



## SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

WE'RE THE CHURCH  
WEEK 1 BODY OF CHRIST

### 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: **If you had to pick, would you rather be a mouth or an eyeball?**

### Small Group Activity

#### You'll Need

- 6' strip butcher paper (1 per group)
- Body of Christ activity supplement (1 per group)
- Markers (1 set per group)

#### To Do

**Say:** When we choose to follow Jesus, we're part of the body of Christ—God's Church. We have something special to do to show the world God's love, like each body part has something special to do to keep the body healthy.

1. One kid **lays** on the butcher paper while the group **traces** their outline.
2. **Label** the picture, "Body of Christ—The Church."
3. Kids **choose** a different part of the body from the Body of Christ Activity Supplement.
4. Kids **draw** their part of the body where it belongs and **label** it with its function listed on the supplement.
5. **If time allows**, kids **decorate** and **color** their "Body of Christ."

#### Choose questions to ask during the activity.

1. **Which part of this body do you want to be?**  
*Answers will vary.*
2. **Which one of the jobs on our picture do you think you could be really good at?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **What other jobs do you think people could do in the body of Christ?** *Answers will vary.*

### Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

The Church is everyone who follows Jesus.

1 Corinthians 12:27 NIV

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

1. **What is the body of Christ?** *Every single person who follows Jesus.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What is another name for the body of Christ?**  
*God's Church*
2. **Who is a part of God's Church?** *Everyone who follows Jesus*
3. **In the Bible story, what did people who followed Jesus do to help each other out and keep the church healthy?** *Sold their property; shared what they had; met together; prayed; etc.*
4. **What do you think it would be like if everyone in God's Church did the same job?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **What do you think it would be like if everyone in God's church decided not to do their special job?**  
*Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What can you do this week to help out at church?**  
*Obey my leaders; be a good friend; clean a mess; etc.*
2. **What can you do to find out what you're really good at doing for God's Church?** *Try different jobs; ask people what I'm good at; pray about it; etc.*

Pray together.

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

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, please show us what the special jobs we need to do to keep the body of Christ healthy. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **continue decorating** the "Body of Christ."
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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## SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

WE'RE THE CHURCH  
WEEK 2 LOVE ONE ANOTHER

### 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 would you vote for to be the hall monitor at your school?**

### Small Group Activity

#### You'll Need

- DIY slap bracelet (1 per child)
- 1 John 4:7 label (1 per child)
- Markers (1 set per group)

#### To Do

**Say:** When we choose to follow Jesus, we're a part of God's family—the Church! He fills us with His love, and He wants us to share it with all of our brothers and sisters in His Church! We'll make a bracelet to remind us to do that.

1. **Give** each kid a slap bracelet and a 1 John 4:7 label.
2. Kids **put** the 1 John 4:7 label on the bracelet.
3. Kids **draw** or **write** ways to love their brothers and sisters in Christ on the bracelet.
4. **If time allows**, kids **decorate** their bracelets with markers.

#### Choose questions to ask during the activity.

1. **This bracelet could be a gift to show God's love. Who would you give it to?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **If you keep your bracelet, where do you need to wear it to remind you to share God's love?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **What are some things the Bible verse on this bracelet can remind you to do?** *Answers will vary.*

### Small Group Discussion

#### Say the point and Bible verse together.

We're all sisters and brothers, so let's love one another.

1 John 4:7 NIV

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. ...*

1. **Where does true love come from?** *From God*

#### Choose a few review questions.

1. **Who are the "dear friends" in the Bible verse and the "sisters and brothers" in the point?** *Everyone in God's Church; people who follow Jesus*
2. **How good do you think you are at showing God's love to everyone?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **What do you think it would be like if we kept God's love to ourselves instead of sharing it?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **How is God's love different from only loving people who love you?** *God loves no matter what.*

#### Choose an action step question.

1. **Share one way you can show God's love to someone this week.** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What can you do to show love to someone who isn't kind to you?** *Answers will vary.*

#### Pray together.

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

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, thank You for loving us. Please help us to share Your love with everyone in your family. In Jesus' name, amen!

### Check Out

*Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.*

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **continue decorating** bracelets.
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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## SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

WE'RE THE CHURCH  
WEEK 3 GOOD NEIGHBORS

### 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: **How many neighbors do you have?**

### Small Group Activity

#### You'll Need

- Doll (1 per group)
- Bandage Labels (1 sheet per group)

#### To Do

1. **Show** kids the doll.

