

Hang on Loop for the Loop

1 Week Only / The Rise of Grace



Emcee Leads

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: **What's the worst mess you've ever cleaned up?**

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 has Ricky & Jayme doing some fun experiments! And we'll learn about God's grace. How will they tie in science experiments with grace? Let's find out together right now!

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? The Bible Plan for this week is called **The Secret Power of Grace**. It will help you understand just how amazing God's grace really is!
- **Transition** to Activity.

Activity (10 min.)

Game Objective

Land a paper airplane with its nose touching the center of a target three times, consecutively.

You'll Need

Plastic chip (1 per experience)
Sheet of paper (1 per student)
Set of markers (1 per group)

Set Up

Choose an area of your room to place the plastic chip as the target for students' airplanes. It could be in the front of the room, maybe on a table.

How to Play

Say: We've got a mega challenge lined up for you today. I can't wait to see if any of you can complete it!

1. **Give** each student a sheet of paper.
2. Students **fold** it into any style paper airplane they'd like and **decorate** it with markers provided.
3. **Show** students the plastic chip and **place** it in the spot you've chosen as your room's target.

Say: This small circle is going to be the target for your airplane. Your challenge is to land your airplane with its nose touching the center of this chip, **THREE** times—in a row! I know it's hard, but let's see what you can do!

4. Students **attempt** the challenge. They may try all together or individually.
5. If any student **lands** their plane exactly in the center of the target, halt any other flyers, and let them try for three in a row.
6. When time's almost up (or if students are getting too frustrated with this challenge) ask students to **stop**.

Say: Okay, this game is basically impossible and reminds us of something that actually is impossible: us living a perfect life and never needing any grace from God or others! So, we leaders are going to show you what grace is really like. If you raise your hand, we'll take your plane now and fly it right to the target!

7. Leaders **fly** planes from anyone who asks for grace, making the noses of the planes touch the target perfectly!
8. Give wild applause to each plane as they hit the target!
9. Collect planes and throw away unwanted ones so they're not a distraction during small group time.

Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

Today's Main Idea

God's grace is favor that we didn't earn and isn't owed to us. He generously gives it to everyone who asks!

Review Today's Big Question

How would you describe grace?

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.

Romans 6:14 NIRV *Sin will no longer control you like a master. That's because the law does not rule you. God's grace has set you free.*

- What does this Bible verse mean to you?

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?
- God gives us grace and forgiveness every time we ask for it. Why do you think it's sometimes hard for people to ask God for forgiveness anyway?
- What would you tell a friend if they said, "It doesn't matter if I keep doing something I know I shouldn't because God will just forgive me anyway"?
- Who is someone from home, school, or your neighborhood you know you need to show more grace to? How can you show more grace to them this week?

Pray Together

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

Leader Tip

Remember: **The very first moment a student experiences in Loop can make or break their whole time with you.** Greet students by name and let them know you're so glad they're here! Introduce yourself and other leaders as needed. Help them find a friend and something to do until it's time to start Loop.

No activity supplement needed for this week.