



Leader Guide

Kids



I Am Made for Community – I Can Pray for My Friends

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Bible Story: Peter's Friends Prayed (Acts 12:1-17)

Theme Verse: Philippians 2:3b

Agenda

🕒 60 Minutes

1 - Huddle

All Leaders

🕒 0 Minutes



Large Group

Transition from Leaders to Large Group

2 - Countdown

Large Group Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

3 - Host Welcome

Large Group Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

4 - Stage Game — The Director

Large Group Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

5 - Main Idea Video

Large Group Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

6 - Host Object Lesson

Large Group Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

7 - Bible Story Video

Large Group Leader

🕒 10 Minutes

8 - Make The Connection

Large Group Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

9 - Host-Led Theme Verse (Option 1)

Large Group Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

10 - Video-Led Theme Verse (Option 2)

Large Group Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

11 - Music Option

Large Group Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

12 - Host Closing

Large Group Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

1 - Huddle



 Leaders



Leader Tip

Huddle is a pre-service time for you to be equipped and encouraged in your ministry. Your ministry leader will celebrate with you, lead you, and pray for you. Read the Highlight of the Week (sent in your weekly email) to prepare for this time.

2 - Countdown

 Large Group  5 Minutes

The Countdown Video is meant to be played as a signal to transition to Large Group. The video is fun and interactive with opportunities for the kids to respond and cheer.



Leader Tip

Help kids engage and interact with the video by calling out what's happening, asking for their guesses, and cheering with them.



Presentation

Show Nov2024_S1_CountdownVideo_Kids

3 - Host Welcome

 Large Group  5 Minutes



Leader Tip

Move to the front during the last 15 seconds of the timer to get the kids excited and lead them to count down the last 10 seconds.

Host Welcome Script



Large Group Leader

“ Hello, everyone! My name is ____, and I am so excited you're here! Turn to someone next to you and say, "I'm glad you're here!" (*I'm glad you're here!*) We're going to have fun today as we talk about how God made us to connect with others around us. Everyone, say, "Get connected!" (*Get connected!*) If you're ready to get connected, say, "I'm ready!" (*I'm ready!*) ”

4 - Stage Game — The Director

 Large Group  5 Minutes

Supplies

- Blindfolds

Leader Prep: Set out supplies.

Game Rules:

1. Invite two players from each team to the stage. Assign one to be the "Director" and one to be the "Player."
2. Blindfold the Player.
3. Show a picture of a person on the screen. Instruct the Directors to look at the picture and talk to the Players. The blindfolded Players will have to listen and follow the directions to match the on-screen picture. Directors can only use the words up, down, left, right, hand, and foot.
4. Keep playing with pairs of players from each team.

Stage Game — The Director Script**Large Group Leader**

“ It’s time for a game called “The Director!” What game is it? (*The Director!*) In this game, I will call up two players from each team. One of you will be the “Directors” and the other will be the “Player.” (*Invite two players from each team and assign a Director and a Player.*) The Players will be blindfolded. Then an image will pop up on the screen showing a person standing with their arms and legs in a certain position. Directors, it is your job to get the player to match the picture.

But there’s a twist! Everyone, say, “Ooo! A twist!” (*Ooo! A twist!*) The Directors can *only* say the words up, down, left, right, hand, or foot. Say those after me. “Up!” (*Up!*) “Down!” (*Down!*) “Left!” (*Left!*) “Right!” (*Right!*) “Hand!” (*Hand!*) “Foot!” (*Foot!*) How quickly can our Directors help our Players? Let’s find out! (*Blindfold the Players.*) OK, teams—cheer on your Directors and Players! ”

**Leader Tip**

Assist kids with the left and right directions.

Stage Game — The Director Script**Large Group Leader**

“ (*Allow teams to play until they get it right.*) Outstanding! Let’s see the next one. ”

Stage Game — The Director Script**Large Group Leader**

“ (*Allow teams to play until they get it right.*) Great job! Here comes another one. ”

Stage Game — The Director Script**Large Group Leader**

“ (*Allow teams to play until they get it right.*) You all were terrific! Now for the next one. Give it your best! ”

Stage Game — The Director Script**Large Group Leader**

“ (*Allow teams to play until they get it right.*) Positively amazing! Let’s see what you can do with the next one. ”

Stage Game — The Director Script



Large Group Leader

“ (Allow teams to play until they get it right.) Really great, everyone! We've got one more, so let's see it! ”

