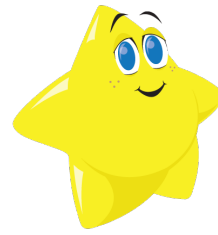


Small Group Leader Guide



Week 4

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's Missing?

1. **Lay** out 4 Story Cards.
2. **Ask**, "Which picture is missing?" *Kids guess.*
3. **Lay** missing Story Card in place.
4. **Repeat** steps 1-3, but **leave out** a different card.

Review Questions & Actions

Story Card 1

Question

How did Jesus teach the truth about God's love?
By telling a story

Action

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

Story Card 2

Question

What do you think the son wanted the money for?
Answers will vary.

Action

Pretend to have lots of money in your hands.

Story Card 3

Question

What do you think the son missed about his father?
Answers will vary.

Action

Pretend to be a pig in the mud.

Story Card 4

Question

When we make bad choices, do you think God still loves us? Yes.

Action

Give yourself a big hug.

Story Card 5

Question

Do you think God celebrates when we follow Him? Yes.

Action

Clap to celebrate.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

The son went home and his father loved him. Who loves you a lot?

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!

