until everyone has had a chance to answer a question and be the center of the eye.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You guys were really paying attention during the Bible story, today! One BIG thing I want you to remember this month is that the events we read about in the Bible are all TRUE. These things happened to real people. Saul was blinded by a light and heard Jesus speak to him. Saul really was completely changed that day. He went from being a person who arrested believers of Jesus to having faith in Jesus, following Him, and even teaching others to believe in Jesus! Talk about a complete change! Once Saul learned the truth, it changed him. He saw Jesus in a completely new way. Because **Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything."**

[Make It Personal] (Share a story about a time when you started to see things differently because Jesus changed your perspective of how you saw something. How did you respond to Jesus' story? How did it change you?)

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HEAR FROM GOD

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

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3. SECRET DECODER

WHAT YOU NEED: "Bottom Wheel" Activity Page, "Top Wheel" Activity Page, "What Does It Say" Activity Page, brads, pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "Bottom Wheel", a "Top Wheel", and a brad.
- Instruct kids to follow you as you demonstrate how to assemble the "Secret Decoder."
  - Carefully cut each wheel out, making sure to create a small window in the top wheel by following the lines.
  - Lay the "Top Wheel" on top of the "Bottom Wheel" and match them up in the center.
  - Use the brad to attach the two circles together.
  - The window should reveal a number and a letter.
- Then, pass out a "What Does it Say?" Activity page to each kid and instruct them to decode it using their decoder.
- After they finish, say the verse aloud a few times together as a group.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"The Secret Decoder changed what you saw! Instead of a bunch of numbers, you saw this month's verse! Once Saul met Jesus, it completely changed how he saw his own life. It changed how he saw others, too. Do you know that Jesus wants to do that for you, too? Just like Jesus got Saul's attention and talked to him, He wants to talk to you, too. He can speak to you when you take a walk or talk to a friend. He can talk to you when you experience something great like winning a game or when you feel sad because someone you know is sick. Once you experience Jesus, it changes how you live and see your life because **Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything."**

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PRAY

TO GOD

PRAYER ACTIVITY

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PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: Secret Decoder from previous activity, index cards, pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure kids have their decoder from the earlier activity.
- Give each kid an index card and a pencil.
- Encourage kids to use their decoder to write a short prayer request using just numbers. (As they work, go around to each kid and offer help to shorten their sentences so they don't have to write out so many numbers.)
- When everyone is finished, instruct kids to exchange index cards with someone.
- If time allows, let them decode their prayer requests.
- Either way, allow kids to pray silently for their prayer partner, then close the group in prayer yourself.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for showing us through Saul's story how You pursue us and want to speak to us. Help us to get to know You more through your Son, Jesus, so we can see our lives through Your eyes. Speak to us and show us areas of our lives that You want to change because **Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything."**

As adults arrive to pick up, ask the kids to demonstrate to them how they can fit their bodies through a hole they created in the center of index cards then share that like Saul, they, too, were convinced something couldn't happen; but it did!

