

YOUNGER KIDS LEADER GUIDE

SOCIAL DISTANCING ACTIVITY ADJUSTMENTS

Unit 25 • Session 4

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GOOD FRIENDS ADJUSTMENT

Direct the kids to sit facing one another, in a circle, if possible. Select a kid to start by saying one thing about herself that she believes makes her a good friend. Go around the circle, allowing each kid to share something about himself that makes him a good friend. End the game by asking the kids what about Jesus makes Him a good friend.

WRAP HIM UP ADJUSTMENT

Ask for two or three volunteers. Give each kid a roll of bath tissue. When you say go, players will wrap themselves from ankles to head. Ensure no kids have tissue wrapped in a way that could be dangerous, such as around their necks or covering their nose and mouth. At the end, award titles, such as “Fastest Wrapping,” “Neatest Wrapping,” or “Most Tissue Used.” Allow the wrapped kids a chance to break free.

KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY ADJUSTMENT

Display the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Colossians 1:13-14 together. Then cover the poster. Ask for volunteers who think they can recite the passage. One at a time, have kids complete a simple obstacle course in your teaching space. Use poly spots or masking tape to mark a path they must hop across. If a kid completes the challenge, she gets the opportunity to recite the passage. Other kids can cheer their friends on and get ready to recite the passage as they wait. To finish, take the path yourself and then read the key passage together.



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TAKE A TISSUE ADJUSTMENT

Instruct kids to face one another, sitting in a circle if possible. Pass out facial tissues to each kid, asking how many each would like to take. Then announce that for each tissue in a kid's hand, she should share that many facts about herself. Consider giving prompts: things that make you happy, things that make you sad, things that make you laugh, and so on.

WRAP UP RACE ADJUSTMENT

Ask for two volunteers. Give each volunteer a roll of bath tissue. When you say go, players will wrap themselves from ankles to head. Kids should use all of the paper, but be sure kids do not cover their feet, mouth, or eyes. When both kids are wrapped, prompt the rest of the kids to shout together, "Lazarus, come out!" Volunteers should break out of the wraps. Assist if needed.

