

## Small Group WEEK 3 ALLEY



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

**Bible Story:** Peter is the Rock (Matthew 16:13-28)

**Bottom Line:** What is important to Jesus should be important to 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. Fizzy Fun (Application Activity)

**What You Need:** 1 pack of Pop Rocks, 1 clear plastic cup, water

**What You Do:** Open pack of Pop Rocks and pour them into the cup.

Pre-Experiment Questions 1. Have you guys ever eaten PopRocks? Can you tell me what flavor it is just by smelling them? (pass the cup around and allow kids to smell it.)

2. What do you think will happen if you pour water into the cup with the candy?





### Experiment Instructions

1. Pour the water into the cup.
2. Ask kids what happened. Why do they think the candy pops?

**What You Say:** “I know some of you knew what would happen when we poured the water on the Pop Rocks. In our Bible story today, Jesus told Peter that the future church would be built on the work Peter would do after Jesus was gone. As a matter of fact, Peter means ‘rock.’ In other words, Jesus wanted Peter to know that once He was gone from this earth, Peter was to tell other people about Him. Because Peter decided to listen to Jesus and recognized that what was important to Jesus should be important to him, you and I get to attend our churches every week.

“I’m so thankful that Peter chose to listen to Jesus, His willingness to spread the good news and to preach about what Jesus did for all of us had a powerful reaction! And you and I can have that kind of impact as well, because **[RECYCLE] what is important to Jesus should be important to me.**”

### 2. Stone Throw (Memory Verse Review: 2 Peter 1:3a)

**What You Need:** 2 Peter Memory Verse Cards, 1 per group.

#### What You Do:

1. Divide your group into 2 teams.
2. Look up the memory verse (2 Peter 1:3a), and ask a volunteer to read it aloud for a quick review.
3. Lay out the memory verse cards on the ground in random order. Make sure the cards are about six inches from each other so that they’re somewhat spread out.
4. Line up the kids about four feet from the cards.
5. Have teams relay race – each kid will grab a card. Once team has all cards, the team will put the cards in order. The team who puts the cards in the correct order wins.

**What You Say:** “Wow, you guys are getting better and better at learning this verse! I think it’s really important to be reminded that though God is ALL powerful, He has given us access to His power when we trust in Him. That’s what being Zapped is all about! I encourage you to continue to memorize this verse—it will be a great one to remember this upcoming school year!”



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### 3. Rock Prayer

**What You Need:** 1 Rock (per small group)

**What You Do:**

1. Hold the rock
2. Tell kids to think something that is important to God and should therefore be important to them.
3. Start with YOU—hold the rock and say what you thought of (that is important to God.)
4. Ask if there is a kid that would like to pray
5. **[RECYCLE] what is important to Jesus should be important to me.**

**What You Say:** “Thanks for taking the time to think about what’s important to God. I hope you’ll think about that this week. Maybe you thought it’s important to be honest, kind, compassionate or trustworthy. The cool thing is, God doesn’t ask you to try to do any of these things on your own. God is always with us and promises in His Word to give us what we need to be able to follow Him.

