

Hang on Loop for the Loop

These Are My People

Week 1 / The People You Choose



Emcee Leads

Small Group Leaders Lead

Small Group Icebreaker (8 min.)

- **Introduce** yourself. **Welcome** students by name. **Check in** with them to see how they're doing.
- **Ask** your students to describe their past week using exactly five words.
- Icebreaker: **If you had to live exactly like someone else for a whole day, who would you pick?**

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!*
On this week's Loop Show, we're learning about choosing good friends. And we'll see if Ricky and Jayme can read each other's minds! Let's watch!

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:** When you follow Jesus, you'll probably have some questions like, "*Who is God? What is the Bible? Is all of this real?*" Those are great questions, and we have a great book for you! It's called: ***The Ultimate Guide to Your Greatest Adventure.*** If you want one, let us know, and we'll get it in your hands today!
- **Transition** to Activity.

Activity (10 min.)

Game Objective

Guess your leader's favorite things.

You'll Need

Dry-erase marker (1 per group)
Dry-erase board (1 per group)
Tissues (As needed for erasing)

Set Up

No additional set up needed

How to Play

Say: We watched Ricky and Jayme have fun trying to match one another with their twin friendship challenges today. And now it's your turn to play a similar game to see how well each of you can guess some favorites—of your leader!

1. Students **stand** in center of your room.
2. **Read** a line from the **Match Your Leader** prompts on back.
3. **Write** your answer on your dry-erase board without showing others.
4. Students **say** what they think your answer will be.
5. **Reveal** the answer you wrote and **high five** anyone who guessed correctly!
6. **Poll** students to see what their favorites are, and celebrate groups of students who share favorites with you or others! "*You both love the same pizza topping? These are your pizza people!*"
7. **Erase** using tissues provided and **repeat** steps 2-6 as time allows.
8. For some variety, you can let students say a prompt!

Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

Today's Main Idea

Choose good friends and love them like Jesus.

Review Today's Big Question

Do you think God cares about the friends we choose? Why or why not?

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.

John 13:15 NLT "*I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.*"

- What feels easy about following these words of Jesus and what feels hard about them?

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?
- What do you think makes someone a good friend?
- What's something you want to be more careful or thoughtful about in your friendships?
- If you could be known for one godly friendship trait (like encouraging, forgiving, including, listening, etc.) what would it be? Why does that matter to you?
- If Jesus put a spotlight on one way you treat others, what do you think He'd be proud of? What's one area He might help you grow in?
- What's one "foot-washing" act—something small but humble—you could actually do for a friend 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

What's the most important part of the weekend experience in Loop? It might be your small group icebreaker time! The sooner students know they're connected with a small group of friends, the better. They'll learn more because they feel safe and part of a community. They'll be better able to open up and share what's on their heart as the experience continues, too.



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Match Your Leader

- Name your favorite color.
- Name your favorite month.
- Name your favorite vegetable.
- Name your favorite animal.
- Name your favorite sport.
- Name your favorite fruit.
- Name your favorite season.
- Name your favorite subject.
- Name your favorite hobby.
- Name your favorite movie.
- Name your favorite song.
- Name your favorite cookie.
- Name your favorite breakfast food.
- Name your favorite ice cream.
- Name your favorite pizza topping.
- Name your favorite holiday.
- Name your favorite restaurant.
- Name your favorite food for dinner.
- Name your favorite video game.
- Name your favorite city.
- Name your favorite/dream vacation place.
- Name your favorite board or card game.
- Name your favorite childhood toy.
- Name your favorite superhero.
- Name your favorite book.