Small Group Leader Guide

I Put God First • Week 1

The Story of the Bible

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's the best puzzle you could put together?
   - What would you do if you put a puzzle together and one piece was missing?

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	Old or New? activity supplement

To Do

Say: The Bible has two parts: The Old Testament and the New Testament. Jesus has always been with God, but the New Testament tells us the stories of when Jesus was born as a human, lived on earth, died on the cross, and came back to life. The Old Testament tells stories that happened before all that.

1. **Seat** kids in front of you to form a center line.
2. **Read** a statement from the Old or New? Activity supplement.
3. If it's from the Old Testament, kids move to your **right.** If it's from the New Testament, kids move to your **left.**
4. Repeat steps 1-3 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	My Life His Story	My Friend Jesus

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 the Bible story.** *Answers will vary.*
   - **Sin hurt the world, but God still had a good plan. Who did He send to us?** *Jesus*
   - **Who's invited to follow Jesus?** *All of us*
   - **Who can be a part of God's story?** *People who follow Jesus*
4. **Chant,** "Play it again!" with on-screen host.
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. **Who is invited to come to Jesus and be a part of God's good story?** *Ideas: Everyone, kids, grown-ups, children, 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. **It honors Jesus when you share God's good story with others. Who would you like to share God's good story with?** *Answers will vary.*

Ask open questions and let kids talk.

1. **The Bible is split into two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. Which one tells us that God sent His Son, Jesus, to fix our broken friendship with Him?** *The New Testament*
2. **Pastor Tiffany said that kind choices are like pieces of a puzzle that shows God's good story. What are some kind choices you can make?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **God's good story isn't over. What is the number one thing a kid needs to do to join in on God's good story?** *Trust and follow Jesus*
4. **What's your favorite part of God's good story?** *Answers will vary.*

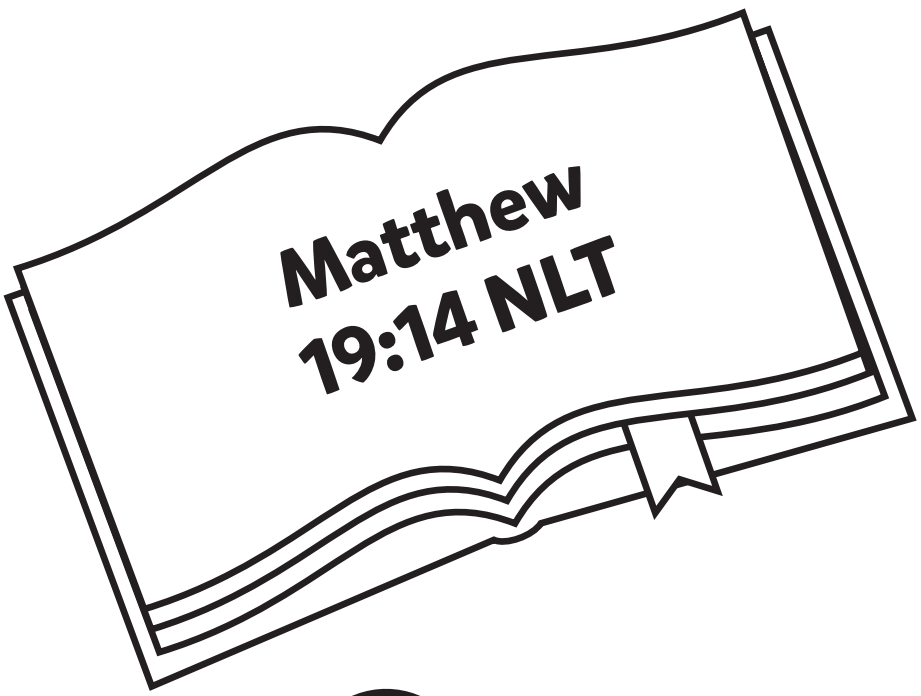
Pray together.

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 come to Jesus, trust in Him, and share Your good story. 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.


Matthew
19:14 NLT


... Jesus said,


“Let the children


come
to me. ...”