



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

PEER RELATIONSHIPS
WEEK 1 LOVE EVERYONE

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 made a Valentine's Day candy heart, what would it say?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	1 Valentine craft kit 1 Envelope 1 LifeKids tattoo
Per Group	1 Set of markers

After Activity

Kids Keep	Valentine craft they made (in envelope, with tattoo)
You Keep	Markers (<i>save for later use</i>)

To Do

Say: When someone is mean to you, we can ask God to help us show love to them instead of being mean back.

1. **Give** each kid a Valentine kit, envelope, and tattoo.
2. Kids **make** the Valentine and **write** the name of someone who's been mean to them on it, storing it and the tattoo in the envelope provided.

Say: Give this Valentine and this tattoo to the person whose name you wrote on it. Pray good things for them every day, and look for ways to be kind to them.

3. **If time allows**, kids **color, decorate, and write** nice things on the Valentine and envelope.

Optional questions to ask during the activity

1. **What do you think it will be like if the person likes this Valentine?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What do you think it will be like if they don't like this Valentine?** *Answers will vary.*

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Love everyone because God loves you.

Matthew 5:44 NIRV

"... Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you."

1. **Who do you think your "enemies" are?** *Anyone who hurts you or is mean to you.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What does the Bible verse say you should do for your enemies?** *Love them and pray for them.*
2. **What do you think you should do if someone is mean to you and won't listen to you?** *Ideas: Get help from an adult, love them, pray for them, etc.*
3. **Hurt people hurt people. What do you think that means?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **What can you do if you get help, love someone, pray for them, and they *still* aren't kind?** *Keep getting help, loving them, and praying for them.*
5. **What does the Bible story (Romans 12:17-21) say you can do for people who aren't kind?** *Pray for them, feed them, give them a drink, be kind, etc.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What do you think will help you be kind to people when they're mean to you?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Will it be easy or hard for you to give the Valentine to the person you made it for?** *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 Your strength and power to help us be kind to 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 **continue decorating** Valentines.
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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PEER RELATIONSHIPS WEEK 2 HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS

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 snacks would you share with a new friend?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 Good Fruit/Bad Fruit activity supplement

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Activity supplement (<i>save for later use</i>)

To Do

Say: Love everyone, but pay attention when you're making new friends. Just like a healthy tree has good fruit, your friends who make good choices can help you make good choices, too.

1. **Line kids up** 5-10 feet away from you.

Say: If I read a good fruit, everyone takes one step toward me to show I'd make a good best friend. If I read a bad fruit, everyone takes two steps away from me.

2. **Read** off fruits from activity supplement in any order. All kids **take steps** forward or backward accordingly.
3. When time is almost up, **read mostly good fruits** so all of the kids can reach you.
4. **If time allows, play again** with a kid **reading** fruit.

Optional questions to ask after the activity

1. **What are your favorite fruits to eat?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Share some good choices that are good fruit I didn't say during the game.** *Answers will vary.*

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Be choosy when you're choosing best friends.

Proverbs 12:26 NLT

The godly give good advice to their friends; the wicked lead them astray.

1. **In the Bible verse, what do you think "astray" means?** *To go the wrong way*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What advice would you give someone who wants to make new friends?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: Introduce yourself, listen, give honest compliments, don't pretend to be someone you're not, etc.*
2. **What do you think is good about a best friend who loves God?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **What do you think happens when you spend lots of time with friends who make wrong choices?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **Which "good fruits" do you look for in a friend?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **Share some things you love about your best friend.** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What can you do if someone shows a lot of bad fruit, but they still want to be your best friend?** *Pray for them, be kind to them, and spend time with them when you have other godly friends around.*
2. **Who can you introduce yourself to 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: God, thank You for helping us be godly best friends and for helping us make new friends. 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 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.

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.



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WEEK 3 WHO ARE MY REAL FRIENDS?

