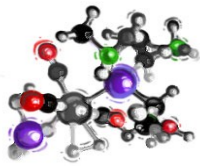


This guide contains additional questions, games and activities to assist you as you explore God's love with your children's group. Check out www.thelovethatistrue.com for free coloring book download, videos and more.



CREATION

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"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" - Genesis 1:1 (NirV)
Focus on how amazing God's creation is, and how that reflects a creative, loving God.

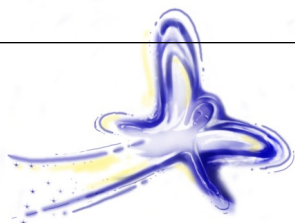
Discussion Questions

1. Why did God create everything?
2. What is your favorite animal?
3. How do the angels help God?
4. What did God say about His creation?

Game—Animal Charades

Have each child acts out their favorite animal while the other kids guess. Talk about why God made so many animals.

For Older Children Read Genesis 1. Is God's creation still good?



SPIRITUAL WAR

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"Our fight is not against human beings. It is against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly world." - Ephesians 6:12 (NirV) abr.
Focus on fighting a spiritual battle, and never giving up.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you ever forget that God loves you?
2. Why are you so valuable to God?
3. Not obeying God is called sin. What should you do if you sin?
4. What is something God wants you to do?

Game— Never Give Up

Crumple a piece of paper into a ball. Have kids take turns throwing it into a trash basket. If they miss, say "Uh oh, you sinned." Each child should reply, "Sorry, let me try again." Make sure each kid gets it in before going to the next.

For Older Children Read Ephesians 6:10-20. Explain each piece of armor, how to put it on, and an example situation where you would need it (spiritually speaking).

JESUS



“God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.” - John 3:16 (NirV)
Focus on Jesus being God and man. He was like us, and died to help us win the Spiritual War.

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think Jesus was like at your age?
2. Why did Jesus come to Earth?
3. Why was Jesus killed?

Game—Playing with Jesus

Play duck-duck-goose, Simon says, or I Spy. Talk about what activities Jesus might have played at their age. What would Jesus be like when he lost a game?

For Older Children Find 3 miracles that Jesus did in the Bible and explain why he did them.

FRIEND OF GOD



“I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you.” - John 13:34 (NirV)
Focus on the fact that God wants to have a relationship with each of us.

Discussion Questions

1. How does it feel to be forgiven?
2. How should people treat one another?
3. What makes someone a good friend?

Game—Friendly Potato

Sit in a circle, and give one child a soft toy. Have them say something nice about someone and then throw the toy to them. Everyone must get a turn before doing another round.

For Older Children Write a letter to God, telling Him about yourself and your family.



HEAVEN

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sadness. Things are no longer the way they used to be.” - Rev. 21:4 (NirV)
Focus on how amazing heaven will be, and how Jesus is the way.

Discussion Questions

1. What would be fun to do in Heaven?
2. How long will heaven last?
3. Draw a picture of you in heaven.

Game—Hi/Low

Ask each child what the best and worst thing was of the day. Have them describe what their best thing would be like in Heaven.

For Older Children Read Revelation 22 1-5. What are you looking forward to in heaven?