

Small Group WEEK 4

ALLEY



Theme: Zapped – Plugging into God’s power helps me see and do what I should.

Bible Story: Peter’s Restoration (Mark 14:66-72, Luke 22:54-62)

Bottom Line: When things get hard, don’t forget what you know.

Memory Verse: God’s power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life.
(2 Peter 1:3a NIV)

Catch On: Make the Connection

Make the connection of how today’s Bible story applies to real life experiences through interactive activities and discussion questions.

1. Bridge

Supplies: 2 large pieces of poster board. Mark a start line and an ending line in your group area.

Get Ready:

Divide kids into two teams.

Distinguish two sides of your “river bank” so kids know where they start and where they finish.

Play:

1. Have kids review the situations that may have been difficult for the disciples and for Jesus His last week on earth.
2. Tell kids that they’re going to form a bridge to get from one side of the “riverbank” to the other.
3. Every team member must stand on one board as they work together to pick up the other board and move it forward in order for them to move across the river.
4. If someone steps off of the “bridge” into the piranha-infested water, they must start over.

What You Can Say:

“What made this game difficult? *(Allow time for responses.)*

What were the things you needed to remember to get across the river? *(Allow time for responses.)*

This game was a great reminder that **when things get hard, don’t forget what you know.** When you were able to remember the rules of the game, it was easier to get across the river quickly. Just as you all formed a bridge to finish the game, Jesus created a “bridge” for us when He died on the cross. He went through this difficult experience because He knew what His death would do—enable all of us to experience God’s forgiveness and have a relationship with Jesus.”



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2. Just the Facts *(Bible Story Review)*

What You Need: Bibles, 1 piece of paper per team, pens or markers

What You Do:

1. Break your group into teams. Make sure each team has a Bible.
2. Assign the following Bible passages to each team; one passage per team.
 - a. The Lord's Supper – Matthew 26:17-35
 - b. Jesus in the Garden/Jesus' Arrest – Matthew 26:36-55
 - c. Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial; Peter's Denial – Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75
 - d. Jesus' Crucifixion/ Resurrection – Matthew 27:32-61; 28:1-15
3. As they read their assigned passage, ask the kids to write down the facts they learn about Jesus from each story. Then, have each team share those facts.

What You Say: "You all worked really hard to find some amazing facts about Jesus' last week on earth. He did something NO one else could do. He paid the price for our sins by giving His life for us on the cross. And we can read all about it in the Bible. When things get hard, when we aren't sure how something will turn out, when we feel all alone, just remember what you know."

3. Pray – Thankful Prayers **(if you haven't already prayed - please do this activity when your are told that it's "Communion time").**

What You Need: Flameless Candle

What You Do: Place candle in the center of your circle. Ask if anyone would like to pray for the group, or you can ask if anyone would like to share a prayer request, or go around the circle and talk about something that was difficult in their life. Pray.

(PLEASE KEEP KIDS WITH YOU IN YOUR SMALL GROUPS UNTIL ALL KIDS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP!! Thank you!)