Stage Game — The Director Script



Large Group Leader

“ (Allow teams to play until they get it right.) Boom! Way to finish, Directors and Players! (Allow players to sit down.) ”

Stage Game — The Director Script



Large Group Leader

“ That was such a fun game! Our players had to be good listeners and good followers. And *no one* could have played alone. Today we're going to learn that God made all of us for community! That means He made us to get connected and enjoy life with others. God wants us to have a community of people who are there to help us and that we get to help every day! Point to yourself and say, "I am made for community!" (*I am made for community!*) Give a fist bump to a friend and say, "Get connected!" (*Get connected!*) ”

5 - Main Idea Video



Large Group



5 Minutes

Main Idea Video Script



Large Group Leader

“ One place that we can get connected in community is at school. We're going to check out what's happening in the student council of Creeksdale Elementary. Everyone, say, "Get connected!" in 3-2-1! (*Get connected!*) ”



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Main Idea Video Script



Large Group Leader

“ Malik and Patience definitely learned to ask for help! If our friends need help, one of the best things we can do is talk to God. We can pray for our friends and know that God will listen. Repeat after me, "**I can pray for my friends!**" (*I can pray for my friends!*) Praying for our friends is a great way to get connected in community! ”

6 - Host Object Lesson

 Large Group  5 Minutes

Supplies

- Bible
- Journal
- Blank paper (several; optional)
- Pencils (1 per child; optional)



Leader Tip

Bring the journal out with you to use as an object lesson. A small table to hold your Bible and the journal may be helpful as you teach.

Host Object Lesson Script



Large Group Leader

“ As we're learning about how God made us for community, I want to show you this journal. Everyone, say "Ooo!" (Ooo!) Say, "Ahh!" (Ahh!) We can use a journal for lots of different things. We can write or draw down good ideas, different things that are happening in our lives, or fill it with our thoughts and feelings. Writing is kind of like talking on paper.

When it comes to God, we can talk to Him by praying. And we can pray for our friends! Ask me, "How?" (How?) When we talk to God, we can ask Him to help our friends, and we can thank Him for giving us those friends. What sorts of things should we pray? If they are in a difficult situation or having a hard time, we don't just have to pray that things would become easier. We can pray for God to work through whatever is happening to help our friends know Him more grow closer to Him.

When we pray for our friends, we can know that God always listens. What a cool way to help our friends! The next time you see a journal, you can remember to pray for your friends! Say, "**I can pray for my friends!**" (*I can pray for my friends!*) ”



Leader Tip

Provide paper and pencils for kids to make simple journals and write down prayers for friends.

7 - Bible Story Video

 Large Group  10 Minutes

Bible Story Video Script



Large Group Leader

“ (Open the Bible.) Let's learn from the Bible. The Bible is God's true message to us about Himself. Our Bible story is from a book called Acts. Say, "Acts!" (Acts!) The book of Acts is in the New Testament, which is the second part of the Bible. Our Bible story will show us an incredible example of what can happen when friends pray! Let's check it out. ”



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8 - Make The Connection

 Large Group  5 Minutes

Make The Connection Script



Large Group Leader

“ While Peter was in jail, he had friends in a community who were praying for him. And God answered their prayers in a big way! Peter’s friends knew the best thing they could do was pray for Peter and ask God to help him. God heard the prayers of Peter’s friends, and He answered by sending an angel to help Peter escape. Say, “Amazing!” (*Amazing!*) Like Peter’s friends, we can pray for our friends too. Say, “**I can pray for my friends!**” (*I can pray for my friends!*) We are made for community. That means we can pray for our friends and ask God to help them when they need it. ”

Make The Connection Script



Large Group Leader

“ Gospel Connection:

(*Circle one*) When God created the world, He designed it perfectly. Part of that perfect design was for people to have community, or relationships, with each other and with God. ”

Make The Connection Script



Large Group Leader

“ (*Circle two*) But all of us have sinned. *Sin* is when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. Our sin brakes our relationship with God and makes it difficult to live in community with other people. No matter how hard we try, we can’t fix our sin problem on our own. ”

Make The Connection Script



Large Group Leader

“ (*Circle three*) God loves us so much that He didn’t want to leave us this way. So He sent His Son, Jesus, to make a way for us to have a relationship with Him. Jesus died on a cross and took the punishment for our sin. He came back to life, and whenever people trust and follow Jesus, they can have a relationship with God both now and forever. Not only that, but God helps us have the friendships and community He made us to enjoy. Peter and His friends loved and followed Jesus, which is why they prayed for each other. We can love and follow Jesus and pray for our friends too!