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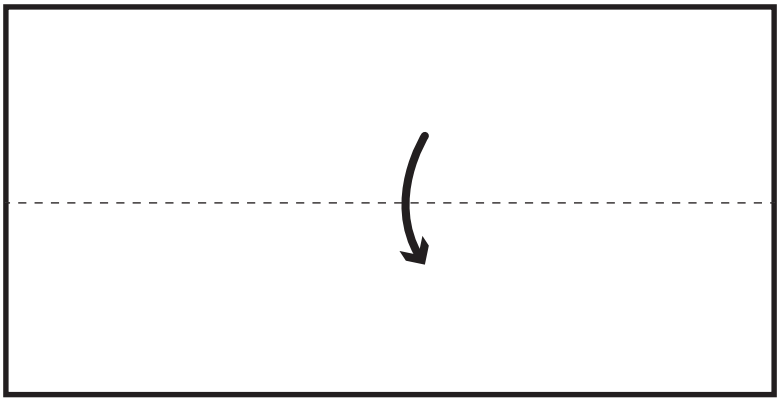
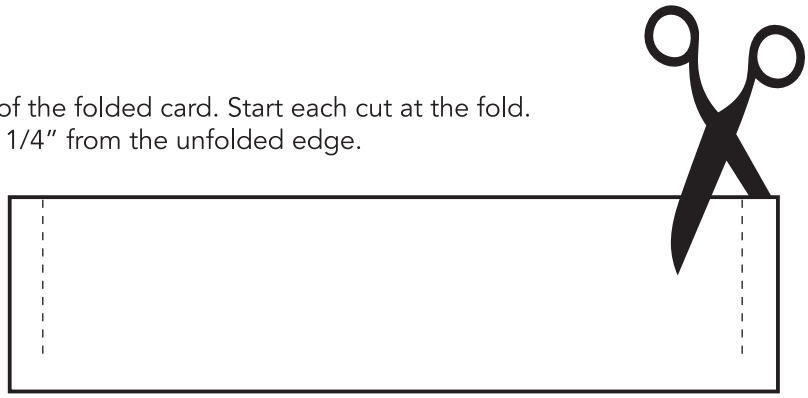
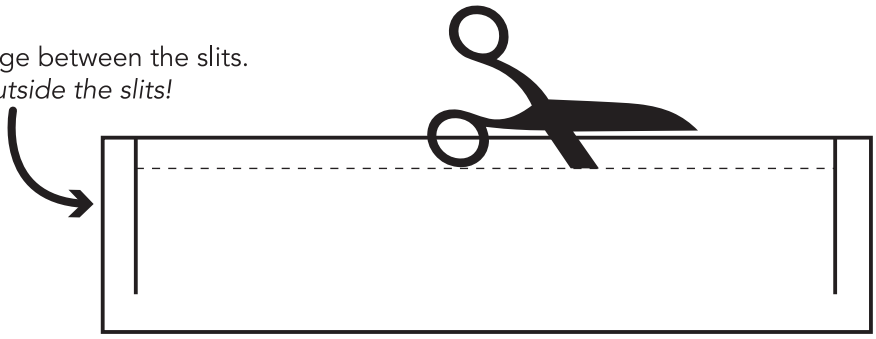
1 Fold card in half lengthwise.



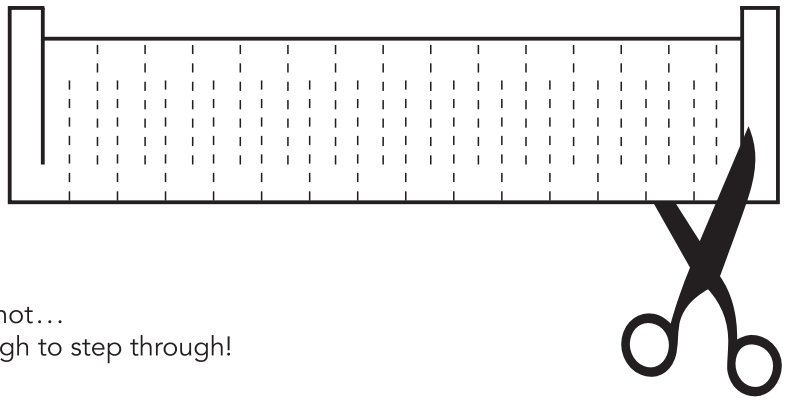
2 Cut two slits near the edges of the folded card. Start each cut at the fold. Each cut should end at least 1/4" from the unfolded edge.



3 Cut off the folded edge between the slits.
Don't cut the ends outside the slits!



4 Cut alternating slits in the middle of the card (up/down from the folded edge as shown). As before, end each cut at least 1/4" from the edge.



5 Open the card. Believe it or not…
you'll have a hole large enough to step through!

What to Do:
Print one copy for each small group.

