



Small Group Leader Guide

1 Week • Elijah and the Widow

Play • 15 minutes

Greet parents & kids • Play with kids

Clean Up Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Clean Up • 2 minutes

Tidy the room • Form your small group

Welcome Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Welcome • 3 minutes

Help kids in your small group feel seen and heard

1. **Introduce** yourself.
2. **Welcome** kids by name.
3. **Ask** kids what happened during their week and let them share their answers.
4. **Ask** about prayer requests and events kids told you about before.
5. **Talk about** the welcome questions:
 - What do you think you have to mix together to bake bread at home?
 - What is the yummiest thing to put on a piece of hot, fresh bread?

Every Day Song Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Focus of the week:

Every day, I can trust Jesus.

Every Day Song • 3 minutes

Dance • Sing • Encourage kids to do the same thing

Game Transition • 30 Seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Game • 5 minutes

Have fun with your small group

You'll Need

Per Group	Nothing
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To Do

Say: In this game, we have two teams: the **oil** team, and the **flour** team—we'll work together to **bake bread**!

1. **Split** kids evenly into an **oil** team and a **flour** team

Say: Now, when I say **oil**, the oil team has to get up and find a new spot to sit in. But, if I say **flour**, the flour team has to get up and find new spots in our circle!

2. **Play** a few rounds. **Switch** between saying **oil** or **flour** to give kids practice moving around.

Say: Now, when I say **bake bread**, everyone has to get up and find a new spot!

3. **Play** as many rounds as time allows. **Switch** between saying **oil**, **flour**, and **bake bread**.

Movie & Music Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Movie & Music • ≈ 25 minutes

Focus kids on video • Lead Bible break in small group

1. For worship, **stand** your small group up. **Model** and **encourage** participation.

Songs	Who I Wanna Be	Jesus Is Alive Right Now
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2. **Seat** your small group when worship is over.
3. **Choose** questions to talk about with your small group during the **3-minute Bible break**:
 - **Tell me one thing you remember from that Bible story.** *Answers will vary.*
 - **What did the woman do with her flour and oil?** *She made bread and gave it to Elijah.*
 - **What did God do when the woman made bread for Elijah?** *God made sure she always had enough oil and flour to make more bread.*
4. **Chant**, "Play it again!" with emcee.
5. **Watch** the rest of the video together.

Bible Verse Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Bible Verse • 90 seconds

Help small group do verse and motions with emcee

Small Talk • 5-10 minutes

Review • Talk • Pray

Review the Bible verse and talk about it.

Learn motions: www.leaders.life.church/crosstown

1. **Show** the verse on the back of this guide to your group and say it together with motions.
2. **If** you share little things, what else can God trust you to share? *Big things*

Review the point and talk about it.

Say: The point today is: **Every day, I can trust Jesus.** Let's say it and talk about it!

1. **Recite** the point together.
2. **What** did the widow in the Bible story do to show she trusted God every day? *She shared her oil and flour; she gave bread to Elijah*

Ask open questions and let kids talk.

1. **When** do you feel like there isn't going to be enough for you? *Answers will vary. Ideas: when your whole family shares a small pizza, there's a lot of kids and not a lot of toys, there's not much time and you want a turn, etc.*
2. **What** are some things you really need right now? *Answers will vary. Ideas: Courage, food, a calm family, toys, clothes, friends, love, help, etc.*
3. **Even** when you need something, you can still share. **What** are some little things or big things you can share right away? *Ideas: Help, love, a listening ear, kindness, drawings, toys, snacks, etc.*

Pray together.

Say: Praying is talking with God. What would you like to talk with God about?

1. **Listen** to what kids say and **pray** together.
2. **Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** *God, please help us to be trustworthy with the little things so we can be trusted with big things, too. In Jesus' name, amen.*
3. **If time allows, follow up** on old prayer requests.

Check Out • Runs until kids leave

1. **Stay in small groups** until kids are checked out.
2. **Play** the game again.
3. **Compliment** kids when they leave and tell them you're looking forward to seeing them next week.

