SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Best of Konnect • Week 4 • Thank You

Emcee Leads | Small Group Leader Leads | Video Leads

Countdown Timer
5 min

Start video when experience begins • Tidy room • Get into a small group with your kids

Small Group Welcome
3 min

Get kids talking • Help each kid in your small group feel seen and heard

- **Introduce** yourself and **welcome** kids by name.
- **Catch up** on prayer requests and life events.
- **Talk about** welcome question: **What's the best thing that ever happened to you?**

Theme Song
1 min

Sing and dance along • Encourage your small group to join in

Emcee Intro Konnection
30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee

Rules Video
1 min

Focus your small group on video • Encourage kids to count out and say each rule with video

Emcee Giving Konnection
30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee

Offering Teaching Video
90 sec

Focus your small group on the video • Follow campus procedure to collect offering

Worship Teaching Video
1 min

Focus your small group on video • Stand with your kids when video prompts you to

Worship Music Videos
≅ 6 min

Sing and dance along • Encourage your small group to join in

- Your Love Is
- Echo

Emcee Activity Konnection
30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee

Small Group Activity
9 min

Have fun doing activity with your small group

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 Six-foot strip of butcher paper 1 Set of markers

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Markers *(save to reuse)*

To Do

Say: Even when bad things happen, we still have a lot of reasons to thank God. Let's create a special poster to show all the things we can thank God for, using the letters in the word "thankful" to help us.

1. **Place** butcher paper on the floor, **seat** kids around it, and **place** markers where all kids can access them.
2. Using a dark-colored marker, **write** the word "THANKFUL" in large letters, vertically, down the entire left side of the paper. *As shown on the **Thankful Acrostic Activity Supplement** on back of this guide.*
3. Kids **draw or write** something they're thankful for that begins with a letter of the word "thankful" in the space next to that letter.
4. **Help** kids with writing as needed. **Offer** ideas from the activity supplement. **Encourage** each kid to draw or write at least one thing they're thankful for—even if it doesn't start with a letter in the word "thankful." There are no wrong answers!
5. Kids **continue** drawing or writing to fill the paper with things they're thankful for as time allows.

Emcee Point Konnection
30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee

Konnect HQ Teaching Show
≅ 17 min

Focus your small group on video as you watch it together

Konnect HQ ABCs
1 min

Focus your small group on video • Help kids say admit, believe, and choose with video

Emcee Wrap-Up Konnection
30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee

Small Group Talk & Prayer
13 min

Get kids talking • Pray with your small group • Build relationships

Review the Point and Bible verse:

I can be thankful when things are good—and when they're not.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIRV *Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.*

- What do you like about this Bible verse?

Choose a question to get your group talking:

- What do you think it means to be thankful?
- How can a kid be thankful when they don't have everything they want?
- When someone chooses to follow Jesus, what do you think they can always be thankful for?
- If a kid wasn't feeling thankful, how would you help?

Pray Together:

- **Ask** kids what they'd like to talk with God about.
- **Lead** prayer or help kids **pray** for each other.

What to do with extra time:

- **Help** kids **talk** with each other and **build** friendships.
- **Do** the small group activity again or **play** a game like *Thumb Wars* or *Telephone*.

Check Out
≅ 10 min

Greet parents • Praise kids • Stay in small group until check out ends

THANKFUL ACROSTIC ACTIVITY SUPPLEMENT
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T

H

A

N

K

F

U

L

Write the word “THANKFUL” vertically, as shown in the picture on the left.

Ideas for things kids could draw or write next to each letter:

*Kids can **draw or write people they know** whose names start with these letters!*

T - tickle fights, teachers, time to relax, tasty foods, turtles, trees, truth, trips, etc.
H - happiness, hugs, helpers, hamburgers, horses, hopping, hope, hamsters, etc.
A - aunties, apple pie, alligators, airplanes, art, acting, etc.
N - noodles, nightlights, naps, neighbors, nature, nectarines, etc.
K - kites, kittens, kids, kangaroos, kaleidoscopes, kazoos, ketchup, etc.
F - food, footballs, frisbees, foxes, frogs, flowers, firefighters, freeze tag, etc.
U - umbrellas, ukuleles, unicycles, uncles, us, the Universe, etc.
L - love, laughing, lady bugs, learning, lions, lunchtime, lakes, etc.