



## SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

GOD'S GRACE  
1 WEEK ONLY *CHANGED BY GRACE*

### 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: **How long could you go without eating candy?**

### Small Group Activity

#### You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	Nothing

#### To Do

**Say:** We can't get free from sin on our own—we need God's grace to forgive us and the power of God's Holy Spirit to change us! Let's play a game where we'll need help to get free. We'll celebrate God's grace at the end!

1. Kids **form** a circle.
2. Kids **put** their right hands in the middle of the circle and **hold** someone else's hand who is not on either side of them.
3. Kids **put** their left hands in the middle and **hold** someone else's hand who is not on either side of them.
4. Kids **use teamwork** to try to **untangle** themselves without letting go of each other.
5. When you get free, **celebrate by saying** the point together. (*Printed on the back*)
6. **If time allows, play** again.

#### Choose questions to ask during the activity.

1. **What would have happened if we tried to get untangled without help from each other?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Who helps us get untangled from sin?** *Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit*

### Small Group Discussion

#### Say the point and Bible verse together.

God's grace sets me free, and His Holy Spirit changes me.

Galatians 5:16 NIRV

*... live by the Holy Spirit's power. Then you will not do what your sinful nature wants you to do.*

1. **What can the Holy Spirit's power help you stop doing?** *The things your sinful nature wants you to do.*

#### Choose a few review questions.

1. **We can't get away from sin on our own. What do we need?** *God's grace, Jesus' forgiveness, the power of God's Holy Spirit to help us say no to sin, etc.*
2. **Who is God's Holy Spirit?** *The invisible spirit of God who fills your heart to lead, teach, help, and comfort you. He changes you to be more like Jesus.*
3. **When can you start living by the Holy Spirit's power?** *When you choose to follow Jesus*
4. **What good things will your life show when you let the Holy Spirit change you?** *Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, etc.*

#### Choose an action step question.

1. **What do you need God's Holy Spirit to help you with this week?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What can you do this week when you need the Holy Spirit's power?** *Pray, say the Bible verse to yourself, worship God, ask others to pray, etc.*

#### Pray together.

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

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, please teach us how to live by the Holy Spirit's power every minute of our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Check Out

*Stay in small groups until kids are checked 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.

*Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.*