



Small Group Leader Guide

AT THE MOVIES

WEEK 1 EXCHANGE YOUR PAIN

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the Welcome Question: *Which super power would you give to yourself?*

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

- Aluminum foil sheets (6 per child)
- Tape (1 roll per group)

To Do

1. **Give** foil sheets to kids and **crumple** them together.

Say: All of this foil just looks like a bunch of trash. Do you think we could still make something good out of it?

2. Kids **respond**.

Say: All this foil reminds me of today's Point: Exchange your pain for God's purpose. Crumpled up foil ... that's like pain and bad things happening. But God uses all of that bad stuff to do something good for us! So—wrinkles or not—this foil is still good. Let's make some superhero robots with it.

3. Kids **twist, fold, bend,** and **tape** foil as needed to create their own robot.
4. If time allows, kids **share** what their robot can do.

Choose questions to ask while kids work.

1. **How would you feel if we skipped making robots just because the foil was wrinkled?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Which part of today's movie did you like the most?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **Vintage Konnect Trivia:** Why did Clint and Cruz leave Konnect station? *Cruz had to go take care of his family and Clint went to a lab on Earth where he could make the cure for a bad disease.*

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion Time.

Small Group Discussion

Say the Point and Verse out loud together.

Exchange your pain for God's purpose.

Romans 8:28 NIV

... in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

1. **If you follow Jesus and something bad happens, how can this Bible verse give you hope?** *It reminds me God will work it all out to be good in the end.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **Which choice shows trust in God: hang onto pain so it grows into anger and revenge, or give pain to God so you can grow grace, mercy, and forgiveness?** *Give pain to God.*
2. **How can you tell if you're keeping pain inside your heart?** *Hurting heart, sadness, anger, wanting revenge, it's hard to be kind to the people who hurt you, etc.*
3. **Is it easier for you to trust God when things are going really well or when things are going really badly?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **The Bible verse says God works in all things. Share a time when something bad happened but God turned it around to help you or someone else.** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **When bad things happen, how can you give the pain to God and let Him use it for good?** *Pray, forgive, talk to a trusted grown-up, read the Bible, say the Bible verse, etc.*
2. **Some of the people you know are hurt. What can you do to help them give their pain to God?** *Pray with them, listen to them, help them praise God, etc.*

Pray Together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like you to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over all the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, please help us let go of pain and remember You're working all things to turn out good for those who love You. In Jesus' name, amen!

Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

Check Out

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card and let kids **finish** their robots.
2. When a kid from your Small Group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.



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WEEK 2 SAD ISN'T BAD

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the Welcome Question: *What's one of your favorite memories?*

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

- Memory Game activity sheet (1 per child)
- Resealable plastic bag (1 per child)
- Scissors (1 set per group)

To Do

Say: When you're sad, it does not feel good. But hiding it and ignoring it doesn't help. Let's play a memory game about what to do when we're sad so God can heal our hearts and bring us closer to our friends and family.

1. **Give** kids a Memory Game activity sheet and a resealable bag.
2. Kids **cut** out the cards and the directions.
3. Kids **put** their cards and directions in their own resealable plastic bag.
4. **If time allows**, kids **partner up** and **play** the Memory Game using only one Memory Game set per pair.

Choose questions to ask while kids work and play.

1. **Which card do you think will help you deal with sadness the most?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Which part of today's movie did you like the most?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **Vintage Konnect Trivia: Which Konnect crew member had to deal with sadness when their grandma died?** *Ray*

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion Time.

Small Group Discussion

Say the Point and Verse out loud together.

When you're sad, God can heal what you feel.

2 Corinthians 1:4 NLT

He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. ...