Hole in the Middle
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1) Who was the main person in today's story? *(Saul)*

2) As a young man what did Saul study? *(The laws – he became a Pharisee)*

3) Before Saul was blinded how did he view Jesus? *(Fake, not alive, dead)*

4) What did Saul do to those who followed Jesus? *(He would look for them and take them as prisoners)*

5) Why did Saul go to the high priest? *(He wanted to stop people from following Jesus by getting them arrested.)*

6) As Saul was traveling to Damascus what happened? *(Sudden flash of light came down from heaven and he heard a voice)*

7) Whose voice did Saul hear and what did it say to Saul? *(Jesus - that Saul was opposing him)*

8) What did the voice tell Saul to do? *(To go into the city)*

9) How did the men who were traveling with Saul react? *(They were amazed and speechless!)*

10) What happened to Saul's eyes? *(He was blinded)*

What to Do:
Print one for each small group.

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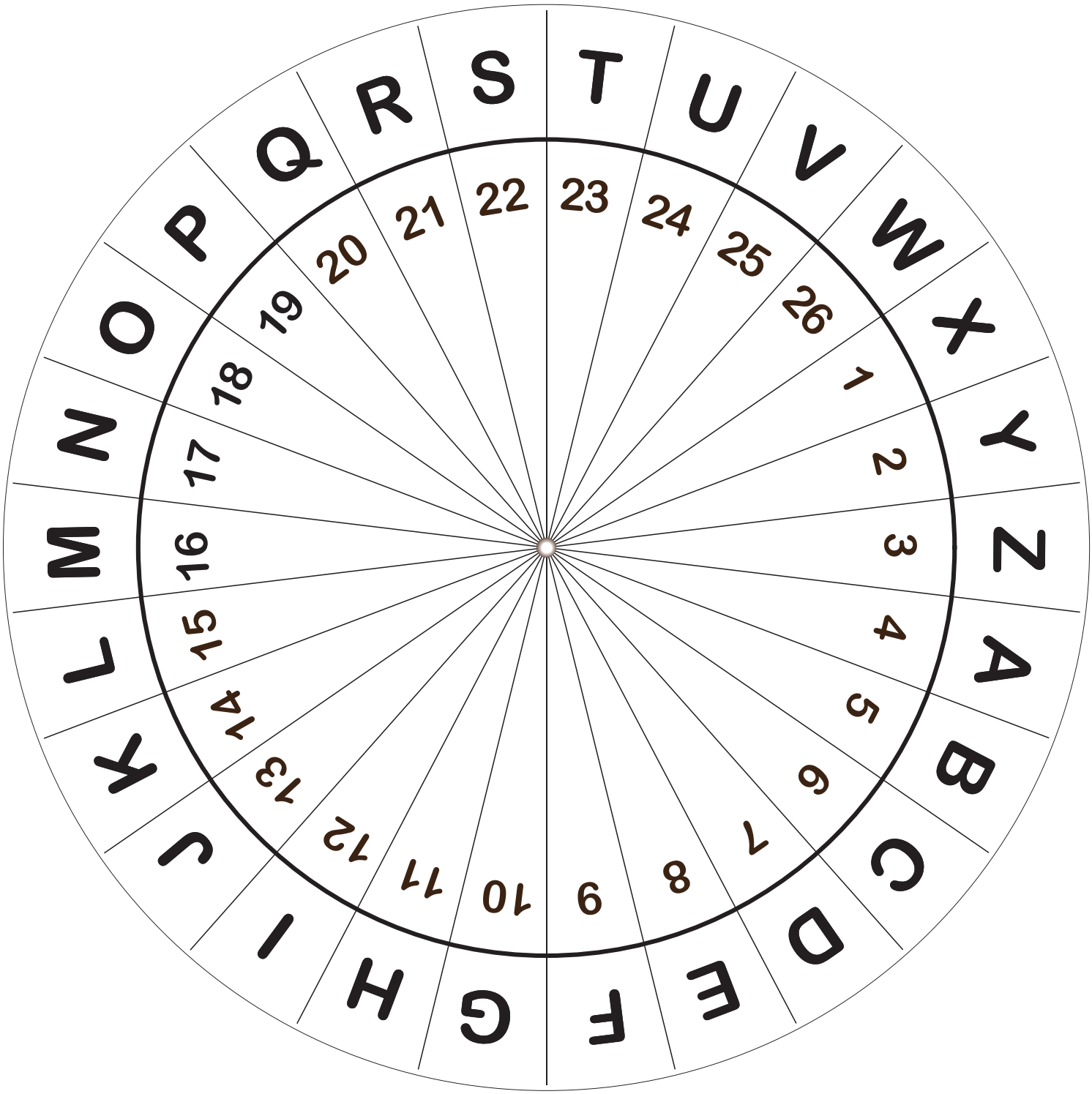

What to Do:
Print on cardstock and cut out one for each kid.

