

GROUPS 2/5

Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ Timer
- ☐ Blocks

Inclusive Supplies:

- ☐ Foam Blocks



① What You Do

1. Divide the kids into groups of 2-3.
2. Give each group enough blocks to build a base.
3. Instruct all of the teams to build a base with their blocks.
4. Place the remaining blocks in a pile in your group area, an equal distance away from all teams' bases.
5. Say, "Each of you is part of a team of builders. Your goal is to build the tallest, strongest tower. But there's a twist. On your turn, you can either: run and take a block from the center pile, OR steal one block from another team's tower."
6. Explain that during each round, kids are to take turns one at a time, and on their turn they can:
 - Take a block from the center to build.
 - Or, take one block from another team.
7. Set the timer (**FOR TWO MINUTES**) and start the game.
8. When the time is up, signal the kids to freeze and examine the towers.
9. Use the Bible Story Talk below to recap in between each round.
10. Play several rounds of the game.
11. After all of the rounds are completed, pause and discuss.
 - How did it feel when someone stole your team's block?
 - What were you focused on: winning or building wisely?

Bible Story Talk

1. Invite several kids to recap the Bible Story in three words.
 - Example: Kings, selfish, unwise, wise
2. Say: "Today's Bible Story showed us ups and downs of kings who had choices to make. Some chose to follow God and God's ways, and the people they reigned over were blessed! Other kings didn't, and it caused a lot of trouble. God's way is always the best way to live."
3. Ask: "Our lives are built on choices. When we choose to think only about ourselves or too much about others (like when you went to take blocks from the other team), what are the consequences?"

Inclusive Pro Tips



Instead of running to get blocks, place a center pile within reach of everyone at a table or on the floor.

To adapt to the sensory needs of your group, consider using foam blocks.

GROUPS 3/5

Discussion Questions

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→ No Supplies Needed



① What You Do

Ask the following:

1. Why do your choices matter?
2. If you could ask God for anything today, what would it be?
3. How do you think asking the Holy Spirit for help changes the way we make choices?
4. What could you ask the Holy Spirit before you have to make a choice?
5. What are some wise choices that you think Jesus lived out?
6. What do you think it means to "build" your life on godly wisdom?

Inclusive Pro Tips



Be sensitive to kids who may need extra time to process their thoughts and respond. Be patient and create a safe space where everyone has a chance to share when they're ready.

Frequently check for understanding during discussion by asking questions like, "Can someone share in their own words what we're talking about?"

GROUPS 5/5

Pray and Dismiss

Prayer Activity

Faith Skills

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What You Need

- ☐ Index cards
- ☐ Pencils



① What You Do

1. Give every kid a pencil and an index card.
2. Ask: "Why do wise friendships matter?"
3. Encourage the kids to think about their friends and ask: "Are they helping you grow closer to God?"
4. Invite kids to write or draw a prayer asking God for help choosing friends who are wise and kind.
5. Close in prayer.

God, thank You so much for bringing people into our lives. Thank You for friends, leaders, and others who remind us and challenge us to live more like Your Son, Jesus. When we say yes to Jesus, You welcome us into Your family, and that means we're all connected! Help us to find friends who follow You and love You, friends who show their faith in You by how they live and treat others. Help us to ultimately be that friend for others too. You know best, so help us to seek You for wisdom about our lives. We love You so much, God. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.