



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

NATURE OF GOD
WEEK 1 GOD IS MY DAD

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 kind of animal would you try to sneak into Konnect HQ?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	1 DIY ornament
Per Group	Set of markers

After Activity

Kids Keep	Ornament they made
You Keep	Markers (<i>save for later use</i>)

To Do

Say: When we choose to follow Jesus, God is our Dad. That means all of us who follow Jesus are in God's family. You get to draw a family picture of you with Jesus to show God is your heavenly Dad!

1. **Give** each kid an ornament.
2. Kids use markers to **draw** a picture of themselves with Jesus on the blank insert of their DIY photo frame ornament.
3. Kids **place** the insert with their drawing on it into its spot on the ornament.
4. **If time allows**, kids **draw and color** other things they love about God on their ornament.

Choose questions to ask while kids work.

1. **At Konnect HQ**, what do you think **Dot** liked about the dad on the show "Home Plate"? *Answers will vary.*
2. **When we choose to follow Jesus**, who do we get as our perfect Dad? *God*

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

I am accepted and loved, a child of God above.

Ephesians 1:5 NIRV

So he decided long ago to adopt us as his children. He did it because of what Jesus Christ has done. ...

1. **Who are the children God adopts into His family?**
Everyone who chooses to follow Jesus

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What do you think is great about being a part of God's family?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What does God do to show He's a great Father?**
Answers will vary. Examples: He's always with me, He sent Jesus to forgive our sins, always listens, gives me what I need, loves me no matter what, etc.
3. **God is a good Father, but sometimes people think He's not. What do you think makes them feel that way?** *Answers will vary. Examples: their human father let them down, hurt them, wasn't around, etc.*
4. **What do you think can help people know God is a good Father?** *Answers will vary. E.g. talk with God, read the Bible, we can show God's love to them, etc.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What can you do to remind yourself God is a good Father?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Think of someone who might not know God is their Father. Share what you can do to show God's love 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 being our Dad. Please help us remember what a good Dad You are. 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 ornaments.
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.

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.



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WEEK 2 YOU CAN TRUST IN GOD

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 do you think about Christmas decorations?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Group	1 What's True activity supplement
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After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Activity supplement (save for later use)

To Do

Say: Let's play a game called "Two Truths and a Lie." It will help us see what's really is true about God and what amazing promises He has made to us!

1. **Read** a group of three phrases from the **Statements** column on the What's True activity supplement. *Say the number in front of each statement as you read through them.*
2. **Kids vote** on which statement they think is false by **holding up** 1, 2, or 3 fingers. *Repeat the statements if your kids need you to.*
3. **Reveal** which statement was the lie, and **read** the accompanying verse from the **Bible Verses** column to reinforce the truth.
4. **If time allows, repeat** steps 1-3 for the remaining blocks of statements on the activity supplement.

Choose a question to ask after the activity.

1. **Which statements seemed true, even though they were lies?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What is one truth about God you like to think about?** *Answers will vary.*

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

God always keeps His promises. Faithful and true is who He is.

Psalm 33:4 NIV

For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

1. **Who is always faithful?** *God*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What do you think about Ray leaving to go and take care of her grandpa?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What do you think faithful means?** *Keeping promises, being there for people, trustworthy, etc.*
3. **God is faithful and keeps His promises even when we are frustrated, upset, or make mistakes. What do you think about that?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **What do you think it feels like when things don't go the way you expected?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **If you can think of a time when things didn't go the way you were hoping but it still turned out okay, share it with your group.** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What can you do to learn about the promises God made to us?** *Read the Bible, ask someone who knows God's promises, pray, learn at church, etc.*
2. **What's a promise you can make and keep this week?** *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: Thank You, God, for being faithful to Your promises. Please help us trust You. 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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NATURE OF GOD WEEK 3 GOD IS LOVE—CHRISTMAS

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 is your favorite thing about Christmas?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Group	1 Christmas Story activity supplement 1 LifeKids pen
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After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Pen (<i>save for later use</i>) Activity supplement (<i>trash it or recycle it</i>)

To Do

Say: Let's have fun finishing a story together that's about God's love!

1. **Sit** in a circle and let your group **choose** which story on the activity supplement to fill out.
2. **Use** the italicized print underneath the first blank in the story to let your group know what type of word you need. *For example: "This blank needs to be filled in with a type of animal," or, "I need an action word to fill in this blank."*
3. **Ask** one kid in your group to **pick** a word to fill in that blank, and **write** the word they pick in the blank.
4. **Repeat steps 3 and 4** for the rest of the blanks in the story. **Choose** a different kid to pick a word each time. *If you still have blanks left after each kid has had a turn, you can let kids have another turn.*
5. Once all blank are filled in, **read** the completed story to your group and enjoy its silliness!
6. **If time allows, fill in and read** another story.

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

God gave the first Christmas gift to show us how to love and live.

Ephesians 5:2 NLT

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. ...

1. **What does the Bible verse tell us to do to follow Jesus' example?** *Live a life filled with love.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What was the first Christmas gift?** *God sent His only Son, Jesus, to Earth as a baby.*
2. **What do you think makes Jesus such a great Christmas gift?** *Answers will vary. Examples: Jesus shows us what God is like, Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins and make us right with God, etc.*
3. **Finish the sentence: I'm showing God's love to others when ____.** *Answers will vary.*
4. **What does "God is love" mean to you?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **Whether you're naughty or nice—God still loves you the same amount. What do you think about that?** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **God loved us first—how can we love Him back?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Jesus is a great example to follow when you want to love God and love others. How can you learn what He did?** *Read about Jesus in the Bible, ask people who know Jesus well, learn at church, 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: Thank You, God, for sending Your Son, Jesus, to forgive our sins and change our hearts to look like Yours. 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, **fill out** a story or **redo** a story with new words.
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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