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 question: **What game do you love to play with family or friends?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	1 Blank sheet of paper
Per Group	2 Loyalty Challenge activity supplements 1 Set of markers

After Activity

Kids Keep	1 Sheet of paper with their name on it
You Keep	Markers and activity supplements (<i>save for later use</i>)

To Do

Say: Godly friends are loyal. Being loyal means you're there for your friends, no matter what. Loyalty might take teamwork or makes things harder. But loyalty can be fun, too! Let's do some loyalty challenges together!

1. Kids **pair up**. Set out the activity supplements where all the kids can share them.
2. Kids **read, do, and discuss** the challenges on the activity supplement at their own pace. **Note:** *Read the challenges to kids who need help.*
3. **If time allows**, kids **pair up** with someone else and **do the challenges** again.

Optional questions to ask after the activity

1. **What did you think of the game they played at Konnect HQ?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Who do you think is the most loyal friend at Konnect HQ?** *Answers will vary.*

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Good friends are loyal.

Proverbs 17:17 NLT

A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.

1. **In the Bible verse, what do good brothers, sisters, and friends do?** *Stay loyal and help when you need it*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What does it mean to be loyal?** *Be honest, be kind, and be there for your friends—even when it's not fun for you.*
2. **Give some examples of ways to be loyal.** *Be there for friends even when it's not fun, keep promises, stand up for them, help them, etc.*
3. **Name some actions you think aren't loyal.** *Leaving people out, making fun of them, saying you're not friends anymore, breaking promises, lying, etc.*
4. **How is God loyal to us?** *He listens, forgives, keeps His promises, sent Jesus to die for our sins, etc.*
5. **Talk about a time you were loyal to a friend.** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What can you do to be loyal when your friend is upset?** *Ask them what they need, pray with them, listen to them, ask God to help them, etc.*
2. **Think of a good friend or family member. What can you do to be loyal to them 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: God, thank You for showing love and loyalty to us. Please help us show it to others. 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 **do the challenges** 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.



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WEEK 4 IF MY FAMILY IS FIGHTING

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: **Which would you rather play: Ping-pong, Go Fish, or Checkers?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 set of 21 cups 1 Cup Stacking activity supplement 1 set of Romans 14:19 labels (<i>you only need labels if they aren't on cups already</i>)

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Labeled cups and activity supplement (<i>save for later use</i>)

To Do

Say: Let's play a fun game! We'll stack the cups in the order of the Bible verse to build towers. Once we do it the easy way—we can try it a harder way!

1. **Follow** steps on the activity supplement to **add labels** to cups if needed.
2. **Use** the "Tower Difficulty Level: Easy" diagram to help kids **stack** the cups in order of the Bible verse.
3. If kids get the order wrong, **try again**.

Say: We mastered that challenge, but it took some work and cooperation! It reminds me of building up my family if they're fighting—it's tough to be kind and stay peaceful! Thankfully, God will help us. Now, are you ready for an even harder tower challenge?

4. **Challenge** them to master the "Tower Difficulty Level: Hard" diagram.
5. **If time allows**, kids **build** towers again.

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

I can have peace even if my family fights.

Romans 14:19 NIRV

So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another.

1. **What do you think it means to live in peace?**
Answers will vary.

Choose a few review questions.

1. **Are you more likely to join in on fights or try to get away from fights?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What might help you calm down and feel God's peace if other people are fighting?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: Taking deep breaths, praying, exercising, talking with a trusted adult or friend, remembering a Bible verse about peace, thinking of a safe place, etc.*
3. **What advice would you give to someone whose parents are fighting?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **What advice would you give to someone who is fighting with a parent?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **What advice would you give to someone who is fighting with a sibling?** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **Name two trusted adults you can talk to if your family is fighting and you need help.** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Name one thing you can do this week to help build up someone in your family.** *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 giving us peace, even if the people around us are fighting. Please help us to build others up. 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 **build** towers 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.