

Small Group WEEK 7

ALLEY



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

Bible Story: Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10)

Bottom Line: God wants to use me to show others the power of His forgiveness.

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. Dissolving Paper

What You Need: clear bowl of water, dissolvable paper and pen or marker.

What You Do:

Pass out pieces of paper to each kid.

Explain to them that they are going to write down the name of a person they need to forgive. Have kids share who they need to forgive and what they need to forgive them for. Then have kids take their paper and place it in the bowl and watch it dissolve!

What You Say: Tell kids that just like the paper dissolving, when we ask Jesus to forgive us, He immediately forgives us and the sin is gone. When we are upset with people, it’s important to work it out. It’s important to forgive—even if they don’t apologize. Forgiveness helps us, and it helps the other person. **[RECYCLE] God wants to use me to show others the power of His forgiveness.** When I forgive others, I am showing them the power of His forgiveness.





Memory Verse Race

Supplies: two sets of memory verse cards.

- Form two groups and you want to them to stand behind line while you take two stacks of cards to the other side of the room.
- Have each group send one person to retrieve a card and cannot send another person until the other person has crossed the line. The team that puts together the memory verse first is the winner.
- Have each one of the kids try a different style of running each time they go across the line. For example: one kids has to crab walk across, while one has to run backwards. One has to roll on their stomachs and one has to be carried by friends.

Debrief

- Who had hardest time getting across the line?

What You Say: “You know, I bet it would’ve been easy for Peter to decide not to visit Cornelius. Cornelius was not Jewish. Back then, Jewish people did not hang out with anyone who was not Jewish. Peter chose to follow God’s directions and go visit Cornelius. Because Peter was willing to obey God, he was able to show Cornelius God’s forgiveness. Just like God used Peter to show Cornelius about His forgiveness, **[RECYCLE]** God wants to use you to show others the power of His forgiveness.”





Forgiveness Prayer

What You Need: Pens; index cards.

What You Say: “In the story today, God used Peter to show Cornelius how to receive God’s forgiveness. Sometimes we can show people God’s forgiveness. Other times, we need to give them our forgiveness. Can you think of someone you need to forgive? Maybe a friend said something mean to you, or a brother/sister broke something that belonged to you.”

- 1 Pass out an index card and a pen or pencil to each kid.
- 2 Encourage the kids to write the name of someone that they need to forgive.
- 3 Allow the kids to pray individually and ask God to help them forgive the person whose name they wrote on the index card.
- 4 When they are done praying, tell them to tear up the index card.

What You Say: “Forgiveness is a choice. Forgiveness is choosing to not hold a grudge against a person who did wrong things to you. When we choose to forgive, we are able to show other people God’s forgiveness. **[RECYCLE] God wants to use me to show others the power of His forgiveness**, so forgive others! After all, we’ve all made mistakes, and God is willing to forgive all of our mistakes!

