



Small Group Leader Guide

ASK AND LISTEN

WEEK 1 TO THE ROOM! AND BEYOND!

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: *What would it be like to have ears the size of an elephant's?*

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

- No additional materials needed

To Do

Say: Let's play a game to practice listening. Listen carefully. There are no repeats!

1. **Seat** kids in a circle.
2. Whisper a phrase from the **Listen List** below—once and only once—to the kid on your right.
3. That kid **whispers** the phrase to the kid on their right.
4. **Continue** until the message is whispered to each kid.
5. The last kid **says** the message **out loud**.

Ask: That game is a little hard if all you can do is listen, though. What else is important to do when you need help?

6. Kids **respond**. *Ask!*
7. **Play again**, but kids can ask for repeats.
8. If time allows, **repeat** game.

Listen List

- ... we will find grace to help us when we need it most.
- When I need help, I can go to God.
- Ask God, and listen to Him.
- Room, where's my toothbrush?

Choose questions to ask while kids work.

1. **Do you think it's easier to get help when you just ask, ask and listen, or just listen?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Which Konnect Space Station crew member was your favorite this week?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **Vintage Konnect Trivia: Who is the creator of Nitro and the Konnect Space Station?** *Dr. Emo*

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion Time.

Small Group Discussion

Say the Point and Verse out loud together.

When I need help, I can go to God.

Hebrews 4:16 NLT

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There ... we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

1. **What does it mean to “come boldly to the throne of our gracious God?”** *Talk to God with confidence, knowing He loves you and He's listening.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **Why can you go to God when you need help?** *Because God loves me, is always there for me, and He promises to help us when we need it most*
2. **Think about the prayer Jesus prayed in the Bible story. What did you notice about how He spoke with God?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **What are some ways God will answer you when you ask Him for help?** *He'll answer you by giving you peace, strength, and letting you know in your heart what to do if you listen to Him.*
4. **Why is it good for you to go to God all the time, and not just when you need help?** *Each time you talk to and listen to God, you grow closer to Him. It forms a habit so you remember to go to Him first when you really need help.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What can you do this week to remind you to go to God every time you need help?** *Talk to God, read God's Word, spend time listening and being still with God—every day!*
2. **What can you do this week to remember to listen to God each time you talk to Him?** *Be quiet or spend time alone after you talk to God or 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 listening to us every time we come to You. Please help us listen for Your answer. In Jesus' name, amen!

Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

Check Out

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card and **play** the game again.
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.