

Weekend Curriculum:

SMALL GROUP

City & Alley



August 6 & 7, 2016

WEEK 1 – My adventure begins with Jesus.

Bible Story: Acts 9:1-19 (Paul on the road to Damascus)

1. BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Needed: Bibles

Read Acts 9:3-9 together with the kids. For 1st graders, you will need to read the verses aloud. For older kids, have each kid read a verse around the group.

Ask the kids the following 2 questions and discuss:

2. BLIND AND NOW I SEE – do this activity when you are not at the mazes with your group.

What You Need: Bandanas; 1 for each kid, paper, pencils/markers

What You Do:

- Blindfold the kids using a bandana. Instruct kids to draw an object while blindfolded. Potential suggestions are: a stick person, a house, a cat, etc. You could challenge older kids to come up with a category for the illustrator to pick an object from.
- Remove the blindfold and kids draw the same object, only this time they can see what they are drawing.
- Compare the two pictures.

What You Say:

“Drawing the objects blindfolded is like being blind to the story of Jesus. You’re in the dark, not really sure what to do or what your next move is. Often the results are a bit messed up just like some of our drawings. But I know **the story of Jesus changes how I see Him**. It is like the change in your drawings once you were able to see. When your eyes are open, you can see what’s real and you can determine where your next move could be. Just like in our story with Saul, when you know the story of Jesus—the true story—you can show others who He really is and how much He loves the world and everyone in it.”

3. BLINDFOLD MAZE – take turns at the maze with the other small groups

**(Campus Coordinators will use painter’s tape to make several maze patterns on the floor. The maze will be in two parallel lines that leave an open path in between.)*

Groups will need to take turns using the mazes on the floor.

Small Group Leaders will have the kids to choose a partner. Each partner team will blindfold one of the players. The other partner will lead them to the beginning of the maze.

The player without the blindfold will then give directions to their teammate in order to keep them on the path and not allow them to stray off and touch the tape. If their feet touch the tape, they’re out and the next partner team is up. Directions to be given can be things such as: take two baby steps straight forward, turn 90 degrees to the right, walk slightly diagonally to the left, etc. The goal is to safely walk your teammate through the maze to the end.

4. PRAY

First spend some time with the kids reviewing the Bible story. Ask them what they remember about the story, what their favorite part was, etc. Then share a kid-appropriate personal story of how you’ve seen God work in your life. Pray together that the kids would see God work in their lives this next week.