

Tell

God Story

Jesus Heals a Man
Controlled by Demons
Luke 8:26-39

Big Idea

We can share God's love by telling others what he has done.

Key Verses

...[God] is the Father who gives us tender love. All comfort comes from him. He comforts us in all our troubles. Now we can comfort others when they are in trouble.
Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIRV).

Leader Tips

Prepare for the activities before the kids arrive, so you can lead with confidence and enthusiasm! Remember to pray for your group, too.

My Story

1. Conversation Starter

2 MINUTES

Talk with the kids about the coolest thing they've seen or heard about and how they shared about it with others. Introduce today's Big Idea.

2. Intro Activity

5 MINUTES

Give the kids' imaginations a workout as you pretend to be in different places where you can tell people: "Jesus is Lord and he loves you!"

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3. Weekly Video

12 MINUTES

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, Key Verse, and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching together.

My Story

4. Small Group Activity

12 MINUTES*

Prepare invitations the kids can use to ask their friends and family to join them at church.

5. Wrap-Up Activity

8 MINUTES

Create a prayer wall and discuss who the kids can share God's love with by telling them about Jesus.

Our Story

6. Dismissal

Connect with parents and give them take-home materials.

*Extend as needed and adjust timing for other activities

My Story

1. Conversation Starter

Supplies

- None

Leader Tip

- Use this time to welcome the kids, build community, and set the tone for your group's time together.

Instructions

- As the kids arrive, gather everyone in a group.
- Ask:
 - What's the coolest thing you've ever seen or heard about?
 - What did you want to do when you saw or heard about it? Did you share it with other people?
 - Who's the first person you want to tell when something exciting happens?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Introduce this week's Big Idea: **We can share God's love by telling others what he has done.**

2. Intro Activity

Supplies

- None

Leader Tip

- Model enthusiasm and excitement as you lead the kids around your space during this activity.

Instructions

- Tell everyone that they're on a mission to tell others about Jesus. They will need to use their imagination!
- As you describe each of the following scenes, lead the kids in doing actions to go with the dialogue.
 - Pretend to be underwater and say, "We're swimming in the ocean. Swim everyone! Let's tell the ocean-dwellers that 'Jesus is Lord and he loves you!'"
 - Say, "Now we're running through the jungle. Watch out for the giant bugs and snakes! Let's tell all the people living in the jungle that 'Jesus is Lord and he loves you!' as we run from the bugs!"
 - Say, "We're climbing up a mountain. Get a good grip! Let's tell the other mountain climbers that 'Jesus is Lord and he loves you!'"
 - Add more scenarios if there's time and interest. Depending on your group, you could guide the kids to call out countries or places to go and tell others about Jesus.
 - To wrap up, say, "We're back! Let's tell everyone here about Jesus." Prompt the kids to say, "Jesus is Lord and he loves you!" to others around them.
- As if anyone in the group speaks another language. If so, find out how they would say "Jesus is Lord and he loves you."

God Story | Life Story

3. Weekly Video **Instructions**

Supplies

- Video file

a. Play the video. It includes:

- Host segment
- God Story (Jesus Heals a Man Controlled by Demons | Luke 8:26-39)
- Key Verse segment
- Life Story (Paige explains what she does to share about Jesus, and how God helped her when she was alone in a new school and helped her make new friends).

b. Discuss:

- What was the Life Story about in today's video?
 - What was the God Story about?
 - How do you think these two stories and today's Big Idea (**We can share God's love by telling others what he has done**) connect?
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My Story

4. Small Group Activity

Supplies

- Invitations
- Stickers
- Markers

Instructions

- Gather your small group to sit together.
- Discuss
 - What did Jesus tell the man to do at the end of the story?
 - If Jesus did an incredible miracle for you or someone in your family, who would you tell?
- Explain that one way to share God’s love is to tell others about Jesus. We can do that anytime!
- Give each person an invitation.
- Place the stickers and markers where everyone can reach them.
- Encourage the kids to use their invitation to ask a friend to join them at church. Help them fill in the blanks for place and time. They may also decorate the invitations.

5. Wrap-Up Activity

Supplies

- Craft paper
- Markers
- Ball
- Wall-safe tape

Leader Tip

- Model how to pray, then invite the kids to do it. Encourage them without placing pressure on anyone to pray out loud if they don’t want to.

Instructions

- Explain that your group is going to make a prayer wall together.
 - Print “Who will you tell?” in large letters in the middle of the craft paper.
 - Place markers around the paper.
 - Discuss who the kids could share God’s love with by telling them about Jesus.
 - Encourage everyone to write the names of friends, family, and other people in their communities who don’t know Jesus. Help with spelling as needed. The kids could also draw pictures of these people.
 - When they’re done, sit around the paper.
 - Invite the kids to pray for the people named on the paper. Pass the ball around to prompt everyone to take a turn.
 - Chat about reasons why we might hesitate to tell someone about Jesus.
 - Pray for the kids and ask God to help them!
 - Hang the prayer-wall paper where parents will see it at pick-up time.
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Our Story

1. Dismissal

Supplies

- Crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards
- Key Verse Colouring pages

Leader Tip

- Organize the take-home materials so they're easy to access. It may be helpful to sort them before the lesson, then set out any crafts later. Consider having one leader focus on handing out everything.

Instructions

- a. Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids. Take a moment to share a highlight or two from your time together today.
 - b. Give everyone a weekly take-home card as well as the monthly Key Verse card and colouring page.
 - c. Remind the kids to take their crafts.
 - d. Make sure their security numbers match before they leave your group's space.
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