



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

PEER RELATIONSHIPS WEEK 2 IF MY FAMILY IS FIGHTING

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 would you rather play: Ping-pong, Go Fish, or Checkers?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 set of 21 cups 1 Cup Stacking activity supplement 1 set of Romans 14:19 labels (<i>Each set is a strip of 10 labels</i>)

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Labeled cups and activity supplement (<i>throw away/recycle</i>)

To Do

1. Put the 10 labels on cups. 11 cups won't have a label.

Say: Let's play a fun game! We'll stack the cups in the order of the Bible verse to build towers. Once we do it the easy way—we can try it a harder way!

2. **Say** the Bible verse together:
Romans 14:19 *So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another.*
3. **Use** the "Tower Difficulty Level: Easy" diagram to help kids **stack** the cups in order of the Bible verse.
4. If the tower topples over, **try again**.

Say: We mastered that challenge, with hard work and cooperation! It's like building up our families if they're fighting—it's tough to choose peace, but God will help us.

5. **Challenge** kids to master the "Tower Difficulty Level: Hard" or "Tower Difficulty Level: Mega Hard" diagram.
6. **If time allows**, kids **design** their own towers to build.

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

I can have peace even if my family fights.

Romans 14:19 NIRV *So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another.*

1. **What do you think it means to live in peace?**
Answers will vary. Ideas: Choose to be kind, help others forgive, show love, etc.

Choose a few review questions.

1. **Are you more likely to join in on fights or try to get away from fights?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What might help you calm down and feel God's peace if other people are fighting?** *Ideas: Taking deep breaths, praying, exercising, talking with a trusted adult or friend, remembering a Bible verse about peace, thinking of a safe place, etc.*
3. **What advice would give to someone whose parents are fighting?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **What advice would you give to someone who is fighting with a parent?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **What advice would you give to someone who is fighting with a sibling?** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **Name two trusted adults you can talk to if your family is fighting and you need help.** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Name one thing you can do this week to help build up someone in your family.** *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, thank You for giving us peace, even if the people around us are fighting. Please help us to build others up. In Jesus' name, amen.

Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. Encourage **kids to talk** about what's on their mind and **build** towers again.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. Tell parents to **take a pic** of the parent convo card at the door to help **continue the conversation** at home.

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.