Small Group Leader Guide

I Put God First • Week 3
The Golden Calf

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 a toy you really wish you could have?
   - What do you like about your favorite game?

Every Day Song Transition • 30 seconds
Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Focus of the week:

Every day, I am who Jesus says I am.

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	Lap Slap Copycat activity supplement

To Do

1. **Sit** in a circle with your group.

Say: I'm going to do a pattern, and you repeat it.

2. **Show** your kids a simple pattern using moves from the activity supplement.
3. Kids **copy** the pattern you showed them.
4. **Repeat** steps 2 and 3 **as time allows**. *(Let kids invent patterns for the group to copy if you'd like.)*

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	My Life His Story	Greater Is He

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 that surprised you in that Bible story.** *Answers will vary.*
   - **What did the Israelites do when they didn't want to wait?** *They asked Aaron to make a new god: a golden calf, then they worshiped it.*
   - **What did you think about the Israelites worshiping a golden calf?** *Answers will vary.*
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 do you think pure means?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: clean, no sin, fresh, not mixed up, etc.*
3. **Who can give you a pure heart?** *God*

Review the point and talk about it.

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

1. **Recite** the point together.
2. **When you choose to follow Jesus, does He say you have a pure heart or an icky, sticky sinful heart?** *A pure heart*

Ask open questions and let kids talk.

1. **What do you think "distracted" means?** *Idea: you're not able to pay attention to the right thing.*
2. **What things do you think distract people from Jesus?** *Ideas: Feeling sick, impatient, tired, bored, hungry, annoyed, playing around, waiting, etc.*
3. **What helps you pay attention to Jesus?** *Ideas: praying, learning from the Bible, being quiet, etc.*
4. **What are some things that make you feel joy while you're doing them?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **Jesus is the only one who can always give you joy. What things do you know about Jesus that give you joy?** *Ideas: He loves us, forgives us, He's alive, He's good, etc.*

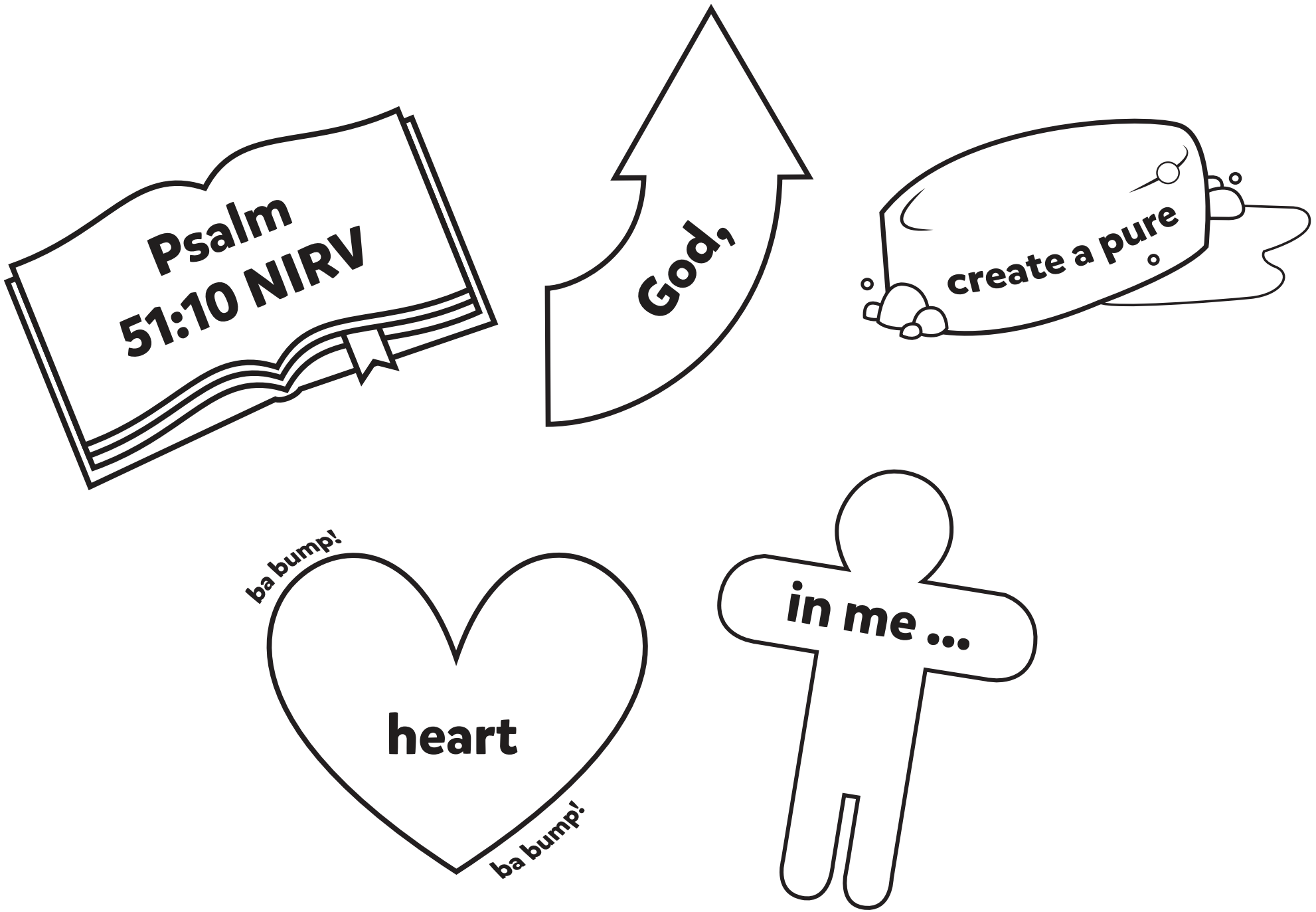
Pray together.

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, please keep us from distractions and give us joy when we pay attention to You. 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.


Psalm
51:10 NIRV
God,
create a pure
ba bump!
heart
ba bump!
in me ...