



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Jesus • Week 4 • Suffering



Emcee Leads



Small Group Leader Leads



Video Leads



Countdown Timer

5 min

Start video when experience begins • Tidy room • Get into a small group with your kids



3 min

Small Group Welcome

Get kids talking • Help each kid in your small group feel seen and heard

- **Introduce** yourself and **welcome** kids by name.
- **Catch up** on prayer requests and life events.
- **Talk about** welcome question: **If you broke your arm and had a cast, who would you ask to sign it?**



1 min

Theme Song

Sing and dance along • Encourage your small group to join in



30 sec

Emcee Intro Koneksi

Focus your small group on emcee



1 min

Rules Video

Focus your small group on video • Encourage kids to count out and say each rule with video



30 sec

Emcee Giving Koneksi

Focus your small group on emcee



90 sec

Offering Teaching Video

Focus your small group on the video • Follow campus procedure to collect offering



1 min

Worship Teaching Video

Focus your small group on video • Stand with your kids when video prompts you to



≈ 6 min

Worship Music Videos

Sing and dance along • Encourage your small group to join in

- Jesus What a Friend Remix • Jesus Is Alive Right Now



30 sec

Emcee Activity Koneksi

Focus your small group on emcee



9 min

Small Group Activity

Have fun doing activity with your small group

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	Nothing

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Nothing

To Do

Say: Wow. I've got some tough challenges for you—let's see how well you do. I'll watch but I won't help out!

1. **Assign** kids a challenge from the activity supplement printed on the back of this guide.
2. Kids **do challenge** for about 30 seconds while you **stand still, arms crossed, without smiling**. No helping!
3. When time's up, **ask** kids:
 - How hard was that challenge?
 - How did it feel when I didn't help or encourage you?
4. **Kids do the same** challenge you picked the first time for about 30 seconds, but this time you **smile, help, and say** encouraging words from the back of this guide.
5. When time's up, **ask** kids:
 - How hard was the challenge this time?
 - How did it feel different doing the challenge when I helped you, encouraged you, and cheered you on?
6. **As time allows, try new challenges**, but use encouraging words like Jesus says from here on out!



30 sec

Emcee Point Koneksi

Focus your small group on emcee



≈ 20 min

Konnect HQ Teaching Show

Focus your small group on video as you watch it together



1 min

Konnect HQ ABCs

Focus your small group on video • Help kids say admit, believe, and choose with video



30 sec

Emcee Wrap-Up Koneksi

Focus your small group on emcee



≈ 10 min

Small Group Talk & Prayer

Get kids talking • Pray with your small group • Build relationships

Review the Point: Jesus is there to help you through. He's been through some hard times, too.

Review the 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.

Hebrews 12:2 NIRV ... *He paid no attention to the shame of the cross. He suffered there because of the joy he was looking forward to. ...*

- What do you think people can learn from this verse?

Choose a Question to Get Your Group Talking

- What do you think "suffering" means?
- What thoughts might a kid think if they are suffering?
- What do you think you can do to help someone who is suffering?

Wrap Up

- **Pray** together.
- **Do** the small group activity again or **play** a game like *Rock, Paper, Scissors* or *I Spy*.

Leader Tip

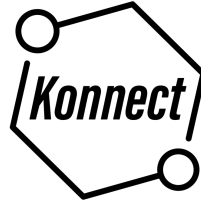
Ever struggle to keep a kid engaged during worship? Keep it fun as you help them focus. Try challenging them to a dance off!



≈ 10 min

Check Out

Greet parents • Praise kids • Stay in small group until check out ends



CHALLENGES ACTIVITY SUPPLEMENT JESUS // WEEK 4 // SUFFERING

CHALLENGES

If a kid in your group has a disability that makes the active challenges impossible, choose non-active challenges.

Active

- Stand with arms out to sides while balancing on one foot.
- Sit down and stand up repeatedly.
- Run in place, while trying to touch your knees to your chest with each step.
- Plank.

Non-Active

- Keep your eyes open without blinking.
- Hold your biggest smile on your face without lowering your cheeks once.
- Stick your tongue out as far as it can go, then back in your mouth as fast as possible.
- Say the alphabet backwards over and over.

Encouraging Words

Repeat phrases as necessary to fill the time.

- You can do this!
- I'm really proud of you!
- Wow! You're doing so well!
- You've got this!
- Keep it up!
- Don't quit!
- You're gonna make it!
- Keep breathing!
- Keep trying!
- Get after it! Come on!
- You're so close to finishing!
- Finish strong!