Bottom Wheel
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What to Do:
Print on cardstock and cut out one circle for each kid.

Top Wheel
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What to Do:
Print one for each kid.

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What to Do:
Print one for each kid.

What Does It Say, NIV
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Focus: Take a closer look

WEEK
TWO
JUNE 2020

GRADES
4–5
SMALL GROUP

PRELUDE | SOCIAL | STORY | WORSHIP | GROUPS | HOME

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LIFE APP

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KEY QUESTION

How does God try to get your attention?

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience
For Leaders Only
Create the Environment
Monthly Overview

15 MIN

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25 MIN

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"Only Focus" from *Focus Elementary EP*
"Who You Say I Am" from *Who You Say I Am single*

25 MIN

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GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

1. JUST FOR FUN

Made to Explore: *An activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An offering container
- Three-foot length of ribbon, yarn or heavy string; one for each kid

2. GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME

Made to Move: *an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paper or note cards; one sheet of paper or a couple of note cards for each group
- Pen

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Connect: *an activity invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Imagine: *an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Print the "Before and After" Activity Page on cardstock; one copy for every two kids
- Markers

3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Explore: *an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Roll of aluminum foil; one for each small group
- Fresh AA batteries; one for each kid
- Strong, flat disc magnets; two to four for each kid
  - These are inexpensive and can be found in craft departments or online.
  - Note that magnets of the same size attached to the battery will move it in a straight forward motion. Purchase magnets of slightly different sizes to enable the battery to move in a circle. To view a demonstration of this experiment, go to: http://bit.ly/2ThCEbS
  - Purchasing magnets with a hole in the middle will make them easier to use. Be careful not to purchase magnets that are so strong that they can damage electronic devices, as these will also be dangerously strong for kids using them.

5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: *an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Pens
- Print the "Prayer List" Activity Page and cut in half; one set per every two kids

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KEY QUESTION

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BASIC TRUTH

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EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, pray that your group would begin to see ways that God has tried to get their attention in the past and how he may be even trying to do that now in their lives. Pray that your kids would feel comfortable and safe enough to share in conversation today.

1. JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: An offering container, three-foot lengths of ribbon, yarn, or rope

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Invite** kids to place their offerings in the container.
- **Challenge** the kids to do something that seems impossible:
  - Hold one end of a three-foot piece of ribbon in each hand, and then tie a knot without letting go.
  - Solution: Lay the ribbon on the table. Cross your arms across your chest. Lean forward and pick up each end of the ribbon with your arms still crossed. Uncross your arms, making sure to pass your hands through the ribbon. Voila!
  - For a visual of this, head to, http://bit.ly/2U0XX24
- **Ask** them what else they can do that seems impossible, allowing kids to share stories or tricks.

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2. GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper or note cards, pen

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Ask** the group to brainstorm things we might do to get someone's attention. For example, clap our hands, wave our arms, or scream.
- **Write** down their ideas on a sheet of paper or notecards.
- **Direct** kids to form a circle and stand perfectly still.
- **Choose** someone to stand in the middle of the circle and assign them one of the "attention getters" from the list the kids came up with.
  - Their job is to get someone in the circle to move, smile, or flinch while they do the assigned action.
  - If they succeed within ten seconds, the person who moved comes to the middle and is assigned a different "attention getter."
  - Caution kids not to touch one another or use excessive noise near anyone's ear.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Sometimes the things people do to get the attention of others can be annoying or obnoxious. Ever been around a little kid who throws a tantrum to get attention? Most often, that kind of attention doesn't end well. ***[Transition]*** **Today in Large Group we will hear about a way God got someone's attention. It was not something that could be ignored. Let's go hear about it."**

