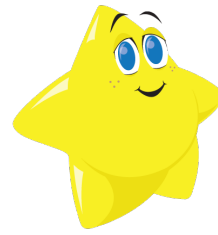


Small Group Leader Guide



Week 1

Age 4
Coming Home

Question

How can I find the truth?

Answer

I can trust Jesus.

Bible Verse

John 14:16 NIV

... "I am the way and the truth and the life. ..."

What To Do First

Review

1. **Introduce** yourself.
2. **Say** the **Question**, **Answer**, and **Verse** together.

Read

1. **Lay** Story Cards in order.
2. **Point** to the first card.
3. **Read** the caption.
4. **Ask** the **Question**. *Kids answer.*
5. **Do Action** together.
6. **Repeat** steps 2-5 for Story Cards 2-5.

Remember

What Do You See?

1. **Show** Story Card 1.
2. **Ask**, "What do you see in this picture?" *Group answers.*
3. **Repeat** steps 1-2 for Story Cards 2-5.

Review Questions & Actions

Story
Card
1

Question

Who told a story to show the truth about God's love? *Jesus*

Action

Pretend to open a Bible and read the story Jesus told.

Story
Card
2

Question

What did the younger son ask for? *The money he'd get when his father died*

Action

Pretend to have lots of money in your hands.

Story
Card
3

Question

What did the son do with all the money? *He wasted it; he spent it.*

Action

Pretend to be a pig in the mud.

Story
Card
4

Question

Do you think the father wanted his son to come back? *Yes.*

Action

Give yourself a big hug.

Story
Card
5

Question

What did the older son say? *"It's not fair!"*

Action

Clap to celebrate.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

The father loved the son. God loves us. Tell God how much you love Him!

Pray

Ask kids what they want to talk to God about, and pray with them.

Check Out Time

Begin When Parents Arrive

1. **Combine** your Small Groups if you need to free up a leader.
2. One leader **stands** at the door to **greet** parents and **run** check out.
3. When a kid leaves, **tell** the parents something positive about their kid.
4. **Keep kids busy in small groups:**
 - Repeat Story Card activities.
 - Let kids share what's on their minds.
 - Pray together to build closer relationships.



That's Jesus!

