

Small Group WEEK 1 June 4th/5th ALLEY



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 (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 Paper Challenge (*Application Activity*)

What You Need: Each child will need one small piece of tissue paper, a plastic comb, Week 1 Activity Page, and a pen.

What You Do:

Make sure to discuss the questions below before attempting the experiment.

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?**



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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. Fill in the blanks on your Activity Page with the correct words to finish the Bottom Line.”

3. Follow the Leader (Bible Story Review)

What You Need: Blindfolds, 1 for every 2 kids.

What You Do: Play Follow the Leader. Tell the kids that they can choose to play the game or just stay in their spots. Tell those kids that choose to play to form pairs and give each pair a blindfold. Ask them to choose who will lead and who will follow. The follower needs to cover their eyes with the blindfold. The leader will guide them around the circle by speaking instructions.

What You Say: “Who was the leader in our Bible story today? (Jesus) Who was the follower? (Peter) Just like those of you who were the followers had NO idea where you were going with those blindfolds on, Peter blindly left everything behind—his family, his job, his friends, everything—to follow Jesus. Those of you who chose to participate received a piece of candy. That’s kind of a small prize, right?

“We’re going to take a look at Peter’s life through several different parts of the Bible to find out how God used him to do some pretty amazing things. And if Peter hadn’t chosen to follow, he really would have missed out. Just like those of you who opted out of playing missed out on a piece of candy. As we take a look at Peter’s life, trust me, you’ll see how many amazing things Peter was able to experience just by choosing to follow Jesus that day while he was fishing!”



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4. Craft: Fish Mobile

What You Need: Fish mobile kits (1 per child), markers.

Activity Leader: “What can these fish remind us of? (*Pause for responses.*) Hang this fish mobile in a room where you can see it every day to remind you of Jesus’ call to Peter, that he would become a fisherman of people instead of fish! This fish can also remind you of our Bottom Line for today: God wants to do something with me that’s bigger than just me. As you look at the fish, think of the names of friends and family members that you can tell about Jesus this week. Write their names on your fish as a reminder that you can do big things for God.”

5. Pray

What You Need: Fish mobile kids made.

What You Say: Remember to hang your fish mobile somewhere that you can see everyday. Think about what YOU can do this week that is bigger than just you and I. Who can we talk to this week about God?

“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.

PLEASE KEEP KIDS IN SMALL GROUP UNTIL ALL KIDS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP.

