

Small Group WEEK 7

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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)

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. Dissolving Paper

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

What You Do:

1. Pass out pieces of paper to each kid.
2. Explain to them that they are going to write down the name of a person they need to forgive.
3. Have kids share who they need to forgive and what they need to forgive them for.
4. 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.”





2. Memory Verse Race

(Memory Verse Review: Romans 4:20-21, NIV)

What You Need: Romans Memory Verse Cards Activity Page, 2 sets per group; Bibles.

What You Do:

1. As a group, look up the memory verse. Encourage students to begin at the back and flip pages toward the right. Tell them to look for Romans on the outside corner of the pages. Remind them that the big number is the chapter number and the little number is the verse number.
2. Read the verse as a group.
3. Divide the group into two teams.
4. Place the stack of cards from the activity page on the floor/ground for each team.
5. Line each team up several feet away from their stack of cards.
6. The first person from each team should race to the stack of cards, pick one and run back to their team.
7. Repeat until all cards have been brought back to the team.
8. Teams should work together to put the cards in order.

OPTION: For older kids, have them hop on one foot, crab walk, or bear crawl to the cards.

What You Say: “You guys did a great job racing and gathering your cards! Today, we’re learning that **[RECYCLE]** God wants to use me to show others the power of His **forgiveness**. That may seem like a hard job, but this verse reminds me that I can do it! God will do what He promises, and He promises to always be with me—to help me. What an AWESOME God we have! Be sure and get your button to help you remember that incredible truth!”





3. 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 draw a picture of someone that they need to forgive.
3. Allow the kids to pray individually and ask God to help them forgive the person who they drew 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!

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

