



# Small Group Leader Guide

**BE GENEROUS**

**WEEK 1 BE GRATEFUL**

## 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 one present do you really, really want for Christmas?*

## Small Group Activity

### You'll Need

- No additional materials needed

### To Do

**Say:** Even when we don't have everything we want, we *still* have a lot of reasons to thank God. Let's see how many things our Small Group can be grateful for!

1. **Seat** kids in a tight circle.
2. **Leader says**, "I thank God for *(something)*."
3. **Kid** to right of leader **says**, "I thank God for *(what leader said, and something else)*."
4. Continue around circle, with each new person **repeating** all of the things mentioned before them in order and **adding** something new they're thankful for.
5. If a kid gets stuck, other kids in the Small Group can **help out**.
6. **If time allows, play** again.

### Choose questions to ask while kids play.

1. **Why do you think someone who has a lot of bad stuff going on can still be grateful?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Why do you think people don't always remember to be grateful?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **Vintage Konnect Trivia: What did Dr. Emo make designs for before he died?** *A new Konnect headquarters on Earth.*

*Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion Time.*

## Small Group Discussion

**Say the Point and Verse out loud together.**

**Be grateful for all God gives.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIRV**

**Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.**

1. **Who can be thankful no matter what happens?**  
*Everyone who believes in Christ Jesus*

### Choose a few review questions.

1. **What does it mean to be grateful?** *You are thankful and happy to have what you have.*
2. **If you're grateful, how do you think you might act?**  
*Thankful, generous, peaceful, trusting God, etc.*
3. **If you're not grateful, how do you think you might act?**  
*Unthankful, selfish, complaining, jealous, etc.*
4. **What helps us to be grateful: getting everything we want, or being thankful right now for what we have?**  
*Being thankful right now for what we have*
5. **Why do you think some people are more grateful than others?** *Answers will vary.*

### Choose an action step question.

1. **What can you do to help you be grateful?** *Thank God for what you have, remember what Jesus did, etc.*
2. **What can you stop doing to help you be grateful?**  
*Whining or getting mad when you don't get what you want, being jealous of others, 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:** Jesus, please remind us we always have something to be grateful for when we believe in You. In Jesus' name, amen!

**Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.**

## Check Out

1. **Play** the thankful game again and **discuss** earning points by returning the Challenge Card.
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 2 GIVE, SAVE, SPEND

#### 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 had a billion dollars, what would you do with it?***

#### Small Group Activity

##### You'll Need

- Envelopes (3 per child)
- Konnect Kash activity sheets (1 per child)
- Give, Save, and Spend labels (1 of each per child)
- Scissors (1 set per group)
- Markers (1 set per group)

##### To Do

1. **Give** each kid a Konnect Kash activity sheet, 3 envelopes, 1 give label, 1 save label, and 1 spend label.
2. Kids **stick** one label on each envelope.
3. Kids **cut** on the dotted lines to separate Konnect Kash.

**Say:** Let's serve God with our money! First, give God a tithe, or 10%. We have \$10, so \$1 is our tithe for God.

4. **Kids check** the box marked *Give* on the back of one Konnect Kash dollar and **place** it in their *Give* envelope.

**Say:** Now that you've returned 10% of your money to God, you can choose how much you give, save, or spend.

5. Kids **mark** and **divide** the rest of their Konnect Kash between the three envelopes.
6. **If time allows**, kids **color** their envelopes.

##### Choose questions to ask while kids work.

1. **How much Konnect Kash did you put in each envelope?** *Answers will vary?*
2. **Vintage Konnect Trivia: Who always carries soap in their pocket?** *Luke*

*Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion Time.*

#### Small Group Discussion

**Say the Point and Verse out loud together.**

**Serve God with your money.**

**Matthew 6:24 NIRV**

**"... You can't serve God and Money at the same time."**

1. **Why do you think you can't serve God and money at the same time?** *Answers will vary.*

##### Choose a few review questions.

1. **What does it mean to serve money instead of God?** *Money is more important to you than God.*
2. **How will you act if you're serving money instead of God?** *Greedy, selfish, or dishonest with money, and maybe even worried that you'll never have enough money*
3. **How will you act if you're serving God instead of money?** *Thankful, generous, and excited to share money, you'll trust God to give you all the money you need, etc.*
4. **Why do you think giving God a tithe before we save or spend any money helps us serve God with our money?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **What are you the best at doing with your money: giving, saving, or spending?** *Answers will vary.*

##### Choose an action step question.

1. **If you get some money this week, what can you do with it to serve God?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What can you do this week to remind yourself to serve God with your money?** *Answers will vary.*

##### 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:** Lord, thank You for giving us money to serve You with. Please help us think of You first when we have money. In Jesus' name, amen!

##### Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

#### Check Out

1. **Continue coloring** envelopes and Konnect Kash, and **discuss** earning points by returning the Challenge Card.
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 3 DO GOOD AND SHARE**

## 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 have that you don't want to share?**

## Small Group Activity

### You'll Need

- Ornament Craft Kit (1 per child)

### To Do

1. **Give** each kid an Ornament Craft Kit.

**Say:** God wants us to share with those in need, even when it's hard. This craft is a chance to practice that! We'll make a Christmas ornament that tells the story of Christmas—but you can't keep it! Give it to someone in need—someone who needs to know the truth about Christmas.

2. Kids **assemble** and **decorate** the ornament according to the instructions included in their Ornament Craft Kit.
3. **If time allows**, kids **write** or **draw** a note on the back of the ornament for the person they're giving it to.

### Choose questions to ask while kids play.

1. **Who do you know who needs this ornament?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Vintage Konnect Trivia: Who finished Konnect HQ after Dr. Emo died?** *Dr. Emo's lab assistant, Ralph*

## Small Group Discussion

**Say the Point and Verse out loud together.**

**Do good things and share, even when it's hard to do.**

**Hebrews 13:16 NLT**

**And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.**

1. **What sacrifices please God?** *Doing good and sharing with those in need*

### Choose a few review questions.

1. **What is a sacrifice?** *Giving up something you love to do something you love even more.*
2. **What sacrifices might you have to make to help someone in need?** *Giving away things you want to keep because someone else really needs them, giving up free time to help someone else out, praying out loud for someone even if you're nervous to do it, etc.*
3. **Why do you think God loves it when we give up something we love to help someone else out?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **Has anyone made a sacrifice to help you? Who was it and what did they do?** *Answers will vary. If kids need help, talk about what parents, family, and teachers do.*

### Choose an action step question.

1. **Who do you know who needs something?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What sacrifice can you make to help them out?** *Answers will vary.*

### 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, when we need to make a sacrifice to help someone in need, please help us to do the right thing. In Jesus' name, amen!

### Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

## Check Out

1. **Finish** notes on the back of the ornaments, and **discuss** earning points by returning the Challenge Card.
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 GIFTS FOR JESUS**

## 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 love about Christmas?*

## Small Group Activity

### You'll Need

- Tiny gift (1 per child)

### To Do

**Say:** We can give to others who can't repay us on Christmas and on every other day of the year!

1. **Seat** yourself and kids in a tight circle.
2. **Give** each kid a tiny gift, but **don't give** yourself a gift.
3. **Close your eyes** and **say**, "Pass the gift!"
4. Everyone (including you) **passes** their gift to the person on their right repeatedly until you **say**, "Stop!"
5. **Open** your eyes to see which kid doesn't have a gift. This kid gets to be the person who can't repay anyone.
6. Everyone **tosses** their gifts to the kid who has nothing and says, "Giving to others who can't repay you is a gift to Jesus!"
7. **If time allows, repeat** steps 2-6 with kids deciding how long to pass the gifts around.
8. Kids **take** the small gift home if they want.

### Choose questions to ask while kids work.

1. **Why do you think Christmas is a great time to give gifts to Jesus?** *It's Jesus' birthday*
2. **When are some other times you can give gifts to Jesus?** *All the time*
3. **Vintage Konnect Trivia: What's your favorite memory of the Konnect Space Station?** *Answers will vary.*

*Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion Time.*

## Small Group Discussion

**Say the Point and Verse out loud together.**  
**Giving to others who can't repay you is a gift to Jesus.**

**Matthew 25:40 NIV**

**"... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."**

1. **When you help someone who can't pay you back, who else are you giving a gift to?** *Jesus*

### Choose a few review questions.

1. **Why is it good to give gifts to people who can't give you a gift back?** *It helps them, shows love to them, and it's like giving gifts to Jesus.*
2. **When is it a good time to give a gift to Jesus by helping someone who can't repay us?** *Every day, all day*
3. **Does Jesus save us because we do good things or so we can do good things?** *So we can do good things*
4. **In the Bible story, what are some of the things Jesus said His "sheep" did for Him?** *They shared love, friendship, food, a drink, and a place to stay.*
5. **Everyone needs help sometimes. Talk about a time you needed love, friendship, food, a drink, or a place to stay.** *Answers will vary.*

### Choose an action step question.

1. **Who can you help out this week to give a gift to Jesus?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What will help you remember to help others who can't repay you?** *Answers will vary.*

### 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:** Jesus, please show us ways we can help others who can't pay us back. Help us want to give gifts to You every day. In Jesus' name, amen!

### Stay in Small Group until kids are checked out.

## Check Out

1. **Play** the gift game again and **discuss** earning points by returning the Challenge Card.
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.