

Small Group WEEK 8

ALLEY



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

Bible Story: Wrap-Up

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. Charged or Not?

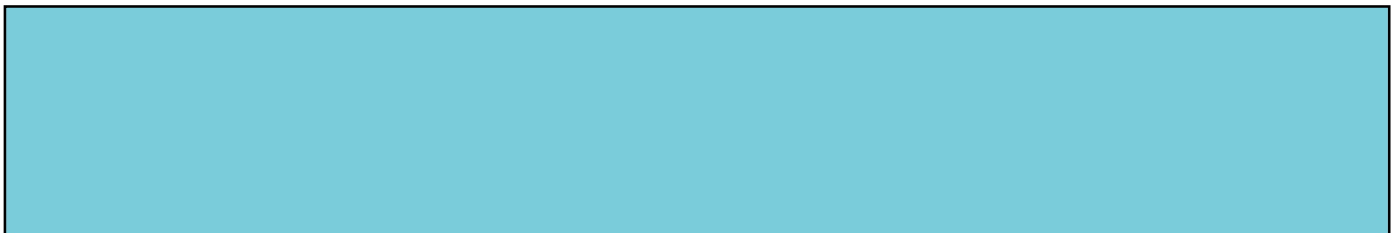
What You Need: For every two children you’ll need two balloons, one piece of string, tape.

What You Do:

1. Look over the discussion questions and the experiment
2. Divide the group into pairs.
3. Distribute two balloons, tape, and a piece of string to each group.
4. Use the instructions on the Activity Page to perform the experiment.

Pre-Experiment Questions

1. What do you think would happen if we held these two regular balloons near each other?
2. What happens to a balloon if you rub it against your hair?
3. After you rubbed one of the balloons against your hair, what do you think would happen if the balloons were near each other?





Experiment Instructions

1. Gather two balloons, tape, and a piece of string.
2. Blow up both balloons and tie knots at the end of each balloon to keep the air inside the balloon.
3. Tie one end of the string to one of the balloons.
4. Tape the other end of the string to a surface, such as a table or the floor.
5. Rub the free balloon against your hair several times.
6. Hold the free balloon near, but not touching, the balloon on the string to see what happens.

What You Say: “Wasn’t that experiment so cool? Did anyone already know what would happen to the balloons? Can anyone explain why that happened? When you rubbed the balloon on your hair, it charged the balloon and created a bit of static electricity. The balloon changed when you rubbed it in your hair because it was charged with electricity. Then, when the balloon with the electric charge got close to the balloon on the string, the balloon on the string changed too—it moved!

“That’s kind of like what happens when we put our trust in God! When we trust Him and spend time with Him, His power becomes part of our lives. We get ‘Zapped.’ We change from the time we spend with God. Then, we can help our family and friends’ lives to change too—just like the balloon we rubbed in our hair changed the balloon on a string.

3. Quiz Off

What You Need: Bibles, Quiz Off Activity Page (one per group)

What You Do:

1. Divide the group into two teams.
2. Explain to the kids that you are going to play a review game that covers the stories from the last seven weeks. You will ask them a question and the first team to raise their hands and answer the question correctly gets a point.
3. Ask questions



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1. What did Peter do before he was a Jesus follower—what was his job? (Fisherman)
2. When Peter hadn't caught any fish after fishing all night, what did Jesus tell him to do? (Go out into the deep water and let down his fishing nets.)
3. When Jesus' disciples were in the boat on the Sea of Galilee, what happened to make them afraid? (The storm and/or the sight of Jesus walking on the water.)
4. Jesus invited Peter to walk on the water. What happened to Peter? (He took his eyes off Jesus and started to sink.)
5. When Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was, what did Peter say? (You are the Christ. You are the Son of the living God.)
6. What did Jesus do after Peter gave Him that answer? (Jesus changed Peter's name from Simon to Peter.)
7. During their last meal together, what sad news did Jesus give His disciples? (He was going to be betrayed by Judas and would die on a cross.)
8. Why did Jesus go to the Garden of Gethsemane? (To pray.)
9. What did Jesus say that Peter would do during Jesus' trial/crucifixion? (Deny that Peter knew Jesus three times.)
10. How did Jesus' followers know He had risen from the dead? (Some ladies went to care for His body, and it wasn't there anymore. Then Jesus appeared to one of them.)
11. What basic message did Peter give to the people on the day of Pentecost? (That Jesus died, was buried, and rose again. People should turn from their sins, trust Jesus, and be baptized.)
12. How were people from other countries able to understand what Peter said? (The Holy Spirit allowed everyone to understand Peter's message, even if they didn't speak the language Peter was speaking.)
13. What did Peter do for the man who was begging at the temple instead of giving him money? (Peter healed him.)
14. How did Cornelius know to find Peter? (An angel told him in a vision.)
15. What did Peter tell the people who were gathered at Cornelius' house? (He told them the story of Jesus and how to believe in Him.)

What You Say: "Wow! You guys have sure learned a lot about Peter! Isn't it awesome to see what God can do through the life of one person? Peter was just a fisherman when Jesus called him to become a follower. Peter was 'Zapped' that day. Peter chose to follow and plug into God's power. Peter wasn't always perfect, but as Peter continually plugged into God's power, God helped Peter see and do what he should. The really great thing is that when we are 'Zapped,' when we plug into God's power, He will help us see and do what we should!"



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4. Zap! (Prayer)

What You Say: “This summer we’ve been talking about ‘Zapped.’ We’ve been talking about how plugging into God’s power helps you see and do what you should. That definitely happened in Peter’s life, right? One way to plug into God’s power is to pray and ask Him for it. Let’s take a few minutes to ask Him for His power!”

1. Gather kids into a circle.
2. Pray for each kid individually and ask God to help them plug into His power.

“Even though our summer is coming to a close, that doesn’t mean that we’re done being ‘Zapped.’ Keep plugging into God’s power each day by reading your Bible and praying and see what a difference it makes in your life