1. **Who comforts us when we have troubles?** *God*
2. **What do we learn when God comforts us?** *How to comfort others*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **If sad things happen to you, is God still with you?** *Yes*
2. **Why do you think people sometimes hide their sadness?** *Maybe they're embarrassed, they don't want other people to feel bad, they don't know they're sad, etc.*
3. **Have you ever tried to hide that you were sad? What happened when you did that?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **What are some ways God comforts us?** *He gives peace, He helps our heart feel better and heal, He gives you friends and family to comfort you, etc.*
5. **What do you do when you're sad?** *Answers will vary.*
6. **If you show you're sad in healthy ways, who will you grow closer to?** *God, friends, family, etc.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **If you feel sad, who can you go to to get help, healing, and comfort from?** *God, friends, family, etc.*
2. **What can you do if you see someone else who is sad?** *Pray for them; play with them; listen to them; give them a note, gift, or hug; etc.*

Pray Together

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like you to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over all the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, thank You for comforting us when we're sad. Please help us comfort others when they're sad, too. In Jesus' name, amen!

Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

Check Out

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card and **play** the Memory Game again.
2. When a kid from your Small Group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.



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WEEK 3 WELL MADE

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the Welcome Question: *What would you do in a talent show?*

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

- God Made Me activity supplement (1 per group)
- Popcorn bucket (2 per group)
- Pom poms (1 per child)

To Do

Say: God made all of us to be different in amazing and wonderful ways! Here's some pretend popcorn to help us play a game about that.

1. **Give** each kid one "popcorn" pom pom.
2. **Show** kids the popcorn buckets and **tell** them which one is the "Yes Bucket" and which one is the "No Bucket."

Say: I'll read something amazing and wonderful from my list. If it's true about you, throw your popcorn into the "Yes Bucket." If it's not true about you, toss your popcorn into the "No Bucket."

3. **Read** a trait on the God Made Me activity supplement.
4. Kids **toss** a pom pom into the appropriate bucket.
5. Kids **pick** a pom pom from the buckets to play again.
6. **If time allows, repeat** steps 3-5.

Choose questions to ask after kids play.

1. **Would it be amazing and wonderful if we were all exactly the same? Why or why not?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Which part of today's movie did you like the most?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **Vintage Konnect Trivia: Which Konnect crew member is allergic to peanuts?** *Luke*

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion Time.

Small Group Discussion

Say the Point and Verse out loud together.

God made me to be amazing and wonderful!

Psalm 139:14 NIRV

How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. ...

1. **Does the Bible verse tell us to complain about the way God made us or praise God for the way He made us?**
Praise God for the way He made us

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What are a few things that are amazing and wonderful about you?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Did God make any mistakes when He made you?** *No.*
3. **When you think you're not smart enough, good enough, strong enough, or good-looking enough, what does God think about you?** *You are an amazing, wonderful person who He made and loves.*
4. **If you feel like you're not good enough, is it true?** *No.*
5. **What do you think happens when you complain about the way God made you?** *Answers will vary.*
6. **What do you think happens when you praise God for the way He made you?** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **If you start feeling like you're not good enough, what can you do to get back to God's truth?** *Say the Bible verse, praise God for the way He made you, etc.*
2. **If someone else feels bad about who they are, what can you do?** *Pray, tell them the Bible verse, be a friend, etc.*

Pray Together

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like you to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over all the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, thank You for making us amazing and wonderful. Please help us show others You made them great, too. In Jesus' name, amen!

Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

Check Out

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card and **play** the popcorn game again.
2. When a kid from your Small Group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.



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WEEK 4 COURAGE AND KINDNESS

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the Welcome Question: **What kind of person would you be if you lived in a fairy tale?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

- No additional materials needed

To Do

Say: When you follow Jesus, He helps you show kindness and courage. That's when other people can tell He's your example! Let's play a game about that.