**Say:** This is our neighbor. He needs help. He's sick, hungry, cold, hurt, and needs a friend to talk to. Let's say today's Point together to remind us what to do.

4. **Say** the point together. *The point is printed on back.*
5. **Give** each kid a label marked with a ♥ from the sheet of Bandage Labels. If you have extra ♥ labels, give kids more than one.
6. Kids **stick** word bandages on the doll to spell out the point first, then stick blank bandages on the doll.
7. **Time** kids with your smart phone or by counting.
8. **Remove** the labels from the doll so it can be reused.
9. **If time allows, repeat** the game with labels marked with a ♦. **Challenge** kids to beat their previous time.

#### Choose questions to ask during the activity.

1. **How good of a neighbor do you think you are?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Who has been a good neighbor to you?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **What did they do to be a good neighbor?** *Answers will vary.*

### Small Group Discussion

#### Say the point and Bible verse together.

Good neighbors care, share, and they're always there.

Luke 10:27 NLT

... "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind." And, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

1. **Who should we love?** *God; our neighbors*

#### Choose a few review questions.

1. **When you follow Jesus and you're a part of God's Church, who's your neighbor?** *Everyone*
2. **What do you think it takes to be a good neighbor?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **In the Bible story, how can you tell the Samaritan was a good neighbor?** *He cared for someone he didn't know and who didn't even like him.*
4. **How do you think you can be a good neighbor to someone you don't like or who's mean to you?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **Share a time you needed someone else to be a good neighbor to you.** *Answers will vary.*

#### Choose an action step question.

1. **Share some ways you will be a good neighbor this week.** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Name someone you know who needs help, needs a friend, or who is hurt. What can you do this week to be a good neighbor to them?** *Answers will vary.*

#### Pray together.

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

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, thank You for filling us with your love so we can be good neighbors to everyone around us. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Check Out

*Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.*

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **play** a game like Telephone or Simon Says.
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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## SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

WE'RE THE CHURCH  
WEEK 4 PEOPLE FISHING

### 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: **Would you rather be a goldfish, a fisherman, or an evil doctor?**

### Small Group Activity

#### You'll Need

- Opaque cups (10 per group)
- Toy fish (1 per group)

#### To Do

**Say:** When we believe in and follow Jesus, we become part of God's Church! Part of being the Church means teaching other people about Jesus. In the Bible, Jesus calls it "fishing for people." Let's play a game about that!

1. **Place** cups upside down in the center of your group.
2. Kids **close** their eyes.
3. Secretly **put** the fish toy underneath one of the cups.
4. Kids **open** their eyes.
5. Kids **take turns** "fishing" by turning over a cup to see if the fish is there.
6. **If the fish is not there**, the kid **puts** the cup back.
7. **If the fish is found**, the kid **names** a person who needs to know more about following Jesus.
8. **As time allows**, repeat the game.

#### Choose questions to ask during the activity.

1. **Who has told you about Jesus?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What do you think would happen if we didn't "go fishing for people?"** *Answers will vary.*
3. **If you've told people about Jesus before, tell the story about what happened.** *Answers will vary.*

### Small Group Discussion

#### Say the point and Bible verse together.

I'm on a mission to go fishing—for people!

Mark 1:17 NIV

**"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."**

1. **What does it mean to fish for people?** *Tell others about Jesus and show them how to follow Him.*

#### Choose a few review questions.

1. **What is the Church?** *All the people who follow Jesus*
2. **How do you think people can tell that you follow Jesus?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **In the Bible story, Jesus taught His first disciples to fish for people. How can you learn to fish for people today?** *Ask others to help you; read what Jesus did in the Bible; pray; learn at church; etc.*
4. **What do you think happens when you tell people about Jesus but you don't live God's way?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **What distracts you from fishing for people?** *Answers will vary.*

#### Choose an action step question.

1. **What's your favorite part of following Jesus?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Who might like to follow Jesus if you shared your favorite part of following Jesus with them?** *Answers will vary.*

#### Pray together.

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

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, please fill me with courage to speak, serve, and give in a way that shares Jesus with everyone. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Check Out

*Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.*

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **repeat** the game.
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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