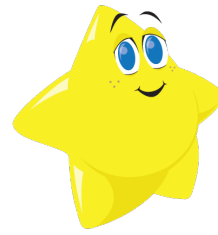


Small Group Leader Guide



Week 2

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

Mix It Up

1. **Shuffle** Story Cards.
2. **Place** Story Cards in the wrong order.
3. **Say**, "This story's mixed up! Let's fix it."
4. Group **helps** put Story Cards in order.

Review Questions & Actions

Story Card 1

Question

What did Jesus' story teach the truth about?
God's love

Action

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

Story Card 2

Question

Do you think it was kind for the son to ask for the money and leave? *No.*

Action

Pretend to have lots of money in your hands.

Story Card 3

Question

What happened when the son spent all the money?
He had to feed pigs.

Action

Pretend to be a pig in the mud.

Story Card 4

Question

What did the father do to show he loved his son?
He ran and hugged him.

Action

Give yourself a big hug.

Story Card 5

Question

Did the father have good things for his older son, too? *Yes.*

Action

Clap to celebrate.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

The son took a lot of money. What would you do with all that money?

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!

