



Small Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Greeting & Prayer (5 minutes)

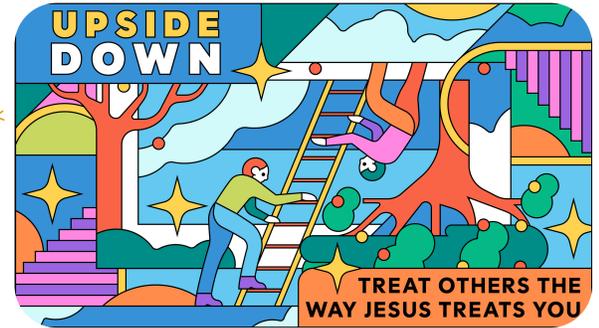
The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

Small Group Activity (15 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Pray & Dismiss (5 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.



Bible Story

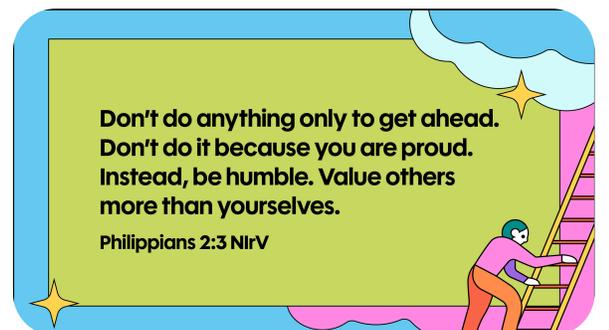
Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38-42

Bottom Line



Monthly Memory Verse



K1 | W4

Greeting & Prayer



What You Need

- A Spinning Wheel
- Prayer Chart

① What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive -> Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God that His love is for the whole world, and that includes you and every person you will ever meet. Recall an age-appropriate story about a time you were confused about God, and He met you in your questions. Ask God to help the kids in your group understand that “the whole world” means everyone. Pray they would know God loves them, He loves their family, He loves their friends, and He loves the new person at school.

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
- Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.

② What You Say

“Prayer is how we talk with God, our loving Father. The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing—talking to Him anytime, anywhere. Whatever you do, begin with prayer. When you do, you can trust that God is in control and working in every situation.”

Transition -> Lead your group to the small group activity



ACTIVITY ONE

Parachute Story



Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- Bible
- Small parachute or a large sheet
- Pom-poms

What You Do:

- Read Luke 10:38-42 out loud to the group.
- Spread the parachute on the floor and scatter the pom-poms all over it.
- Instruct the kids to grab the edge of the parachute with you.
- Say, "In our story, Martha was very busy. She was worried and upset about many things. Let's pretend these pom-poms are all the things Martha was busy with. Let's shake the parachute and make them all jump around!"
- Let the kids shake the parachute for a minute.
- Say, "But Mary made a different choice. She chose to stop and just be with Jesus. Let's do that now."
- Instruct the kids to lift the parachute high over their heads, and then quickly bring it down behind them so they are all sitting underneath it in a quiet "tent."
- While under the parachute, whisper: "Mary sat quietly at Jesus' feet, just listening to Him."

What You Say:

"It was fun to be busy, but it was also nice to be still and quiet, wasn't it? Jesus told Martha that trying to do all of those nice things for Him and His friends was good, but that Mary had chosen what is better. She chose to [Bottom Line] make time for Jesus first.

"Sometimes we get busy doing lots of different things. Maybe we are busy playing sports or practicing an instrument or drawing or playing with friends. Those are not bad things—in fact, there are a lot of good things we can spend our time doing. But today in our Bible Story, we learned that out of everything we do, it's most important to spend time with Jesus first. When we **[Bottom Line] make time for Jesus first**, we turn our hearts toward Him, and we can do all of those things aware that He is with us! Making time for Jesus first affects everything!"

Inclusive Pro Tips



Use thumbs-up and thumbs-down if not all children can sit and stand easily.

Quiet Line Up

What You Need

- Bible marked at Philippians 2:3



What You Do:

- Give each kid a Bible marked at Philippians 2:3.
- Demonstrate how to look up the verse using the Bible Navigation Tips.
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Tell the kids you have a challenge for them. They have to line up in different ways, but they have to do it without talking! They can only use hand signals and gestures.
- Give them the first challenge: "Line up from shortest to tallest, without talking!"
- Give them the next challenge: "Line up in alphabetical order by your first name, without talking!"
- Give them one more: "Line up in order of your birthdays, from January to December, without talking!" (You may need to help with this one.)
- Once they are in their final line, open a Bible and read the verse, Philippians 2:3, to the group.
- Say the Memory Verse together as a group.

What You Say:

"Wow, you had to work together and put others first to get in the right order. Our Memory Verse is all about that! It's so important to take time to learn verses from the Bible. That way wherever we are, we can remember God's Word. The Bible is the truth that God has told us! When we choose to be humble and put others first, including Jesus, it helps us remember that really only one thing is needed: to [Bottom Line] make time for Jesus first."

Inclusive Pro Tips



Print "Verse Motions" Activity Pages to support visual learners and readers who want to follow along on their own copies of the motions.

Pray and Dismiss



What You Say

“Dear Jesus, thank You for wanting to spend time with us every single day. It’s easy to get worried and upset about many things, but please help us to remember to [Bottom Line] make time for Jesus first. We want to go through life knowing You are with us, so our hearts can rest in You no matter how busy things get. Help us to be like Mary and choose what is better, spending time with You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Transition -> As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share one promise from today’s Bible Story that God kept and remind the kids to share that *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is good news for everyone.

Inclusive Pro Tips



Instead of praying silently, give options for the kids to write or doodle to God quietly.