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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LIVE FOR GOD APPLICATION ACTIVITY

BIBLE STORY

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Acts 9:1-9

MEMORY VERSE

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LIFE APP

Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

KEY QUESTION

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BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Ask** kids to describe how they might see things differently if their life changed in the following ways:
  - Dogs could talk.
  - The floor in our room was made of chocolate cake.
  - The Bible didn't exist.
  - You were blind. *(Omit this if you have someone in your group who is visually impaired.)*
  - You actually saw Jesus as you walked down the street.
  - You were a millionaire.
  - You were homeless. *(Again, omit if this is insensitive to any kids in your group.)*
  - You could turn yourself invisible.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"A floor made of cake or a world where people could randomly turn themselves invisible would be a total game-changer. Saul didn't experience any of those things, but he did encounter the GAME-CHANGER of all game-changers—Jesus! He came face to face with a man he believed was dead and discovered that He was very much alive. Life was never the same after Saul met Jesus. That's because Jesus changes the way we see everything."

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TALK

ABOUT GOD

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2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, "Before and After" Activity Page, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Choose** partners.
- **Give** partners one marker and one copy of "Before and After" Activity Page.
- **Explain** that as you read Acts 9:1-9 you'd like partners to draw words or pictures in the top frame of their paper that illustrate what Saul was like before he encountered Jesus. ("BC": Before Christ)
  - Without discussing what they are going to write or draw, direct kids to grip the marker together and then work silently as you read.
  - Tell kids they must try to work together and not just hold the marker while one partner writes.
- **Share** drawings and let groups tell about what they wrote or drew.
- **Ask:**
  - Describe the struggle you felt as you tried to work with your partner.
  - In what ways did Saul struggle with God before he met Jesus?
  - God got Saul's attention in a very dramatic way. What do you think God uses or does to get someone's attention today?
- **Explain** that several years after Saul put his faith in Jesus, he wrote a letter to the church in a town called Corinth then read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 in which he described himself.
- **Invite** kids to repeat the drawing activity by drawing or writing in the second frame ("AD": After Damascus).
  - This time, let them communicate with one another in a quiet voice about what they want to draw or write as you read.
- **Share** drawings, and let partners talk about what they wrote or drew.
- **Ask:**
  - Describe how this drawing experience was different from the previous one.
  - How is faith, in a way, sort of like us cooperating with God?
  - Based on the words Saul (same guy as Paul) wrote to the Corinthians, how did his faith in Jesus change the way he viewed his life and others?
- **Remind** the group that God gets our attention and speaks to us though the Bible, through His amazing creation as we appreciate the world He has made, beautiful music that gives Him praise, the wisdom of friends and

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family, and even our life circumstances—both good and bad.

- **Challenge** kids to share ways God might be trying to get their attention (or a story of someone they know).

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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- If God tries to get someone's attention but they continue to ignore Him, does He ever give up? Explain.
- In what ways might a follower of Jesus view the following areas of life differently than those who don't follow Him?
  - Money
  - People
  - Sickness or death
  - Time
  - Creation
  - Happiness
  - Bible
- If you could meet Jesus the way Saul did, how do you think it would impact your faith?
- We probably won't have a "Damascus" experience like Saul did, but what are some ways God might get our attention?

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HEAR
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EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, AA battery, button or disc magnets, foil

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Spread** a long, smooth piece of foil in a straight line on the floor or on a table, if you're in a carpeted room.
- **Give** each kid a AA battery and two magnets. (Ask kids to work in groups if you have limited supplies.)
- **Instruct** kids to attach a magnet to each end of the battery.
- **Let kids take turns** placing the batteries (with magnets attached) at one end of the strip of foil.
  - When they let go, the batteries will roll unaided to the other end of the foil.
  - If the battery moves slowly or not at all, add additional magnets to the ends.

Optional: To make the batteries move in a circle, use a different size magnet at one end of the battery. You might have to place additional sheets of foil on the floor to make an area wide enough for the circle.

