

Small Group WEEK 8

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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)

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. Charged or Not? (Application Activity)

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.”

2. Win, Lose or Draw (*Bible Story Review*)

What You Need: Peter’s Life Activity Page (one per group), blank paper, markers, scissors.

What You Do:

1. Cut out the events on the Activity Page and put them in a pile on the floor.
2. Divide your group into two teams.
3. One person draws one of the events from Peter’s life from the pile of cards on the floor and acts it out. The rest of his/her team has 30 seconds to guess what it is.
4. If that team guesses incorrectly, the opposing team gets one guess. Alternate teams.





Events from Peter's life:

1. Peter fishing with his friends.
2. Peter walking on the water.
3. Peter starting to sink in the water.
4. Peter pretending like he didn't know Jesus in the courtyard.
5. Peter preaching to a crowd.
6. Peter talking to Cornelius.

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!"

3. 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.

Keep plugging into God's power each day by reading your Bible and praying and see what a difference it makes in your life!

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

