



# Small Group Leader Guide

## FAITH

### WEEK 1 WHAT IS FAITH?

#### Small Group Welcome

1. Introduce yourself, and welcome new kids by name.
2. Kids share what happened during the past week.
3. Check up on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. Discuss the Welcome Question: **Talk about something that is invisible.**

#### Small Group Activity

##### You'll Need

- Opaque cups (1 per child)
- Picture of Jesus (1 per group)

##### To Do

1. Show kids the picture of Jesus.
- Say:** Let's play a game to remind us we can have faith. Jesus is always with us, even when we can't see Him.
2. Place one cup upside down in front of each kid.
3. Kids turn around and close their eyes.
4. Quietly hide the picture of Jesus under one cup.
5. Kids turn back around and open their eyes.
6. Choose one kid to go first.
7. The first kid asks someone, "Where's Jesus?"
8. The kid they asked lifts their cup.
  - If Jesus is revealed, celebrate!
  - If Jesus isn't under the cup, that kid chooses a different kid to look for Jesus under their cup.
9. Play until Jesus is found.
10. If time allows, play again.

##### Choose questions to ask while kids play.

1. Will Jesus ever leave you? No.
2. Why can you have faith Jesus is always in control? Answers will vary.
3. Vintage Konnect Trivia: Who gave up bad pranks? Mike

#### Small Group Discussion

##### Say the Point and Verse out loud together.

I have faith in Jesus!

Hebrews 11:1 NIRV

*Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see.*

1. When you choose to follow Jesus, is your choice about what you can see, or what you believe in and have hope in? What you believe and have hope in

##### Choose a few review questions.

1. What is it called when your heart believes and trusts in Jesus and you live like you believe it, too? Faith
2. Who's the only one who never changes, never lets us down, always keeps His promises, and can make you right with God? Jesus
3. When you have faith in Jesus, why don't you need to be worried when things go wrong? Because faith in Jesus reminds you God's always in control
4. Why do you think it was hard for Luke to have faith when everything started going wrong? Answers will vary.
5. Talk about a time when it was hard for you to have faith. Answers will vary.

##### Choose an action step question.

1. What can you do to be hopeful and certain that God's in control? Remember what God's done, talk to others about how He's taken care of them, pray, etc.
2. What's one thing you can do this week to show you have faith in Jesus? Answers will vary.

##### Pray Together.

1. Ask kids to share things they'd like you to pray about.
2. Write down their prayer requests.
3. Pray together over all the prayer requests.

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, thank You for always being with us. Please help us to have faith only in You. In Jesus' name, amen!

##### Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

#### Check Out

1. Talk about earning points by returning the Challenge Card and play the game again.
2. When a kid from your Small Group leaves, say something positive and specific to their family.
3. Encourage families to do the Challenge Card together.

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion Time.



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### WEEK 2 FAITH ADMITS

#### Small Group Welcome

1. Introduce yourself, and welcome new kids by name.
2. Kids share what happened during the past week.
3. Check up on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. Discuss the Welcome Question: **Share some facts you know.**

#### Small Group Activity

##### You'll Need

- Slap bracelet (1 per child)
- Faith label (1 per child)
- Crayons or permanent markers (1 set per group)

##### To Do

1. Give kids a slap bracelet and faith label.
2. Kids stick label on bracelet.
3. Read bracelets out loud together.
4. Kids draw or write pictures about their faith in Jesus.
5. Challenge kids to wear their bracelet to help them remember to admit their belief in Jesus, and share their faith with others.
6. If time allows, kids color and decorate bracelets.
7. Collect bracelets at the end of activity time. Give them back to kids when they are checked out.

##### Choose questions to ask while kids work.

1. How will this bracelet help you to admit your faith in Jesus? Answers will vary.
2. What happens the first time you admit your faith in Jesus? You're saved from your sins!
3. Vintage Konnect Trivia: Who always carries a flashlight? Luke

#### Small Group Discussion

##### Say the Point and Verse out loud together.

I admit my faith in Jesus!

**Romans 10:9 NIRV**

*Say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord." Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved.*

1. When you say Jesus is your Lord and you believe that God raised Him from the dead, what happens? You are saved from your sins, and you become a follower of Jesus.

##### Choose a few review questions.

1. What is it called when your heart believes and trusts in Jesus and you live like you believe it, too? Faith
2. Does going to church and knowing about Jesus make you His follower? No.
3. What's the difference between knowing about Jesus and actually knowing Jesus? Knowing about Jesus means you know facts, but knowing Jesus means you asked Him to be your leader, accepted His forgiveness for your sins, and you're friends with Him.
4. Once you admit your faith in Jesus and become His follower, why should you keep talking about your faith? Others will hear you, learn God's Good News from you, and they might choose to have faith in Jesus, too.

##### Choose an action step question.

1. What can you do this week to admit your faith in Jesus? Talk about it, pray for someone, etc.
2. If you admit your faith to someone, and they don't believe, what can you do for them? Love them, be their friend, be kind, keep sharing your faith, pray for them, etc.

##### Pray Together

1. Ask kids to share things they'd like you to pray about.
2. Write down their prayer requests.
3. Pray together over all the prayer requests.

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, thank You for saving us when we admit our faith in Your Son, Jesus. Please help us to share our faith. In Jesus' name, amen!

##### Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

#### Check Out

1. Talk about earning points by returning the Challenge Card and continue decorating bracelets.
2. When a kid from your Small Group leaves, say something positive and specific to their family.
3. Encourage families to do the Challenge Card together.



