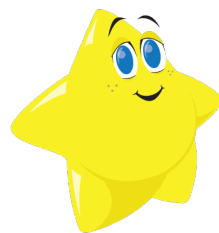


Small Group Leader Guide



Week 4

Age 4
Coming Home

Question

How can I find the truth?

Answer

I can trust Jesus.

Bible Verse

John 14:16 NIV

... "I am the way and the truth and the life. ..."

What To Do First

Review

1. **Introduce** yourself.
2. **Say** the **Question**, **Answer**, and **Verse** together.

Read

1. **Lay** Story Cards in order.
2. **Point** to the first card.
3. **Read** the caption.
4. **Ask** the **Question**.
Kids answer.
5. **Do Action** together.
6. **Repeat** steps 2-5 for Story Cards 2-5.

Remember

What's Missing?

1. **Lay** out 4 Story Cards.
2. **Ask**, "Which picture is missing?" *Kids guess.*
3. **Lay** missing Story Card in place.
4. **Repeat** steps 1-3, but **leave out** a different card.

Review Questions & Actions

Story Card 1

Question

How did Jesus teach the truth about God's love?
By telling a story

Action

Pretend to open a Bible and read the story Jesus told.

Story Card 2

Question

What do you think the son wanted the money for?
Answers will vary.

Action

Pretend to have lots of money in your hands.

Story Card 3

Question

What do you think the son missed about his father?
Answers will vary.

Action

Pretend to be a pig in the mud.

Story Card 4

Question

When we make bad choices, do you think God still loves us? *Yes.*

Action

Give yourself a big hug.

Story Card 5

Question

Do you think God celebrates when we follow Him? *Yes.*

Action

Clap to celebrate.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

The son went home and his father loved him. Who loves you a lot?

Pray

Ask kids what they want to talk to God about, and pray with them.

Check Out Time

Begin When Parents Arrive

1. **Combine** your Small Groups if you need to free up a leader.
2. One leader **stands** at the door to **greet** parents and **run** check out.
3. When a kid leaves, **tell** the parents something positive about their kid.
4. **Encourage** parents to take a picture of the Parent Convo card.
5. **Keep kids busy in small groups:** Do Story Card activities, let kids share what's on their mind, or pray together to build closer relationships.



That's Jesus!