- **Bring** the group together and let kids share answers to the following questions:
  - What could you see happening as the battery and magnets interacted?
  - What could you NOT see?
  - In what ways are the battery and magnet an illustration of faith? *(Possible answers are: We can't see the invisible force working through the magnet and battery, but we believe it's there because we see the batteries move. In the same way, we can't see Jesus, but we believe in Him because we see the evidence of Him in nature, answered prayers, the Bible, and in the ways He works in our lives.)*
- **Open** the Bible to John 20.
- **Remind** the kids that after Jesus died on the cross He came back to life. He appeared to many people. Thomas, one of Jesus' disciples, had not seen Jesus and doubted that He'd really come back to life even though others said it was true.
- **Read aloud** John 20:26-29 and talk about the verses.
  - What do you think Jesus meant when He told Thomas that those who believe in Him even though they haven't seen Him are blessed?
  - What are some ways people change when they come to know Jesus?

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PRAY

TO GOD

PRAYER ACTIVITY

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REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

WHAT YOU NEED: "Prayer List" Activity Page, pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Give** each kid a "Prayer List" and a pen.
- **Go down the page** and explain that each item on the list is a way God might get their attention and help their faith grow stronger.
- **Invite** kids to pray and ask for God's help to know Jesus better through each of the ways listed on the page. They can check each box after they've prayed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, we want to know Jesus better. When we follow You in faith it, changes us from the inside out. Our attitude, words, and actions are not like those who don't follow You. Help us to see things the way You see them. Help us grow in our love for You and others this week as we remember the things we learned today. In Jesus' name, amen."

