

Lifegroup Kids Guide:

Jesus Loves Everyone!

INTRO

We encourage family Lifegroups to do welcome & vision, Lifegroup house rules, and worship all together – then have the kids and adults separate for discussion.

WELCOME & VISION DANCE (5 MINUTES)

Who loves Lifegroup?! Who can tell me why we do lifegroup?

We're going to teach you a simple way to remember why we do Lifegroup. It's called the vision dance. Are you ready?!

- Because Jesus loves us (point up, then point to yourself)
- We want to walk with Jesus (walk in place)
- Become like Jesus (cross arms over chest)
- Help others follow Him (point out to others, then point up to Him)

Do it again in slow motion or super fast. Have fun with it.

LIFEGROUP HOUSE RULES (2 MINUTES)

We have 3 Lifegroup rules.

1. Be kind and respect ourselves
2. Be kind and respect others and their things.
3. Listen and obey the first time.

Who can repeat these back to me?

Discipline Plan: 1st time is a warning, 2nd time you talk with kids leader, 3rd time we get your parents and you leave kids portion of lifegroup, but are welcome to come back next time

note to share any house specific rules

EX: No going into people's bedrooms, we take our shoes off at the door, etc.

BIBLE STORY (10-15 MINUTES)

- Bible

Read John 8:1-11 or use script below:

“Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and I can’t wait to review this true story from the Bible about a woman who needed a friend. (Open Bible for children to see, then set it down) This true story from the Bible begins with a woman who was very sad. She had made a lot of bad choices and now no one wanted to be her friend. Can you imagine not having any friends to do things with? Nobody to play blocks with? Nobody to play with at the park? How would it make you feel to do all those things all by yourself with no friends? (Pause) It would make me sad. Can you show me your sad face? (Pause.) This woman was very sad too. One day, Jesus was teaching a lot of people. Suddenly, some people who didn’t like the woman brought her to Jesus. They said, ‘Jesus, this woman has done bad things!’ Wow! They were definitely not this woman’s friend. And they thought Jesus wouldn’t want to be her friend either. But, wait. We know Jesus is special, and Jesus loves everyone. Do you think Jesus loves this woman and wants to be her friend? (Pause.) Yes! Jesus did love her and wanted to be her friend. Jesus asked the people, ‘Have YOU ever done bad things? Have you ever made bad choices? Step forward if YOU ARE PERFECT and have NEVER done anything wrong.’ And do you know what? NO ONE stepped forward. Because NONE of them were PERFECT! Jesus didn’t punish the woman like the people wanted. Jesus told her to go and make good choices. Jesus was kind and loving to the woman when no one else was. Do you think Jesus will love us when we make a mistake? (Pause.) Yes! Will Jesus love us no matter what? (Pause.) YES! Jesus will always love us, and Jesus wants to be our friend forever because Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!”

Thankfulness Prayer

Ask kids to share ways they have experienced the love of God (sending them a friend in time of need, giving them a loving family, providing food, a home, fun times for them, etc.) Close by praying and thanking God for his love and forgiveness that he freely gives us!

GROUP GAME - Jesus Loves Everyone (5-10 minutes)

Gather with children in an open area of the room. Play a version of “London Bridge” with the words below. The two leaders will work together to be the bridge. When the bridge “falls down,” say the child’s name. Continue until each child has had a turn. Repeat as desired.

“Friends, come play a game with me and [leader’s name]. We’ll make a bridge with our arms. Stand in a straight line. When we start singing, walk under the bridge and then around to the back of the line. Ready? Start walking through. (Sing to the tune of London Bridge.) Jesus loves, everyone, everyone, everyone! Jesus loves everyone. Jesus loves, (bring arms down around a child) [child’s name]! (Bring bridge arms back up and continue singing. Repeat until each child has been caught.) That was a fun game to sing and play together! Jesus sure does love each and every one of you! Jesus loves everyone and we get to celebrate that each and every day!”

GROUP GAME - Mother May I? (5-10 minutes)

Ask children to line up on one side of your activity area as you stand on the opposite side. Play a game similar to "Mother, May I?" Call out a series of questions and then call for the children to take one step forward. Once most of the children are within a step or two of you, call out the last question, "If you've ever made a mistake, take one step forward." When all the friends make it to you, celebrate! Then talk about the woman in our story who had made lots of mistakes, but Jesus still loved her.

"Friends, go stand on this side of the room and I'm going to stand on that side. We're going to play a game! If you agree with what I say, take a step towards me. Here we go! Everyone, listen and get ready to move. If you like chicken nuggets, take one step forward. (Pause.) If you have a dog, take one step forward. (Pause.) If you like ice cream, take one step forward. (Pause.) If you have a sister or brother, take one step forward. (Pause.) If you love to give hugs, take one step forward. (Continue with different statements until most children are within a step or two of you.) If you've ever made a mistake, take one step forward. (Pause.) Now freeze where you are and look around. Did everyone step forward? (Pause.) Yes! Everyone stepped forward because we ALL make mistakes! But that's okay because Jesus loves us even when we make mistakes! The woman in our Bible Story today made lots of mistakes and the people who brought her to Jesus thought she should be punished. Jesus didn't punish the woman like the people wanted. Jesus told her to go and make good choices. Jesus was kind and loving to the woman when no one else was because Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!"

EXTRA IDEAS IF YOU STILL HAVE TIME...

ART

Give each child a paper and set out colors. Have them draw hearts and write names of people God loves inside each heart.

PRACTICE MEMORY VERSE

Early Childhood

'Be kind and loving (cross hands over chest) to each other,' (spread arms out)
Ephesians 4:32. (Open hands like a book.)

Elementary

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." - Ephesians 4:32

Share the importance of meditating on and memorizing God's word! Do you have a kid appropriate story of when God brought to mind scripture you had memorized to help you or encourage you or remind you of truth that you can share with them?

PLAY!

- Simon Says
- Rock/Paper/Scissors
- Play the monkey video and dance along. [Monkey video](#) (if you're trying to calm kids down - do not play this song 😂)