



Small Group Leader Guide

GRACE

WEEK 1 THE FALL

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the Welcome Question: **Who is a famous person you'd like to get a letter from?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

- Stray Maze activity sheet (1 per child)
- Markers (1 set per group)

To Do

1. **Give** a Stray Maze activity sheet to each child.

Say: One of these paths leads back to Nitro, but the other two don't. Nova can't see which path to take, but we can. Let's help him get back where he belongs.

2. Kids **trace** the right path Nova needs to follow with markers provided.

Ask: When Nova strayed away from Nitro, he needed our help to find the right path back. How can we get back on God's path for our lives after we stray away by sinning?

3. Kids **respond**. *Choose to follow Jesus, ask for God's forgiveness, pray, ask God to show us the choices we need to make, etc.*
4. **If time allows**, kids **color** the rest of the activity sheet.

Choose questions to ask while kids work.

1. **How did Clint stray away in the video?** *He broke the rules and gave the Konnect blueprints to Professor Sssable.*
2. **Would you have forgiven Clint for the huge mistake he made?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **Vintage Konnect Trivia: What was Luke's job before he joined the Konnect crew?** *Safety inspector*

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion Time.

Small Group Discussion

Say the Point and Verse out loud together.

Just like a stray, we've all turned away.

Isaiah 53:6 NLT

All of us ... have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. ...

1. **What does it mean when a person strays away from God's path?** *They chose their own way instead of God's way, they sinned, they haven't chosen to follow Jesus, etc.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What is God's grace?** *Jesus was punished for our sins so we can be friends with God again.*
2. **What does it mean to follow God's path?** *Doing what God plans for you: love, obedience, respect, serving, spending time with God, following Jesus, etc.*
3. **Why is it better to follow God's path instead of your own?** *You only know a little bit about the world, but God knows everything.*
4. **What happens if you follow your own path instead of God's?** *You sin, hurt others, and miss out on a close friendship with God.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What things make you want to follow your own path instead of God's path?** *Laziness, bad attitude, distractions, etc.*
2. **What will you do when you need help staying on God's path this week?** *Pray to God, read the Bible, talk to a trusted leader, worship God, etc.*

Pray Together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like you to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over all the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: *God, Thank You for loving us and sending Jesus so we can follow Your path instead of being lost in sin. In Jesus' name, amen!*

Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

Check Out

1. **Continue talking**, **color** activity sheets, and **talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card.
2. When a kid from your Small Group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.



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WEEK 2 THE LAW

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.

Discuss the Welcome Question: *What's a funny rule you would make?*

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

- Wanted Poster activity sheet (1 per child)
- Markers (1 set per group)

To Do

Explain: Real Wanted Posters show people who broke the law so others can help the police catch them. THIS Wanted Poster is a little different. It's going to show someone who broke God's law. We'll draw their face to remind us to pray they choose God's love, grace and forgiveness.

1. **Give** kids a Wanted Poster activity sheet.

Say: Now think of someone you know who needs God's grace and forgiveness. You can even choose yourself, if you want, because we have ALL broken God's law.

2. Kids **write** the names of the people they thought of on the poster, and **draw** one of the people's faces on the face on the poster.
3. **If time allows**, kids **color** the rest of the activity sheet.

Choose questions to ask while kids play.

1. **What can you do this week for the people listed on your wanted poster?** *Pray for them, share God's love with them, tell them about Jesus, etc.*
2. **Which law from the old book of Konnect Space Station laws was the silliest?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **Vintage Konnect Trivia: Which Konnect crew member has a lot of friends and family members who don't believe in Jesus yet?** *Luke*

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion Time.

Small Group Discussion

Say the Point and Verse out loud together.

God's law shows me how I've sinned. I need God's grace to be His friend!

Romans 3:23 NLT

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

1. **What does "God's glorious standard" mean?** *Living a perfect life without sin, never breaking God's law, etc.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What is God's grace?** *Jesus was punished for our sins so we can be friends with God again.*
2. **Why did God give his people over 600 laws in the Old Testament?** *To show them how life works best, to show they could never be 100% perfect, to show they needed God's grace and forgiveness.*
3. **Why don't we follow all the laws God gave His people in the Old Testament?** *Jesus came to finish the old law and give us grace to follow God, instead.*
4. **What is God's law of love?** *Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What are some ways you can follow God's law of love this week?** *Spend time with God, pray, worship, serve others, show love to people, forgive, share, etc.*
2. **What can help you follow God's law of love this week?** *Pray for help, talk to a trusted leader, read the Bible, etc.*

Pray Together

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like you to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over all the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: *God, Thank You for Your grace and forgiveness. Please help us show Your grace to others by following Your law of love. In Jesus' name, amen!*

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Check Out

1. **Continue talking**, **color** activity sheets, and **talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card.
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3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.



