

Small Group WEEK 5

ALLEY



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

Bible Story: Peter at Pentecost (Acts 2)

Bottom Line: When I trust in Jesus, He promises He’ll always be with me.

Memory Verse: “But he kept believing in God’s promise. He became strong in his faith. He gave glory to God. He was absolutely sure that God had the power to do what he had promised.” (Romans 4:20-21, NIV)

1. G-Force (Application Activity)

What You Need: 1 army parachute guy per kid

What You Do:

1. Look over the discussion questions and the experiment.

Pre-Experiment Questions

- 1 What would happen if you dropped something from over your head?
- 2 What makes it fall to the ground?
- 3 What would happen if gravity didn’t exist?
- 4 Have you ever seen gravity?

Experiment Instructions

- 1 Experiment with the parachute, dropping it from different heights.
- 2 Figure out how to drop the parachute so that it lands smoothly.

What You Say: “So, what caused the parachute to float to the ground? Did any of you actually see gravity pulling it to the ground? Did you see little beams coming up from the ground pulling the parachute down? So, you can’t see gravity, but it’s there. It keeps you walking on the ground and pulls your parachutes toward the ground. Has anyone ever worried that gravity would stop working and make you float off the ground? You can’t see it, but you know it’s always there.

“Can anyone think of something else we learned about today that’s like that? Right, the Holy Spirit! When you become a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit becomes a part of your life. You may not see Him, but you know that He will always be with you. *[RECYCLE] When I trust in Jesus, He promises He’ll always be with me.* The next time that you’re able to take a step without floating off into space, let it be a reminder. Just like gravity holds you to the ground, even when you can’t see it, the Holy Spirit is with you, even though you can’t see Him! Let’s fill in the blanks of the Bottom Line on our Activity Pages.”



2. Would you Rather?

Things you will need: Cards.

- Have the group sit in a circle and hold up the cards the pictures that go with the questions.
- Have the a few kids tell you why they would prefer one to the other?
- Ask would you rather:
 - Play a small role in your favorite movie or be a special guest on your favorite T.V. show.
 - Have a head the size of a watermelon or a tennis ball?
 - Have a house made out of Legos or pillows?
 - Be in a windstorm or a thunderstorm?
 - Would you rather be singing in front of a small group of people or speak to a crowd of people?
 - Be able to speak Spanish or know how to hear every language, but not be able to speak it?
 - Be able to hang out with your friend once a day for only an hour or be able to text and talk to them, but never see them in person?

Debrief

- Aren't you glad you don't have to deal with those choices in real life?
- What was the hardest real choice you have had to make? What did you do about it?

3. Look Up Acts 2:1-8

- What words jump out in this passage?
- Imagine you knew how to speak a new language for three days, what would you do with these new skills? What did the disciples do with these new powers?
- How do you think Peter's life was different after he was plugged in to the Holy Spirit? How would your life be differently?

Prayer:

Spend this time going around and having each child say a prayer in front of the group. Pray that the children would learn that **(Recycle) when I trust in Jesus, He promises He'll always be with me.**

