



## Small Group Leader Guide

Live for Jesus  
Week 1 • The Life of Jesus

### Play • 15 minutes

Greet parents & kids • Play with kids

### Clean Up Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

### Clean Up • 2 minutes

Tidy the room • Form your small group

### Welcome Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

### Welcome • 3 minutes

Help kids in your small group feel seen and heard

1. **Introduce** yourself.
2. **Welcome** kids by name.
3. **Ask** kids what happened during their week and let them share their answers.
4. **Ask** about prayer requests and events kids told you about before.
5. **Talk about** the welcome questions:
  - What would you do if the power went out at your house?
  - What are some fun things to do with flashlights?

### Every Day Song Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

#### Focus of the week:

Every day, I reflect Jesus to others.

### Every Day Song • 3 minutes

Dance • Sing • Encourage kids to do the same thing

### Game Transition • 30 Seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

### Game • 5 minutes

Have fun with your small group

#### You'll Need

Per Group	Lights On activity supplement
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#### To Do

**Say:** When I read something kind and helpful for others, you get to jump up, spread your arms out, and say, "Lights on!" Get ready!

1. Everyone **crouches** down as low as they can.
2. **Read** an idea from the activity supplement.
3. If the idea is not kind and helpful, everyone **stays crouched** down.
4. If the idea is kind and helpful, everyone **jumps up**, **spreads** their arms out, and **says**, "Lights on!"
5. **Repeat steps 1-4** for as many ideas on the activity supplement **as time allows**.

### Movie & Music Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

### Movie & Music • ≈ 25 minutes

Focus kids on video • Lead Bible break in small group

1. For worship, **stand** your small group up. **Model** and **encourage** participation.

Songs	I Am Yours	Who I Wanna Be
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2. **Seat** your small group when worship is over.
3. **Choose** questions to talk about with your small group during the **3-minute Bible break**:
  - **Tell me one thing you remember from that Bible story.** *Answers will vary.*
  - **What did Jesus care about the most?** *Loving others*
  - **What did Jesus do to show He loved everyone?** *Teaching, preaching, doing miracles, healing, serving, dying on the cross for us, etc.*
4. **Chant**, "Play it again!" with emcee.
5. **Watch** the rest of the video together.

### Bible Verse Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

### Bible Verse • 90 seconds

Help small group do verse and motions with emcee

### Small Talk • 5-10 minutes

Review • Talk • Pray

#### Review the Bible verse and talk about it.

Learn motions: [www.leaders.life.church/crosstown](http://www.leaders.life.church/crosstown)

1. **Show the verse on the back of this guide to your group and say it together with motions.**
2. **When you see that someone needs something, and you can give it to them, what should you do?** *Give them what they need!*

#### Review the point and talk about it.

**Say:** The point today is: **Every day, I reflect Jesus to others.** Let's say it and talk about it!

1. **Recite** the point together.
2. **What do you think "reflect Jesus to others" means?** *Ideas: Show others what Jesus is like, copy Jesus' attitude and actions, etc.*

#### Ask open questions and let kids talk.

1. **What are some things people might need that you can help them with?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **If a stranger or someone you don't know needs something, what do you need to do?** *Talk to a trusted adult (like your mom, dad, or teacher) and ask for their help.*
3. **If someone needs something, but you can't help them, what do you think you should do?** *Ideas: Pray for them, ask a trusted adult for help, trust God to take care of it, etc.*
4. **You need things, too. Who can you talk to if you need someone to take care of you?** *Answers will vary. Help kids identify trusted adults they can talk with.*

#### Pray together.

**Say:** Praying is talking with God. What would you like to talk with God about?

1. **Listen** to what kids say and **pray** together.
2. **Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** *God, please shine Your light through us. In Jesus' name, amen.*
3. **If time allows, follow up** on old prayer requests.

### Check Out • Runs until kids leave

1. **Stay in small groups** until kids are checked out.
2. **Play** the game again.
3. **Compliment** kids when they leave and tell them you're looking forward to seeing them next week.



**Romans  
12:13 NIRV**

**Share  
with**

**God's people**

**who are  
in need...**



## Small Group Leader Guide

Live for Jesus  
Week 2 • The Early Church

### Play • 15 minutes

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3. **Ask** kids what happened during their week and let them share their answers.
4. **Ask** about prayer requests and events kids told you about before.
5. **Talk about** the welcome questions:
  - Do you like tall or short buildings better?
  - If you were going to build a building, what would you make it look like?

### Every Day Song Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

#### Focus of the week:

Every day, I make choices that honor Jesus.

### Every Day Song • 3 minutes

Dance • Sing • Encourage kids to do the same thing

### Game Transition • 30 Seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

### Game • 5 minutes

Have fun with your small group

#### You'll Need

Per Group	Nothing
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#### To Do

**Say:** We get to play in, out, up! Let's practice some jumps to get started.

1. **Teach** kids to **jump forward** when you say **In!**
2. **Teach** kids to **jump backward** when you say **Out!**
3. **Teach** kids to **jump up** as high as they can when you say **Up!**
4. Once kids know In, Out, and Up commands, **repeat** them in any order. **Note:** *If kids get too close or too far, use In and Out commands to bring them back.*
5. **If time allows, make it tricky:**
  - Vary the speed of your commands.
  - Do the wrong jumps for the commands you give.

