



## Small Group Leader Guide

Easter • Week 2 • Jesus Prays in the Garden

### 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:
  - Which cereal would you choose to eat for breakfast?
  - What is special about the cereal you chose?

### Every Day Song Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

#### Focus of the week:

Every day, I make choices that honor 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	Change Places If Activity Supplement
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#### To Do

1. **Sit** in a circle.
- Say:** Let's play a game! I'll say something. If it's true about you, stand up and sit in a new spot in our circle.
2. **Say, "Change places if ..."** and **finish the sentence** with a statement from the activity supplement.
3. Kids **stand up** if the statement is true about them. (*Help kids figure out if they should stand up or not.*)
4. **Tell** standing kids to **sit** in a new spot in the circle.
5. **Repeat** steps 2-4 with different statements from the activity supplement 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	Jesus What a Friend
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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:**
  - **Which part of the Bible story do you want to talk about?** *Answers will vary.*
  - **Who went to the garden with Jesus?** *His disciples, His followers, His friends*
  - **What was Jesus doing in the garden?** *He was praying; He was talking with God*
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](http://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. **The Bible verse tells us to "... be ready to do what is good."** What helps you get ready to do good things? *Ideas: pray, read the Bible, listen to parents and leaders, etc.*

#### Review the point and talk about it.

**Say:** The point today is: **Every day, I make choices that honor Jesus.** Let's say it and talk about it!

1. **Recite** the point together.
2. **Which kind of choices honor Jesus: good choices or bad choices?** *Good choices*
3. **Say some good choices that honor Jesus.** *Answers will vary. Ideas: share, obey, help, etc.*

#### Ask open questions and let kids talk.

1. **What choice did Jesus make when He prayed in the garden?** *He chose to die on the cross to save us from our sin.*
2. **What choices do you get to make every day?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **If you need help making a good choice, what can you do?** *Ideas: pray, ask a grown-up, etc.*
4. **When is it easy to make choices that are good?** *Ideas: When it's fun, someone helps us, etc.*
5. **When is it hard to make good choices?** *Ideas: If we're hungry, tired, scared, mad, alone, 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 make choices that honor You. 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.

