



Small Group Leader Guide

Easter • Week 3 • Jesus Dies on the Cross

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 is the most fun toy at your house?
 - If your friend wanted that fun toy, what would they have to give you for it?

Every Day Song Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Focus of the week:

Every day, I am who Jesus says I am.

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	Trade or No Trade? Activity Supplement
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To Do

Say: In this game, you get to decide if you would trade with your friend, or not.

1. **Explain** what a trade is using the tips on the activity supplement.
2. **Group** all kids together in the middle of your small group space.
3. **Read** a potential trade from the activity supplement.
4. Kids who would make the trade **move** from the center of the group to your right side.
5. Kids who wouldn't make the trade **move** from the center of the group to your left side.
6. **Repeat steps 2-5** as time allows.

Movie & Music Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Movie & Music • 20-25 minutes

Focus kids on video • Lead Bible break in small group

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

Songs	Jesus Is Alive Right Now	Who You Are
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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**:
 - **What do you remember about the Bible story?** *Answers will vary.*
 - **Jesus never did anything wrong, but He took the punishment for all sin in the world. What do you think about that?** *Answers will vary.*
 - **Jesus died on the cross. What happened after that?** *God raised Him from the dead*
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. **Who did God raise from the dead?** *Jesus*
3. **What do you believe in your heart about Jesus?** *Answers will vary.*

Review the point and talk about it.

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

1. **Recite** the point together.
2. **Jesus says you're "righteous" when you choose to follow Him! What do you think "righteous" means?** *Ideas: forgiven, Jesus takes away our sin, ready to do good, living for God, etc.*

Ask open questions and let kids talk.

1. **Everyone except Jesus sins. What do you think that means?** *Ideas: everyone has made choices that hurt others, that disobey God, that are unloving or selfish, etc.*
2. **Jesus has all the righteousness. We have a lot of sin. Did Jesus say trade, or no trade?** *Trade!*
3. **When do we get to have Jesus' righteousness?** *When we believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and we choose to follow Him.*
4. **What do you think made Jesus want to trade His righteousness for our sin?** *Ideas: He loves us, wants us to be God's friends, wants us to be forgiven, He wants to help us, 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, thank You for giving us Jesus. 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.



**Romans
10:9 NLT**



**... believe in
your heart**



that God



**raised Him
from the dead, ...**