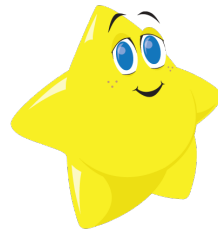


Small Group Leader Guide



Week 3

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 Now What?

1. **Show** Story Card 1.
2. **Read** the caption.
3. **Ask**, "Now what's going to happen in the next picture?" *Kids answer.*
4. **Repeat** steps 1-3 for Story Cards 2-5.

Review Questions & Actions

Story Card 1

Question

Who do you think God's love is for? *Everyone*

Action

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

Story Card 2

Question

What do you think the father was heartbroken about? *His son leaving*

Action

Pretend to have lots of money in your hands.

Story Card 3

Question

How do you think the son felt about wasting money? *Answers will vary.*

Action

Pretend to be a pig in the mud.

Story Card 4

Question

When the son made bad choices, did the father still love him? *Yes*

Action

Give yourself a big hug.

Story Card 5

Question

What did the father tell the older son to do? *Celebrate!*

Action

Clap to celebrate.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

The son was so hungry. What do you do when you're hungry?

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!