1. **Seat** kids in a circle.
2. **Choose** one kid to be the watcher. They **close their eyes** and **sit** in the middle of the group.
3. **Choose** one kid to be the example kid. Be very quiet so the watcher won't know, but make sure all the other kids in the circle know who the example kid is.
4. Watcher **opens eyes**.
5. Example kid starts to slowly move their body. *For example: raise arms, wave, tilt head, frown, wiggle, etc.*
6. All kids **copy** everything the example kid does.
7. Watcher **guesses** who the example is.
8. **Reveal** who the example was.
9. **If time allows, play** again with a new watcher and example kid each time.

Choose questions to ask after kids play.

1. **How could the watcher guess who the example was?** *Everyone was copying the example.*
2. **Vintage Konnect Trivia: Which Konnect crew member has a birthday in April?** *Alissa*

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion Time.

Small Group Discussion

Say the Point and Verse out loud together.
Follow Jesus' example. Have courage and be kind.

1 Peter 2:21 NLT

For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example ...

1. **What good thing did Jesus do for us even though it made Him suffer?** *He died on the cross and took the punishment for our sins so we can be friends with God.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **Do you have to die on a cross to follow Jesus' example?** *No.*
2. **How can you get the courage to kindly love God and love others even when people are mean to you?** *Spend time with God, read the Bible, talk with God and pray, etc.*
3. **When bad things happen, what will heal your heart and show God's love to others: having courage and being kind or getting angry and seeking revenge?** *Having courage and being kind*
4. **Why do you think it takes courage to be kind when someone is mean to you?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **How do you think people can tell you're following Jesus' example?** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What do you think is a good thing you can do this week to have courage and be kind?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Who are some people you need to be kind to—even though they aren't nice to you?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray Together

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like you to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over all the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, thank You for giving us courage to follow Jesus' example. Help us show Your love and kindness to everyone. In Jesus' name, amen!

Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

Check Out

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card and **play** the game again.
2. When a kid from your Small Group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.



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WEEK 5 WHEN THE WEAK WIN

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the Welcome Question: *Who would you be a sidekick for?*

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

- Truth or Trash activity sheet (1 per child)
- Paper bag (1 per child)
- Scissors (1 set per group)
- Markers (1 set per group)

To Do

Say: God can take something everyone thinks is weak and use that weakness to show how strong He really is! Let's make a Truth or Trash game to play with your family and friends so they'll know that, too.

1. **Give** each kid a Truth or Trash activity sheet and a paper bag.
2. Kids **cut** the cards and directions apart and **put** them in their bags.
3. Kids **decorate** bags and **write** their names on them.
4. **If time allows**, kids partner up and **play** Truth or Trash game using only one Truth or Trash card set per pair.

Choose questions to ask after kids play.

1. **Which Truth or Trash card do you like the best?**
Answers will vary.
2. **Which part of today's movie did you like the most?**
Answers will vary.
3. **Vintage Konnect Trivia: What kind of puppet did Mike make?** *A sandwich puppet/Baloney Bob*

Small Group Discussion

Say the Point and Verse out loud together.

In my weakness, God is strong!

1 Corinthians 1:27 NIV

... God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

1. **What does the Bible verse mean when it says God chose the weak things of the world?** *God uses people no one would expect to show how great He is.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **Why doesn't God give up on us when we're weak?** *He loves us and uses our weakness to show how strong He is.*
2. **What weakness did Mike give to God?** *He never talked and felt like he didn't have anything important to say.*
3. **When Mike gave his weakness to God, what did God help him to do?** *God put him on a space station and helped him talk to the whole world about Jesus.*
4. **Why do you think God loves to use weak, unlikely people to do big things?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **Which shows God's strength: something you can do all by yourself or something you need God's help to do?** *Something you need God's help to do*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What big things does God want to help you do?**
Answers will vary.
2. **What's your weakness?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **How can you give your weakness to God?** *Pray, ask God to use you, ask God to help you obey Him, etc.*

Pray Together

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like you to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over all the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, we give our weaknesses to You so that you can do great things through us with Your power. In Jesus' name, amen!

Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

Check Out

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card and **play** Truth or Trash again.
2. When a kid from your Small Group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.