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WEEK 3 THE CROSS

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2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.

Discuss the Welcome Question: *What would you do to save a friend in danger?*

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

- Cross Bingo card set (1 set of 10 per group)
- Cross Bingo activity supplement (1 per group)
- Bingo chips (1 set per group)

To Do

1. **Give** each kid a Cross Bingo card and nine Bingo chips.
2. **Say:** Let's play Cross Bingo! Cover up the picture that matches each part of the Easter story I talk about. If you cover all nine pictures, call out, "BINGO!"
3. Randomly **read** descriptions from the Cross Bingo activity supplement.
4. The first kid to cover all of the pictures on their Cross Bingo card **wins**.
5. **If time allows, play** again.
6. **Collect** Cross Bingo cards from kids so they can be used again.

Choose questions to ask while kids play.

1. **How do you feel when someone you love is far away and you can't talk to them?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Would you have sacrificed yourself for Mike? Why or why not?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **Vintage Konnect Trivia: Name all of the Konnect crew members who aren't on Konnect Station anymore.** *Emily, Clint, and Cruz*

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion Time.

Small Group Discussion

Say the Point and Verse out loud together.

Jesus came to save the lost. He took our place upon the cross.

Luke 19:10 NLT

"... the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

1. **Who is "the Son of Man," and who are "those who are lost?"** *Jesus; anyone who hasn't asked Jesus' forgiveness.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What is God's grace?** *Jesus was punished for our sins so we can be friends with God again.*
2. **When did God make the plan for Jesus to die for our sins: when Adam and Eve sinned, or before He created the world?** *Before He created the world*
3. **Why was Jesus the only one who could die on the cross for our sins?** *He is the only Son of God, and He is the only one who never sinned.*
4. **How do you get God's grace, and how long does it last?** *You get God's grace when you ask Jesus to forgive you and be your leader, and it lasts forever!*
5. **How can you show thankfulness for getting the gift of God's grace?** *Live like Jesus is your best friend.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What can you do this week to live like Jesus is your best friend?** *Pray; read the Bible; show love to myself, God, and others; serve others; put others first; etc.*
2. **What will you do this week to show God you're thankful He sent Jesus?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray Together

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like you to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over all the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: *God, Thank You for sacrificing Your Son, Jesus, so we can ask for grace and be friends with You. In Jesus' name, amen!*

Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

Check Out

1. **Continue talking, play** Cross Bingo again, and **talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card.
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3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.



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WEEK 4 EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

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2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the Welcome Question: **What do you love about Easter?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

- Resurrection Eggs activity sheet (1 per child)
- Sandwich bag (1 per child)
- Markers (1 set per group)
- Scissors (1 set per group)

To Do

1. **Give** each kid a Resurrection Eggs activity sheet and a sandwich bag.

Say: This sheet has eggs on it that tell the story of Easter. Let's turn it into a card game to play with our friends and family!

2. Kids **cut out** eggs and instructions.
3. Kids **write** their name on their instructions and **put** both instructions and eggs in their sandwich bags.
4. **Play** the Easter Egg Game as a group with one set of eggs, or kids **partner up** and **play**.
5. **If time allows**, kids **color** their resurrection eggs.

Choose questions to ask while kids play.

Who do you think celebrated Easter better: Alissa, Mike, Ray, Nitro, or Luke? *Answers will vary.*

What do you think about most on Easter? *Answers will vary.*

Vintage Konnect Trivia: Which Konnect crew member got melted gummy bears in their hair? *Alissa*

Small Group Discussion

Say the Point and Verse out loud together.

Jesus makes me God's friend because I believe He lives again!

Romans 10:9 NIRV

Say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord." Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved.

1. **What does "you will be saved" mean?** *Jesus will forgive your sins and make you forever friends with God.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **How long has Jesus existed?** *Since the very beginning, even before the world was created*
2. **After Jesus died on the cross, what happened?** *They placed Him in a tomb, and three days later He came back to life to show power over sin.*
3. **Why did Jesus choose to live on earth in a human body?** *To show us what a perfect life of love and obedience to God looks like, so He could die on the cross to take the punishment for our sins, etc.*
4. **How can you receive Jesus' forgiveness and start following Him?** *Admit your sins and ask His forgiveness, believe Jesus is God's Son who was raised from the dead, and choose to live the way Jesus did.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **How can you live in a way that shows you believe Jesus is alive?** *Talk to Him, read about His life and follow His example in the Bible, treat others the way He did, etc.*
2. **What can you do to remember Easter is about Jesus, not just candy, bunnies, and eggs?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray Together

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like you to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over all the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for our sins. Please help us choose to follow Him. In Jesus' name, amen!

Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

Check Out

1. **Continue talking, color** eggs, and **talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card.
2. When a kid from your Small Group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.