

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



## 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Pennies

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct kids to hold their own hands together, palm to palm then fold down all their fingers except their ring fingers while keeping their palms as close together as possible.
- They should have all of their fingers interlaced while keeping their ring fingers upright.
- Carefully place a penny between the tips of each kid's ring fingers.
- Challenge kids to drop the penny without unfolding their fingers or loosening the palms. This is nearly impossible to do.
- (If kids loosen the other fingers in order to release the penny, it doesn't count.)

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"It's pretty much impossible to separate your two ring fingers enough to drop the penny. The muscles that control those fingers are not able to pull away from each other. It's as if they're glued together and inseparable. **[Transition]** In today's Large Group we're going to discover something else that sticks with us like glue and is inseparable no matter what. Let's go find out."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

### Inseparable

Nothing Can Separate  
Us from God  
Romans 8:38-39

## KEY QUESTION

**What are some things that are true about God?**

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**God loves you no matter what.**

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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until the day of Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 1:6, NIV

## MONTHLY LIFE APP

**Confidence—Learning to see  
yourself the way God sees you**

## BASIC TRUTH

**I can trust God no matter what.**

## MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



## 1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Hand sanitizer, Skittles or die/colored game spinner

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Provide hand sanitizer for kids to use prior to the game if they will be eating the candy.
- Give kids a snack-size package of Skittles candy.
- Refer to the color chart below as you invite kids to share.
- If you are opting to use a game spinner or dice, modify the options below to work with the specific colors on the spinner or numbers on the die.
  - Red: What do you love about God?
  - Orange: What do you wish everyone knew about God?
  - Yellow: What is something you know to be true about God?
  - Green: What's one thing that CAN'T separate us from God?
  - Purple: When do we feel like God isn't with us?
- Continue until all the kids have had a chance to answer at least a couple of their questions.

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an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



## 2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible, guest speaker, (optional) cardstock squares, markers, straws, glue

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite one of the kids to read Romans 8:38-39 to the group.
- Remind kids that they are literally surrounded by God's love.
  - He loves them in good times and bad. He loves them even when they don't love Him back.
  - When they feel alone or afraid, embarrassed, or confused He is always there.
  - NOTHING can separate them from God's amazing, never-ending love for those who choose to follow Him!
- If you've invited a guest speaker to share their faith story with the kids, introduce them now.
- Direct the conversation as needed using prompts similar to the ones below.
  - Tell us how you came to be a follower of Jesus.
  - How has God shown you that He will never leave you?
  - If you ever feel separated from God, what helps you most?
  - How has following God or knowing what He says changed or influenced something you did?
  - What does Romans 8:38-39 mean to you?
- Allow time for kids to ask questions.

### Optional/Additional Activity:

- Lead kids in the following activity as time allows or if you do not have a guest speaker.
  - Give each kid two two-inch squares of cardstock.
  - Set out markers.
  - Ask kids to draw a large heart on one square and write "GOD" in bold letters on the other.
  - Place the straw between the cards like a sandwich and glue the back sides of the cards together with the straw centered between them.
  - Show kids how to twirl the straw between the palms of their hands then observe what happens. The word "GOD" appears in the heart.
- Ask:
  - When life feels like it is spinning out of control—like the twirling cards on the ends of a straw—how does the promise of God's continuous love give us confidence?
  - If nothing can separate us from God's love, why do we sometimes feel alone and far from Him? What can we do when that happens?

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- Remind kids that God's love for us was shown most greatly when He sent Jesus to die in our place and make a way for our sins to be forgiven. Putting our faith in Jesus and choosing to follow Him gives us the confidence and promise that we can never be separated from God's love.
- Give kids the opportunity to ask any questions they might have about what it means to put their faith in Jesus and become His child. Follow up with parents/guardians of kids who want to take next steps in putting their faith in Jesus.

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GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

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an activity that invites kids to share  
and collaborate with others while  
growing their understanding



## 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- Tell us something you believe is true about God. How does that belief show up in the way you live?
- If we believe that God loves us no matter what, how can that change how we live?
- We can't earn God's love by going to church, being good, smart, kind, cool, or any other way. So, what is God's love for us based on?
- How is God's love different from any other kind of love?

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## 4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, notebooks, pens, notecards

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a notecard and pen.
- Use the following demonstration to lead into a discussion about our life being inseparable from God's love when we know Jesus.
  - Place two notebooks on a flat surface with the binding edges facing inward. One notebook will have the cover facing up and the other face down.
  - Open the cover of one notebook then open the other and lay it on top of the first making sure the two covers completely overlap.
  - Begin flipping the pages over one at a time alternating between the notebook on the left and the one on the right.
  - Involve the kids in this process by letting them take turns flipping a few pages from each notebook.
  - When kids come to a page that has something written on it, pause and let all the kids write the word on their notecard.
  - Continue until both notebooks are entirely overlapping.
- Direct two volunteers to hold the notebooks just inside the edge of the binding and try to pull them apart. The two notebooks should be basically impossible to separate.
- Ask kids to read what they wrote on their notecard and then look up Philippians 1:6 to make sure they wrote it correctly.
- Discuss the verse using the following questions.
  - What does Philippians 1:6 tell you about God? What does it tell you about those who follow Jesus?
  - How does it give you confidence knowing that God started and will finish His good plan for you? How does that challenge you?
  - When bad things happen to us and life is hard, how can the promise of Philippians 1:6 encourage us?
- Provide a few minutes for kids to practice memorizing Philippians 1:6 as a group or with a partner.
- Encourage them to share the verse with someone this week who is feeling discouraged or needs to be reminded that if we have a relationship with Him, God is always at work in us, always loves us, and never leaves us.

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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space  
for personal processing  
and application



## 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to name at least ten different emotions they felt this past week.
- If needed, prompt ideas by asking them to think of emojis they may have used in a text over the past few days (happy, sad, confused, angry, worried, afraid, surprised, excited, bored).
- Remind kids that no matter how we feel, we can know that God is with us. Our best days and worst can't change the fact that He is beside us all the time.
- Invite kids to take turns thanking God for His love. Encourage them to think of a specific way they see God's love at work in their life by saying something like, "I see Your love for me . . ."

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You that Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. We know that when we believe in Jesus, we can have a relationship with You that will last forever. Thank You for making all of that possible because You love us. Amen."

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