



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

STOP BEING SELFISH
1 WEEK ONLY

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 food is so good you wouldn't share it with anyone?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 Don't Be Selfish activity supplement

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Activity supplement (<i>save for later use</i>)

To Do

Say: This game will teach us to put others first, instead of doing things our own way all the time. We'll do the activity someone else chooses with a good attitude.

1. **Sit** in a circle.
2. **Choose** one kid to pick an action for everyone to do from the Don't Be Selfish activity supplement.
3. All kids **do** the action with a good attitude, even if it's an action they didn't want to do.
4. **Repeat** steps 2-3 until every kid has had a turn to choose an action for the group.
5. **If time allows, play** the game again.

Note: *If you want to, you can let kids make up actions, but have them ask you if the action is okay before they tell the group to do it.*

Choose a question to ask after kids play.

1. **When was it hard for you to do the action that was picked?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **When is it hard for you to do what other people want instead of what you want?** *Answers will vary.*

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Stop being selfish. Start putting others first.

Philippians 2:3 NLT

Don't be selfish ... Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

1. **What does the Bible verse tell us to do instead of being selfish?** *Be humble and put others first.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **How do you think putting others first shows Jesus' love to them?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Think about the Bible story we saw about Tabitha. How did she show she wasn't selfish?** *She spent her time making clothes for people in need and taking care of them.*
3. **What are some ways God put us first instead of being selfish?** *He created the whole world for us; He gave us Jesus; He forgives our sins; etc.*
4. **We should put others first, but what do you think you should do if someone wants to do the wrong thing?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: Choose to do the right thing; Tell a trusted adult if you need to; etc.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What are some selfish things you need to stop doing?** *Bossing others, getting mad when I don't get my way, ignoring others, interrupting, etc.*
2. **What can you do this week to show others you're putting them first?** *Answers will vary.*

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 help us say no to selfishness and yes to loving others the way You do. 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.