

Hang on the Loop for the Loop

Live in Peace
Week 1 / Take Heart



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Small Group Leaders Lead

Small Group Icebreaker (5 min.)

- **Introduce** yourself. **Welcome** students by name. **Check in** with them to see how they're doing.
- Icebreaker: **If you could only see three colors for the rest of your life, which would you pick?**

Welcome (30 sec.)

- Welcome everyone and say our three simple Loop rules: **Respect your leaders. Respect each other. Respect the room.**
- Invite everyone to stand for worship.

Transition to Episode (30 sec.)

- Get students excited for this week's episode of *The Loop Show*!
Today's Loop Show is all about getting through hard times with God's help. There's a ton that Ricky and Jayme could teach us about that. Let's watch right now and see how it turns out!

Offering and Announcements (2 min.)

- **Recap** teaching in one sentence.
- **Celebrate** hands raised during the salvation video.
- **Show** the spot where students can give their tithes and offerings.
- **Pray** for tithes and offerings.
- **Say:** Did you know there are super fun **YouVersion Bible Plans** just for Loop students? There are! You'll learn more about God, watch a *Loop Show* video, and read some Bible verses each day. Ask your small group leader for more information.
- **Transition** to Activity.

Activity (10 min.)

Game Objective

Make a beautiful coloring page using only 3 colors.

You'll Need

Psalm 23 coloring sheet (1 per student)

Markers (3 per student, roughly 2 sets per group)

Set Up

1. **Check** marker sets, making sure there's a good assortment of colors in each set.

How to Play

Say: We watched Ricky and Jayme do the three-color challenge today—and now we get to do a three-color challenge of our own!

1. **Give** each student a Psalm 23 coloring sheet.
2. Students **close eyes** and **choose** three markers.
3. **Note:** The **FIRST** three markers the student picks are final! The only exception is if a student chooses the same color twice. They should have three different colors, so let them pick again.
4. Students **color** sheet using their three markers.
5. **Enjoy** this calm, quiet activity with your group. **Encourage** them to read through the words from Psalm 23 on the sheet and **use their colors** to make their favorite word or phrase pop.
6. When it's time to transition to small group discussion, feel free to allow students to continue coloring as you talk.

Ideas for variations and accommodations

Find creative and fun ways to help a student who is blind or visually impaired participate.

- **Read** the verse to them from the sheet.
- Help them **trace** the letters and the designs on the sheet with their finger, if they'd like.
- They can use their three markers to **free draw** on the back of the sheet if they'd like. Be sure to **describe** to them the way their three random colors have worked together to create a unique design when they're done.

Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

Today's Main Idea

I am not alone. I can make it through because of God's peace.

Review Today's Big Question

What are activities that remind you God is with you?

Review Today's Bible Verse

- **Locate Bibles** in the room, **look up** the verse together, and **talk about** what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.

Psalm 23:4 NIV *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

- What do you think God could be saying to you through this verse?

More Questions to Keep Your Group Talking

- What stood out to you the most from today's *Loop Show*? What's one thing you learned?
- Talk about a time when you felt close to God. How did it make you feel?
- What would you say to a friend who told you they don't think God cares about them or their problems?
- When you're feeling overwhelmed, who is one trusted person you can go to for prayer, advice, and comfort?

Pray Together

Check in with your group. How are they doing? Anything they want to ask or thank God for? Pray together!

Leader Tip

"Who cares about me?" is a big question your Loopsters are beginning to ask internally. **Consistency is incredibly important to this age group.** When you show up, week in and week out, you make Loop a place where kids know they're cared for.

YouVersion Bible Plan

Our YouVersion Bible Plan this week is called **Increase Your Peace**. It will teach you how to live your life filled with the amazing peace only God can give!

Start it today by yourself or invite a friend to read it with you using the Plans With Friends feature! Find it at: www.go2.lc/LoopBiblePlans