### Movie & Music Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

### Movie & Music • ≈ 25 minutes

Focus kids on video • Lead Bible break in small group

1. For worship, **stand** your small group up. **Model** and **encourage** participation.
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| <b>Songs</b> | I Am Yours | Jesus Is Alive Right Now |
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2. **Seat** your small group when worship is over.
  3. **Choose** questions to talk about with your small group during the **3-minute Bible break:**
    - **What was your favorite part of the Bible story?** *Answers will vary.*
    - **What do you think about the first church people?** *Answers will vary.*
    - **In the very first church, how did people take care of each other?** *Met, learned, and prayed together; shared everything; put others first; etc.*
  4. **Chant**, "Play it again!" with emcee.
  5. **Watch** the rest of the video together.

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1. **Show** the verse on the back of this guide to your group and say it together with motions.
2. **What is the family of God called?** *The Church*

#### Review the point and talk about it.

**Say:** The point today is: **Every day, I make choices that honor Jesus.** Let's say it and talk about it!

1. **Recite** the point together.
2. **What do you think it means to "honor Jesus"?** *Answers will vary.*

#### Ask open questions and let kids talk.

1. **Who is in God's family?** *Everyone who trusts in and follows Jesus.*
2. **What did people from the first church do that we can do, too?** *Ideas: Learn, get together, pray, give, help, etc.*
3. **What do you think is the best way to learn about Jesus?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: Talk to people who know Jesus, learn from the Bible, get together at church to learn, etc.*
4. **What do you like most about hanging out with other people who love Jesus?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **What are some things you can share with others?** *Answers will vary.*
6. **What are some things you can do to help others?** *Answers will vary.*
7. **What do you think it means to "pray"?** *Ideas: Talk to God, listen to God, ask for God's help, etc.*

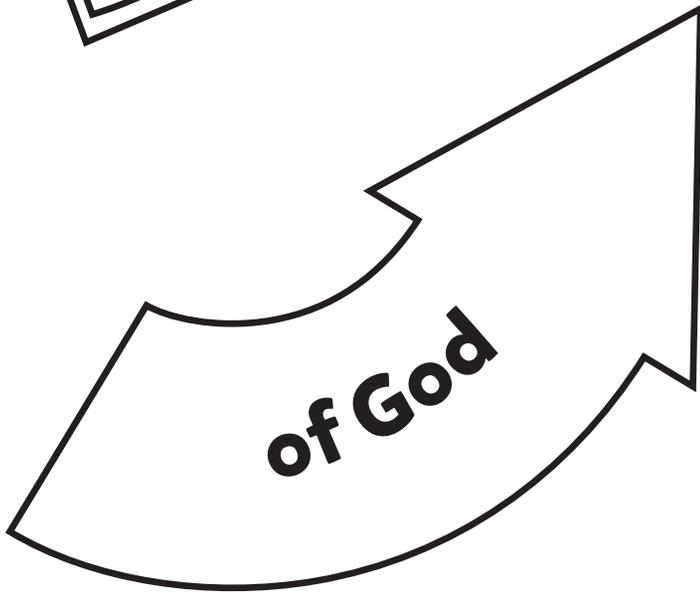
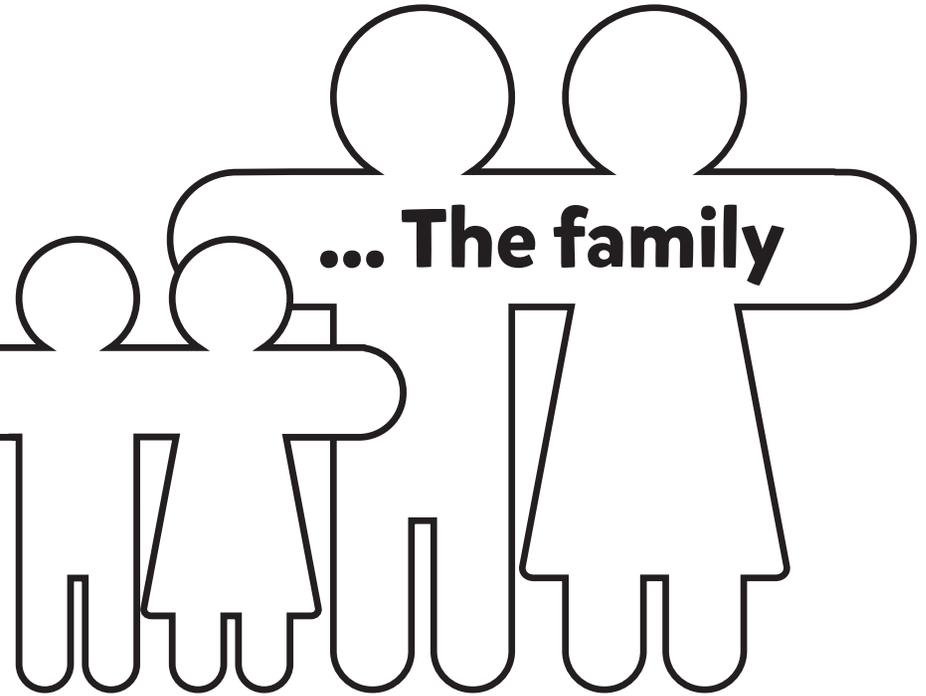
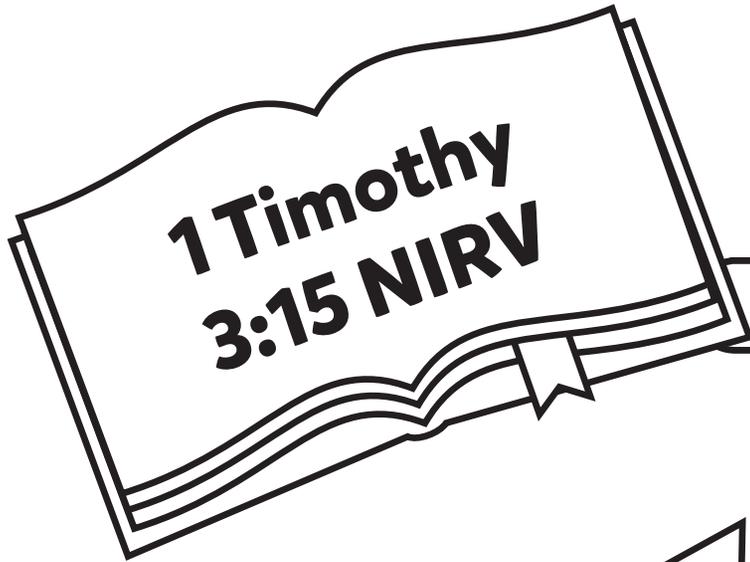
#### Pray together.