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### WEEK 3 FAITH CAN GROW

#### Small Group Welcome

1. Introduce yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the Welcome Question: **How tall do you think you'll grow?**

#### Small Group Activity

##### You'll Need

- Grow My Faith activity supplement (1 per group)

##### To Do

1. **Ask** kids to name good things we can do to help our faith grow. *Use Grow My Faith activity supplement for suggestions if needed.*
- Say:** Let's play a game about those! I'll start you out easy.
2. Kids **sit** in a circle, and **tap** their knees to create a steady rhythm and **chant**, "I grow my faith by ..."
- Say:** Now when we say, "I grow my faith by ..." the person next to me has to say a way to grow their faith. If you take too long, we'll start over with someone else!
3. **Start** the rhythm again, **chant**, "I grow my faith by," and the kid to your right **answers** in rhythm.
4. **Repeat** the chant until each kid in the circle **takes a turn** answering in rhythm.
5. **Stop** the rhythm and **start over** with the next kid when someone takes too long to answer.
6. **If time allows**, **play** the game again.

##### Choose questions to ask after kids play.

1. **What good things did the Konnect crew do to grow their faith?** Pray, read the Bible, serve others, etc.
2. **Vintage Konnect Trivia: Who tried to cook turkey on the station?** Ray

#### Small Group Discussion

**Say the Point and Verse out loud together.**

I do good things to grow my faith in Jesus!

**James 2:26 NLT**

*Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.*

1. **Think about the Bible verse. What can you do to keep your faith alive and growing?** Good things/good works.

##### Choose a few review questions.

1. **What is it called when your heart believes and trusts in Jesus and you live like you believe it, too?** *Faith*
2. **What good things can we do to grow our faith in Jesus?** *Read the Bible, memorize Bible verses, pray, talk about faith with others, worship God, get baptized, love others the way Jesus does, etc.*
3. **What happens when your faith grows strong and healthy?** *Your friendship with God gets stronger, you're filled with hope and trust in God, you want to obey God more, you want to show God's love and kindness, etc.*
4. **If you don't do anything to grow your faith in Jesus, what will happen?** *Your faith gets weaker, and it gets harder to live God's way.*

##### Choose an action step question.

1. **Say one thing you'll do this week to grow your faith in Jesus.** Answers will vary.
2. **Obeying God is a big way to grow your faith. What's one thing you need to do this week to obey God?** Answers will vary.

##### Pray Together

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like you to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over all the prayer requests.

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, please show us the good things we can do to obey You and grow our faith. In Jesus' name, amen!

##### Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

#### Check Out

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card and **play** game again.
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3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.



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### WEEK 4 FAITH MEETS NEEDS

#### Small Group Welcome

1. Introduce yourself, and welcome new kids by name.
2. Kids share what happened during the past week.
3. Check up on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. Discuss the Welcome Question: **Talk about someone who helped you.**

#### Small Group Activity

##### You'll Need

- Meet Needs Coupons activity sheet (1 per child)
- Markers (1 set per group)
- Scissors (1 set per group)

##### To Do

**Ask:** What are some things people might need?

1. Kids respond. People might need: food, clothes, a hug, someone to play with, a toy, a smile, a friend, etc.

**Say:** Great answers! Let's make some coupons for needs like that so our friends and family can use them when they need to.

2. Give each kid a Meet Needs Coupons activity sheet.
3. Kids draw or write ways they can meet someone's needs on each coupon at the bottom of the sheet.
4. Kids cut on the dotted lines at the bottom of the sheet.
5. If time allows, kids color and decorate the coupons.

##### Choose questions to ask while kids work.

**What kinds of needs are easy to see?** When someone doesn't have anything to eat at snack time, they don't have a coat in the winter, they get hurt and need a bandage, etc.

**What kinds of needs are harder to see?** When someone's heart is broken and they need prayer, when someone feels lonely and needs a friend, when someone needs Jesus and doesn't even know about Him, etc.

**Vintage Konnect Trivia: Which Konnect crew member used to love candy and video games TOO much? Mike**

#### Small Group Discussion

**Say the Point and Verse out loud together.**

I meet needs to show my faith in Jesus!

**Hebrews 13:16 NLT**

**And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.**

1. **What does the Bible verse say are the sacrifices that please God?** Doing good and sharing with those in need.

##### Choose a few review questions.

1. **What is it called when your heart believes and trusts in Jesus and you live like you believe it, too? Faith**
2. **What needs did the Samaritan see and meet? The hurt man needed bandages, medicine, food, water, clothes, money, and a place to stay.**
3. **Does it help others when you talk about what they need instead of meeting their needs? No.**
4. **How does meeting needs show faith in God? It shows you trust and believe God loves you and helps you, so you can love and help others.**
5. **When you see a need but you can't meet it, what can you do? Pray for God to meet the person's need.**

##### Choose an action step question.

1. **What are some needs you've seen at home, at school, in your neighborhood, or somewhere else? Answers will vary.**
2. **Name one need you can meet for someone this week. Answers will vary.**

##### Pray Together

1. Ask kids to share things they'd like you to pray about.
2. Write down their prayer requests.
3. Pray together over all the prayer requests.

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, thank you for meeting all of our needs. Please show us the needs of others and help us meet them. In Jesus' name, amen!

##### Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

#### Check Out

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3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.