



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Character • Week 1 • Don't Fake It



Emcee Leads



Small Group Leader Leads



Video Leads



Countdown Timer

5 min

Start video when experience begins • Tidy room • Get into a small group with your kids



Small Group Welcome

3 min

Get kids talking • Help each kid in your small group feel seen and heard

- **Introduce** yourself and **welcome** kids by name.
- **Catch up** on prayer requests and life events.
- **Talk about** welcome question: **Which fruit is your favorite?**



Theme Song

1 min

Sing and dance along • Encourage your small group to join in



Emcee Intro Konnection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Rules Video

1 min

Focus your small group on video • Encourage kids to count out and say each rule with video



Emcee Giving Konnection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Offering Teaching Video

90 sec

Focus your small group on the video • Follow campus procedure to collect offering



Worship Teaching Video

1 min

Focus your small group on video • Stand with your kids when video prompts you to



Worship Music Videos

≈ 6 min

Sing and dance along • Encourage your small group to join in

- Get to Give
- Undefeated



Emcee Activity Konnection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Small Group Activity

9 min

Have fun doing activity with your small group

You'll Need

Per Kid	1 Fruit of the Spirit word search
Per Group	1 Set of markers

After Activity

Kids Keep	Their word search
You Keep	Markers (save to reuse)

To Do

Say: When you choose to follow Jesus, God's Holy Spirit grows the fruit of the Spirit in you. Let's see what you want Him to help you with the most.

1. **Give** each kid a Fruit of the Spirit word search.
2. **Read** each fruit of the Spirit out loud (printed in word bank of word search). Kids **secretly choose** one they want God to help them develop, **search** for it in the puzzle and **circle** it when they do.
3. Kids **guess** which word each kid circled in their group.
4. Kids **reveal** to the group which word they circled.

Say: When you follow Jesus, God is already helping you grow the fruit of the Spirit! The more you get to know Him, the more it shows. Let's ask Him to help us keep growing!

Pray: God, please help us choose to follow Jesus, choose to get to know You better, and choose to let the fruit of Your Spirit grow in us. In Jesus' name, amen.

5. **If time allows, complete and color** the word search.



Emcee Point Konnection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Konnnect HQ Teaching Show

≈ 20 min

Focus your small group on video as you watch it together



Konnnect HQ ABCs

1 min

Focus your small group on video • Help kids say admit, believe, and choose with video



Emcee Wrap-Up Konnection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Small Group Talk & Prayer

≈ 10 min

Get kids talking • Pray with your small group • Build relationships

Review the Point: Don't fake it. Let God's Holy Spirit change you.

Review the Verse: **Locate Bibles** in the room, **look up** the verse together, and **talk about** what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.

Galatians 5:16 NIRV ... live by the Holy Spirit's power. Then you will not do what your sinful nature wants you to do.

- What do you think this Bible verse is talking about?
- Choose a Question to Get Your Group Talking**
- What do you think it means to act fake?
 - Talk about a time when you acted good on the outside, but you actually felt bad on the inside.
 - If you get tired of making good choices, what do you think will help you?

Wrap Up

- **Pray** together.
- **Do** the small group activity again or **play** a game like *Simon Says* or *20 Questions*.

Leader Tip

Try using a rotation to let each kid get a turn to be the first person to give an answer if they'd like. This gives a chance at processing time to those who may need it.



Check Out

≈ 10 min

Greet parents • Praise kids • Stay in small group until check out ends

No activity supplement needed for this week.



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Character • Week 2 • Stop Lying



Emcee Leads



Small Group Leader Leads



Video Leads



Countdown Timer

5 min

Start video when experience begins • Tidy room • Get into a small group with your kids



Small Group Welcome

3 min

Get kids talking • Help each kid in your small group feel seen and heard

- **Introduce** yourself and **welcome** kids by name.
- **Catch up** on prayer requests and life events.
- **Talk about** welcome question: **What's the craziest lie you've ever heard someone tell?**



Theme Song

1 min

Sing and dance along • Encourage your small group to join in



Emcee Intro Koneksi

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Rules Video

1 min

Focus your small group on video • Encourage kids to count out and say each rule with video



Emcee Giving Koneksi

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Offering Teaching Video

90 sec

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Worship Teaching Video

1 min

Focus your small group on video • Stand with your kids when video prompts you to



Worship Music Videos

≈ 6 min

Sing and dance along • Encourage your small group to join in

- Hey Me
- Journey of a Lifetime



Emcee Activity Koneksi

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Small Group Activity

9 min

Have fun doing activity with your small group

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 Lip-shaped eraser

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Lip-shaped eraser (save to reuse)

To Do

Say: If you tell a lot of lies, other people won't know when they can trust you. I'll show you what I'm talking about with this game.

1. Leader **holds** the lip-shaped eraser and **says** one thing that's true about them and one thing that's not true. (Make something up, but try to keep it somewhat believable!)
2. Kids **guess** which thing isn't true.
3. Leader **tells** everyone which thing is made up.
4. Leader **passes** the eraser to another kid who would like a turn to share a truth and a lie.
5. **Repeat**, choosing a new kid to hold the eraser and share one truth and one made-up thing until each kid in your group gets a turn.

Say: When we told one truth and one lie, no one was sure what to believe. But, even if we tell a lot of lies, we can ask God to help us be honest, instead. Then people will learn they can trust us again!

6. **Collect** the eraser and save for reuse.