**Say:** Praying is talking with God. What would you like to talk with God about?

1. **Listen** to what kids say and **pray** together.
2. **Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** *God, Thank You for sending Jesus so we can be in Your family. In Jesus' name, amen.*
3. **If time allows, follow up** on old prayer requests.

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## Small Group Leader Guide

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Week 3 • The Holy Spirit

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5. **Talk about** the welcome questions:
  - Name some toys that need batteries to work.
  - What are some other things you can think of that need batteries to work?

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Every day, I can trust Jesus.

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### Game • 5 minutes

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#### You'll Need

Per Group	What's in a Name? Activity Supplement
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#### To Do

**Say:** What are the letters in your name?

1. Help kids recognize some letters in their names.
- Say:** Great—that's a lot of letters. I'm going to say a letter—and if it's in your name, you get to do a challenge that goes along with it!
2. **Read** one letter from the activity supplement and the challenge that goes along with it.
3. **Help** kids look at their name tags to see if the letter is in their name.
4. Kids who have the letter in their name **do** the challenge, while the other kids **cheer** them on.
5. **If time allows, repeat** steps 2-4 with new letters.

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<b>Songs</b>	I Am Yours	Jesus What a Friend
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2. **Seat** your small group when worship is over.
3. **Choose** questions to talk about with your small group during the **3-minute Bible break**:
  - **Which part of the Bible story do you want to talk about?** *Answers will vary.*
  - **What gift did Jesus send to His people?** *The Holy Spirit*
  - **Who does God give the Holy Spirit to?** *Everyone who believes in and follows Jesus*
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2. **What do you think the Holy Spirit gives you the power to do?** *Answers will vary.*

#### Review the point and talk about it.

**Say:** The point today is: **Every day, I can trust Jesus.** Let's say it and talk about it!

1. **Recite** the point together.
2. **When you choose to follow Jesus, what gift can you trust Him to give you?** *The Holy Spirit*

#### Ask open questions and let kids talk.

1. **What does a battery do?** *It gives power to something so it can do what it's supposed to do.*
2. **What good things do you think God created people to do?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **What good things do you need power from the Holy Spirit to do?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **Who does the Holy Spirit give power to?** *Everyone who chooses to follow Jesus*
5. **The Holy Spirit lives in us. What do you think that means?** *Answers will vary.*
6. **What do you want people to know about God's Holy Spirit?** *Answers will vary.*

#### Pray together.

**Say:** Praying is talking with God. What would you like to talk with God about?

1. **Listen** to what kids say and **pray** together.
2. **Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** *God, thank You for giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit when we choose to follow Jesus. Please help us use the Holy Spirit's power to do the great things You made us to do. In Jesus' name, amen.*
3. **If time allows, follow up** on old prayer requests.

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