



Small Group Leader Guide

1 Week • Peter Walks on Water

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 do you think impossible means?
 - What's something impossible you wish you could do?

Every Day Song Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Focus of the week:

Every day, I can trust 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	Silly Walks activity supplement
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To Do

- Say:** In our game, all of you will get to make up your own silly walk! Who wants to go first?
1. **Choose** a volunteer to **make up** a silly walk. If they need ideas, use the Silly Walks activity supplement.
 2. The volunteer **shows** the group how to do their silly walk.
 3. Everyone in the group **copies** the silly walk.
 4. **Repeat** steps 1-3 so everyone in the group who wants a turn gets to make up their own silly walk.
 5. **As time allows, give** kids more turns to **make up** more silly walks.

Movie & Music Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Movie & Music • ≈ 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	I Live by Faith	I Am Yours
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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**:
 - **Tell me one thing you remember from that Bible story.** *Answers will vary.*
 - **When Peter saw Jesus walking on the water, what did Peter want to do?** *Walk on the water*
 - **What do you think Peter was afraid of?** *Ideas: the wind, storm, waves, etc.*
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. **What's something that's hard for you, but is not too hard for God?** *Ideas: Always being kind, always forgiving everyone, making a mountain, etc.*

Review the point and talk about it.

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

1. **Recite** the point together.
2. **When you have to do something really hard, what can you trust Jesus to do?** *Ideas: help you, be with you, encourage you, listen to you, etc.*

Ask open questions and let kids talk.

1. **What impossible thing did Jesus help Peter to do?** *Walk on the water*
2. **If you want to play in some water and pretend to walk on it like Peter, who needs to be watching you?** *A trusted adult*
3. **What are some things you can only do when other people help you?** *Ideas: Cross the street, cook, learn to read, get somewhere, etc.*
4. **What are some things you can only do when Jesus helps you?** *Ideas: be friends with God, be kind when I feel angry, heal my heart when it feels broken, pray for someone to get better and see them get better, understand the Bible, 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 helping us do things that are impossible for us to do on our own. 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.

