



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Discerning Truth • Week 1
How to Be Yourself



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 do you want to be good at when you're a grown-up?**



Theme Song

1 min

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



Emcee Intro Koneksi

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 Koneksi

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

- Get to Give
- I Believe



Emcee Activity Koneksi

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	1 Puzzle piece
Per Group	1 Puzzle activity supplement 1 Set of markers

After Activity

Kids Keep	Their puzzle piece
You Keep	Puzzle activity supplement and Markers (save to reuse)

To Do

Say: When we trust and follow Jesus, we're a part of His Church! Each of us has an important job to do, and if we don't do it, a piece of the puzzle is missing. Like this:

1. **Show** the **Puzzle activity supplement** for a visual aid, and **point** to the puzzle piece that's out of place on it.
2. **Give** each kid a blank puzzle piece and **place** markers where all kids can access them.

Say: This puzzle piece is you! Draw or write the special things you're good at on your puzzle piece. Those are things you can do to serve others and do your job in the Body of Christ.

3. Kids **draw or write** unique ways they can serve the Body of Christ on their puzzle piece. Offer ideas from "Things God Made Me Good At" supplement printed on back of this guide.
4. **Connect** puzzle pieces from your group to show how well each of you fit together in the Body of Christ.
5. **Disassemble** puzzle pieces when time's up, and **give** kids their puzzle piece to take home.



Emcee Point Koneksi

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Konnnect HQ Teaching Show

≈ 17 min

Focus your small group on video as you watch it together



Konnnect HQ ABCs

1 min

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



Emcee Wrap-Up Koneksi

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:

Be true to who God made you to be.

Ephesians 4:24 NIV ... *put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

- What do you like about this Bible verse?

Choose a question to get your group talking:

- What do you think kids mean when they say, "Be true to yourself?"
- How is it different when you're true to just yourself instead of being true to who you are in Jesus?
- When you choose to follow Jesus, you are still you—but you put on a "new self." What do you think Jesus would say about the person He made you to be?
- How would you help a friend who thought they were good at something, but it turned out they weren't?

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:

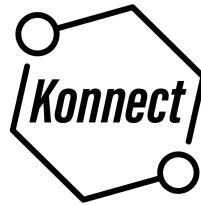
- **Help** kids **talk** with each other and **build** friendships.
- **Do** the small group activity again or **play** a game like *Simon Says* or 20 questions.



Check Out

≈ 10 min

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



THINGS GOD MADE ME GOOD AT ACTIVITY SUPPLEMENT DISCERNING TRUTH // WEEK 1 // HOW TO BE YOURSELF

Offer ideas for things kids are good at to any kid who is feeling stuck.
Help them see that they can use these gifts to serve our church and our community with love, bringing glory to God
and allowing them to take their place in the Body of Christ!

- Taking care of younger children
- Cleaning up my neighborhood
- Caring for animals
- Singing
- Dancing
- Drawing
- Playing sports
- Playing a musical instrument
- Writing
- Helping others learn something new
- Encouraging people who are feeling down
- Writing letters or cards to people
- Making new friends
- Helping others to see their strengths and gifts
- Smiling at people
- Inviting people to come to church
- Learning from the Bible
- Remembering and saying Bible verses that help people
- Sharing with others (food, clothes, toys, etc.)
- Being patient even when I don't get my way
- Helping new people feel comfortable at school, church, in my neighborhood, etc.
- Including people who are left out
- Making others laugh and find joy
- Helping people stay calm
- Telling others how much Jesus loves them