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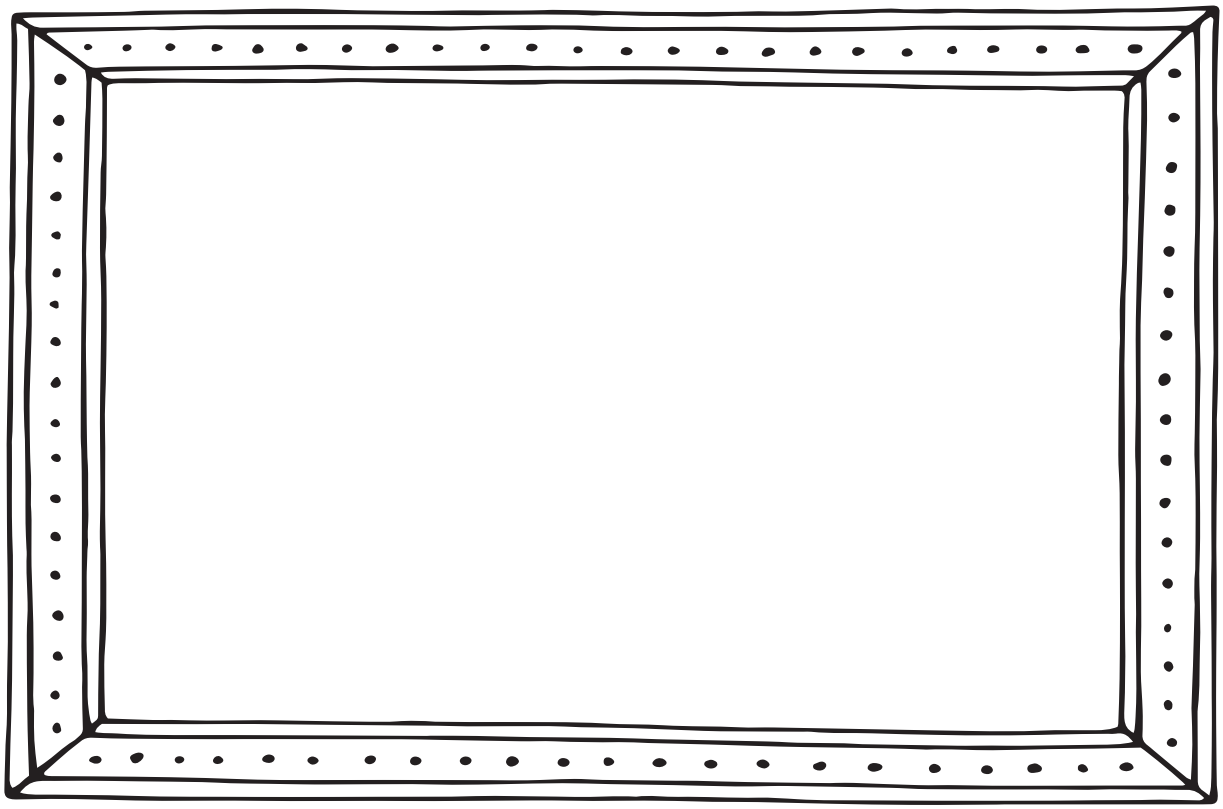
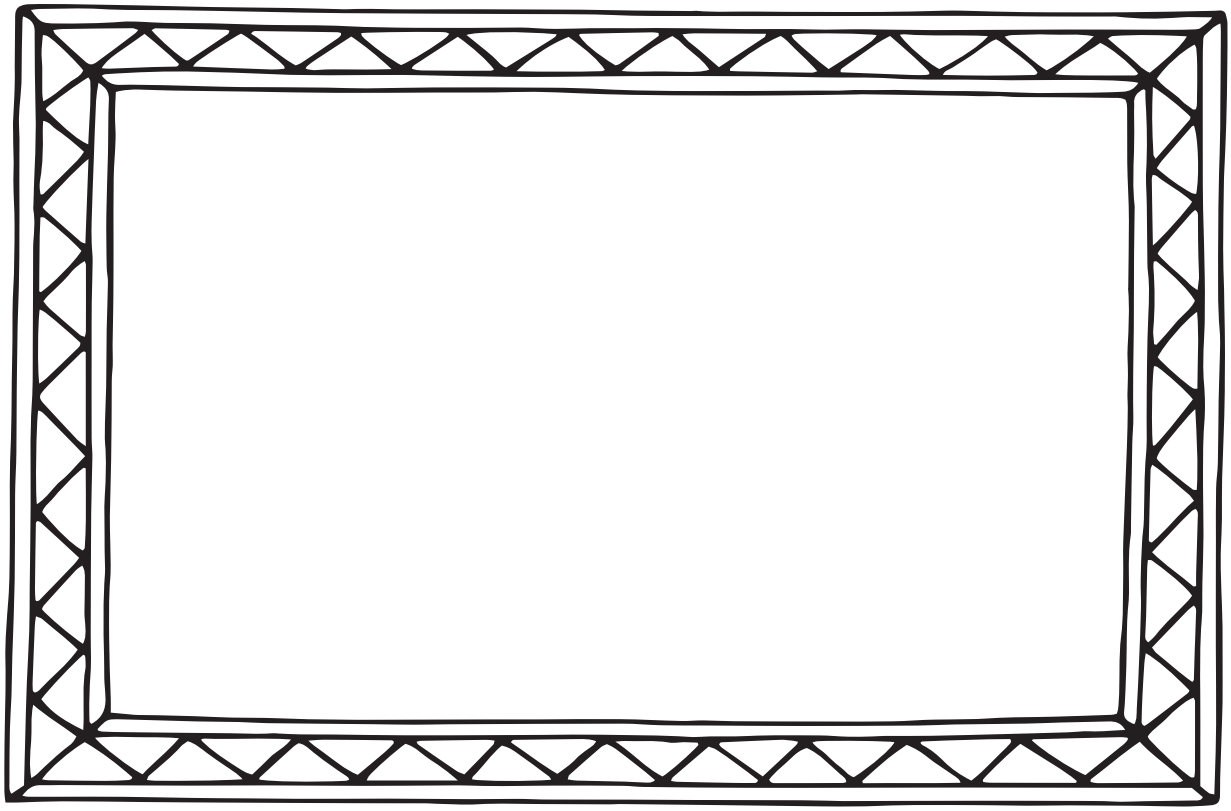


#2) AD After Damascus



What to Do:
Print one for every two kids.

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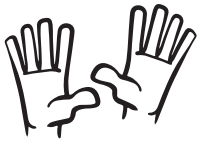
- ☐  worshipping with others
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Prayer List

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What to Do:
Print and cut apart. Each kid needs one half.