Emcee Point Koneksi

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Konnect HQ Teaching Show

≈ 20 min

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Konnect HQ ABCs

1 min

Focus your small group on video • Help kids say admit, believe, and choose with video



Emcee Wrap-Up Koneksi

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Small Group Talk & Prayer

≈ 10 min

Get kids talking • Pray with your small group • Build relationships

Review the Point: Tell the truth. Be honest in all you say and do.

Review the Verse: Locate Bibles in the room, **look up** the verse together, and **talk about** what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.

Proverbs 12:22 NLT The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.

- What do you think people can learn from this verse?
- Choose a Question to Get Your Group Talking**
- What do you think is so bad about lying?
 - What do you think can tempt people to lie sometimes?
 - Once you tell lies, what do you think can help people trust you again?
 - Who can you talk to when you need help being honest?

Wrap Up

- **Pray** together.
- **Do** the small group activity again or **play** a game like *Charades* or *Duck, Duck, Goose*.

Leader Tip

Make prayer time special and personal. Ask kids what they want to talk to God about and let them lead through praying for one another if they'd like!



Check Out

≈ 10 min

Greet parents • Praise kids • Stay in small group until check out ends

No activity supplement needed for this week.



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Character • Week 3 • Thank You



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Small Group Leader Leads



Video Leads



Countdown Timer

5 min

Start video when experience begins • Tidy room • Get into a small group with your kids



Small Group Welcome

3 min

Get kids talking • Help each kid in your small group feel seen and heard

- **Introduce** yourself and **welcome** kids by name.
- **Catch up** on prayer requests and life events.
- **Talk about** welcome question: **What's the best thing that ever happened to you?**



Theme Song

1 min

Sing and dance along • Encourage your small group to join in



Emcee Intro Connection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Rules Video

1 min

Focus your small group on video • Encourage kids to count out and say each rule with video



Emcee Giving Connection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Offering Teaching Video

90 sec

Focus your small group on the video • Follow campus procedure to collect offering



Worship Teaching Video

1 min

Focus your small group on video • Stand with your kids when video prompts you to



Worship Music Videos

≈ 6 min

Sing and dance along • Encourage your small group to join in

- Your Love Is
- Echo



Emcee Activity Connection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Small Group Activity

9 min

Have fun doing activity with your small group

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 Six-foot strip of butcher paper 1 Set of markers

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Markers (save to reuse)

To Do

Say: Even when bad things happen, we still have a lot of reasons to thank God. Let's create a special poster to show all the things we can thank God for, using the letters in the word "thankful" to help us.

1. **Place** butcher paper on the floor, **seat** kids around it, and **place** markers where all kids can access them.
2. Using a dark-colored marker, **write** the word "THANKFUL" in large letters, vertically, down the entire left side of the paper. *As shown on the **Thankful Acrostic Activity Supplement** on back of this guide.*
3. Kids **draw or write** something they're thankful for that begins with a letter of the word "thankful" in the space next to that letter.
4. **Help** kids with writing as needed. **Offer** ideas from the activity supplement. **Encourage** each kid to draw or write at least one thing they're thankful for—even if it doesn't start with a letter in the word "thankful." There are no wrong answers!
5. Kids **continue** drawing or writing to fill the paper with things they're thankful for as time allows.



Emcee Point Connection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Konnect HQ Teaching Show

≈ 20 min

Focus your small group on video as you watch it together



Konnect HQ ABCs

1 min

Focus your small group on video • Help kids say admit, believe, and choose with video



Emcee Wrap-Up Connection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Small Group Talk & Prayer

≈ 10 min

Get kids talking • Pray with your small group • Build relationships

Review the Point: I can be thankful when things are good—and when they're not.

Review the Verse: *Locate Bibles in the room, look up the verse together, and talk about what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIRV Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.

- What does this Bible verse mean to you?

Choose a Question to Get Your Group Talking

- How can a kid be thankful when they don't have everything they want?
- When someone chooses to follow Jesus, what do you think they can always be thankful for?
- If a kid wasn't feeling thankful, how would you help?

Wrap Up

- **Pray** together.
- **Do** the small group activity again or **play** a game like *Rock, Paper, Scissors* or *I Spy*.

Leader Tip

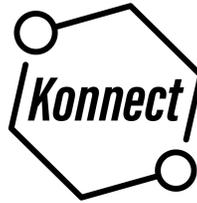
Do kids ever get off-topic during the welcome question? No problem. Let kids have fun and open up. It helps them feel more comfortable talking in small group later.



Check Out

≈ 10 min

Greet parents • Praise kids • Stay in small group until check out ends



THANKFUL ACROSTIC ACTIVITY SUPPLEMENT CHARACTER // WEEK 3 // THANK YOU

T

H

A

N

K

F

U

L

Write the word "THANKFUL" vertically, with lines between letters as shown in the picture on the left. The lines will help kids understand where to draw or write for each letter.

Ideas for things kids could draw or write next to each letter:

T - tickle fights, teachers, time to relax, tasty foods, turtles, trees, truth, trips, etc.

H - happiness, hugs, helpers, hamburgers, horses, hopping, hope, hamsters, etc.

A - aunties, apple pie, alligators, airplanes, art, acting, etc.

N - noodles, nightlights, naps, neighbors, nature, nectarines, etc.

K - kites, kittens, kids, kangaroos, kaleidoscopes, kazoos, ketchup, etc.

F - food, footballs, frisbees, foxes, frogs, flowers, firefighters, freeze tag, etc.

U - umbrellas, ukuleles, unicycles, uncles, us, the universe, etc.

L - love, laughing, lady bugs, learning, lions, lunchtime, lakes, lizards, etc.

*Kids can also **draw or write people they know** whose names start with these letters!*