

Small Group WEEK 1 – June 4th/5th CITY



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

Bible Story: Calling of Peter (Luke 5:1-11)

Bottom Line: God wants to do something with me that's bigger than just me.

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. Tissue Paper Challenge (*Application Activity*)

What You Need: Each child will need one small piece of tissue paper, a plastic comb, and a pen.

What You Do:

1. Make sure to discuss the questions below before attempting the experiment.
2. Guide kids through the experiment as a group.

Pre-Experiment Questions

1. What do you use a comb for?
2. What do you use tissue paper for?
3. What happens when you run a comb through your hair several times?
4. Do you think you can make the tissue paper move by using a comb WITHOUT the comb touching the tissue paper?





Experiment Instructions

1. Give each child a small piece of tissue paper and plastic comb.
2. Instruct each child to run the comb through their hair about 10 times.
3. Hold the comb over the small piece of tissue paper.
4. Watch as the tissue paper is pulled up by the charged comb!

What You Say: “Wow! That was so cool! You didn’t know what was about to happen after you ran that comb through your hair, did you? But something bigger was about to happen. You learned through this cool experiment that you could “charge” the comb when you ran it through your hair. This enabled you to make the tissue paper move—without even touching it! That’s a pretty cool thing.

“You know, God can do bigger, cooler, more super amazing things than that. Know why? ’Cause He invented science! He created the whole world! And He has a BIG plan for His creation. The cool thing is, part of that plan includes you and me. And though it’s easy for us to become focused on ourselves, God wants to do something bigger with us than we could do on our own. **[RECYCLE] God wants to do something with me that’s bigger than just me.**”

3. Follow Me (*Bible Story Review*)

What You Need: Open space (around your small group area)

What You Do: Tell kids that you’re going to be the leader and you’re going to ask kids if they want to join you. Begin marching around the open space, then ask a child to follow you in the line—they can say “Yes” or “No.” Continue to march while kids follow you until you’ve asked every child in your group to join. Afterward, have kids sit in a circle on the floor.

What You Say: “Who was the leader in our Bible story today? (Jesus) Who was the follower? (Peter) Just like you had a choice to follow me as we marched, Peter also had a choice to follow Jesus. Jesus told Peter he could quit catching fish and start catching men. When Peter said “Yes,” he had no idea where Jesus would lead him. Peter had to give up his life as a fisherman and trust in Jesus.

“We’re going to take a look at Peter’s life through several different parts of the Bible this summer to find out how God used him to do some pretty amazing things. If Peter hadn’t chosen to follow, he really would have missed out. When we choose to follow Jesus, we can tell others about Jesus—just like Peter did!





4. COLOR SCRATCH FISH

What You Need:

- Magic Color Scratch Project: Fish Shapes and scratch sticks

What You Do:

In the center of your group, lay out the fish shapes, wooden scratching tools and ribbon.

Color Scratch Fish

1. Tell kids they can choose a fish shape to decorate from the center of the table.
2. Instruct the kids to use the wooden scratching tool to draw a design on the fish. As they scratch the fish shape, rainbow colors will appear beneath the scratch.
3. When finished with their design, kids can tie a piece of ribbon through the hole at the top of the fish so they can hang it for display.

Activity Leader: “What did you think would happen when you scratched the surface of the fish shape? *(Pause for responses.)* Sometimes, something can look ordinary, but when you scratch away at the surface, you end up with something extraordinary underneath! This fish can remind you that, **God wants to do something with me that’s bigger than just me.** When you scratch away at your surface, you’ll never imagine the wonderful things you may find inside!”

4. Pray

What You Need: Nothing.

What You Say: “How many of you are super excited to be at church this week? Why are you excited? Even if it’s just to have fun, I want to remind you that there may be something cool that God wants to teach you or show you this week that’s WAY bigger than you.

“Let’s pray that we would all be open to what God wants to teach us or show us this week. And remember, **[RECYCLE] God wants to do something with me that’s bigger than just me.**”

