

Small Group WEEK 4

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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 (do after Power Up Large Group)

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

1. Tissue Butterflies

What you need: (per kid) clothespin, coffee filter, markers and 1 spray bottle, black pipe cleaner, and 1 Permanent marker per group.

Clothes Pins:

1. Have the children put their names in permanent marker on the backside of a wooden clothespin.

Wings:

1. Give each child a coffee filter. Before they begin, make sure that you put a plastic tablecloth down. Have kids draw on their coffee filters. (encourage them to be creative!)
2. When kids are finished coloring – give them the spray bottle and allow them to MIST their coffee filter. (Try not to let the kids completely soak the filter. They will wash away all the color and it will never dry!)
3. Give the filters a couple of minutes to dry. (ask if any of the kids can tell the bible story they learned)

Assembling the Butterflies:

1. Take the dried coffee filter and pinch it in the middle, creating the two “wings” of the butterfly.
2. Open the clothespin and attach it to the middle of the wings.
3. To make antennae, take a small black pipe cleaner and twist it once around the top of the clothespin.

What you Say: “You all did a great job decorating your butterflies! Can anyone tell me what a butterfly looks like before it breaks out of its chrysalis? (*Pause for responses.*) That’s right! I wonder if caterpillars realize that one day they’ll change into something so beautiful? We learned today that when life gets hard, we need to remember that God is in control. We need to trust Him in every situation—**when things get hard, don’t forget what you know.** Just like the caterpillar that turns into the beautiful butterfly, Jesus can take the messy things in our lives and transform them into something new. You can hang this butterfly in your room to remember, **when things get hard, don’t forget what you know.**”





2. Verse Order (*Memory Verse Review: 2 Peter 1:3a*)

What You Need: Memory Verse Cards, and a Bible.

1. Divide the verse so each child in your group can hold one card.
2. Open your Bible to 2 Peter 1:3a and read the verse aloud for a quick review.
3. Give each child a card with a word or phrase from the verse to hold.
4. Have kids try to figure out how to get themselves in order, according to the card they hold. (Younger children will need help with reading the words).

What You Say: “Wow! Sounds like you guys have really learned this verse! Way to go, everybody. I hope you will continue to remember it this year at school, in your neighborhoods, and on your sports teams. God wants you to know that He is with you and that once you’re ZAPPED by His power, you can have everything you need to live a life that’s pleasing to Him.”

3. Thankful Prayers

What You Need: Bible and flameless candle

What You Do: Place the candle in the center of your circle.

What You Say: “Aren’t you glad we have the Bible to remind us of what we know? And from what we know, we know that we can count on Jesus. Say a prayer thanking God for being with you, even when things are hard.”