If you want to know more about what it means to follow Jesus or want to learn about how to pray for your friends, talk with me or your Team Leader. We can know we are made for community, so we can pray for our friends. Say, “I am made for community!” (*I am made for community!*) “**I can pray for my friends!**” (*I can pray for my friends!*) ”

9 - Host-Led Theme Verse (Option 1)

 Large Group  5 Minutes



Leader Tip

Choose between the Video-Led Theme Verse option or the Host-Led Theme Verse option. Watch the Theme Verse Video to learn the motions to this month's verse.

Theme Verse Motions:

Consider others (*Point your index fingers out in a circle, starting from the sides and ending in the front.*)
 as more important (*Point both thumbs up.*)
 than yourselves. (*Point both thumbs to your chest.*)
 Philippians 2:3b (*Hold both hands out like a book.*)



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Host-Led Theme Verse (Option 1) Script



Large Group Leader

“ We can get connected in community! And we've got a Theme verse that helps us know how. Stand up and let's learn our Theme verse together!

Repeat after me: (*Use the motions above.*)

Consider others (*Consider others*)
 as more important (*as more important*)
 than yourselves. (*than yourselves.*)
 Philippians 2:3b (*Philippians 2:3b*)

Great job! Try to keep your feet connected—meaning keep them close together so they are touching—and let's do it again!

Consider others (*Consider others*)
 as more important (*as more important*)
 than yourselves. (*than yourselves.*)
 Philippians 2:3b (*Philippians 2:3b*)

Awesome! How about one more time, but this time, balance on one foot!

Consider others (*Consider others*)
 as more important (*as more important*)
 than yourselves. (*than yourselves.*)
 Philippians 2:3b (*Philippians 2:3b*)

That was great! When we consider others as more important than ourselves, we think about their feelings and what they need before we think about our own feelings. One of the ways we do that is by praying for our friends. When we are connected in community, we care about the people around us. Even if we can't help what is going on in their lives, we can pray and ask God to help. ”

10 - Video-Led Theme Verse (Option 2)

 Large Group  5 Minutes



Leader Tip

Choose between the Video-Led Theme Verse option or the Host-Led Theme Verse option. Watch the Theme Verse Video to learn the motions to this month's verse.

Video-Led Theme Verse (Option 2) Script



Large Group Leader

“ We can get connected in community! We've got a Theme verse that helps us know how. Let's learn our Theme verse together! ”



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Video-Led Theme Verse (Option 2) Script



Large Group Leader

“ That was great! When we consider others as more important than ourselves, we think about their feelings and what they need before we think about our own feelings. One of the ways we do that is by praying for our friends. When we are connected in community, we care about the people around us. Even if we can't help what is going on in their lives, we can pray and ask God to help. ”

11 - Music Option

 Large Group  5 Minutes

Music Option Script



Large Group Leader

“ If you're ready to get connected, say, "Oh yeah!" (*Oh yeah!*) Our Theme song is all about how we can get connected, so let's learn it together! ”



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Leader Tip



Consider adding additional video-led worship music for kids.

12 - Host Closing

Large Group 5 Minutes

Host Closing Script



Large Group Leader

“ We can know that we are *all* made for community! Look around and tell three people, “We are made for community!” (*We are made for community! We are made for community! We are made for community!*) If you see or know someone who might look sad or look like they are going through a tough time, remember to pray and ask God to help them. You can pray for your friends no matter what is going on. Let me hear you say, “**I can pray for my friends!**” (***I can pray for my friends!***) We can pray that God will help our friends know and follow Him. Let’s pray by talking to God right now. Pray with me in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for making us for community and giving us friends. We’re so glad that we don’t have to go through life alone, but we have friends around us who can help and be there for us. Help us to be the kind of friends You made us to be—friends who pray for each other. Amen. ”

Host Closing Script



Large Group Leader

“ It’s time for Team Time! I hope to see you all soon! Red Team, skip as you leave for Team Time! Yellow Team, clap your hands as you leave for Team Time! Green Team, stomp your feet as you leave for Team Time! Blue Team, make waves with your arms as you leave for Team Time! Purple Team, snap your fingers as you leave for Team Time! Orange Team, pat your knees as you go to Team Time! ”



Presentation

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