



# SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

## GRACE

### WEEK 1 HOW CAN I BE A GOOD PERSON?

#### 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 found a huge present, what do you think would be in it?**

#### Small Group Activity

##### You'll Need

<b>Per Kid</b>	Nothing
<b>Per Group</b>	1 I Never activity supplement 1 Plain white t-shirt <b>for marking on</b> 1 Plain white t-shirt <b>to keep clean</b> 1 Set of markers

##### After Activity

<b>Kids Keep</b>	Nothing
<b>You Keep</b>	Markers, clean t-shirt, and I Never activity supplement ( <i>save to use later</i> ) Marked up t-shirt ( <i>discard</i> )

##### To Do

1. **Take out** one t-shirt. (*Save the other t-shirt for later.*)  
**Say:** Let's see what sinful choices do to this clean shirt. If I read a choice that is true for you, great! Don't do anything. If it's not true for you—make a mark on the shirt.
2. **Read** a statement from I Never activity supplement.
3. Kids (and you!) **use markers** to **make marks** on the t-shirt if the statement is false for you.
4. **Repeat** steps 2-3 until the shirt is all marked up.  
**Say:** Ugh. This shirt shows how sinful choices leave permanent marks on our hearts. But God loves us. Watch!
5. **Cover** marked-up t-shirt with the clean t-shirt.  
**Say:** God's *grace* wins! When we trust and follow Jesus, He covers us with *His* goodness. We're friends with God!
6. **If time allows**, kids **decorate** *only* the marked shirt.

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.

#### Small Group Discussion

##### Say the point and Bible verse together.

Everyone sins, but God's grace wins.

Romans 6:23 NLT

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

1. **What is eternal life?** *Being close to God right now and living with Him forever in Heaven when you die*

##### Choose a few review questions.

1. **What do you think it means to "sin"?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: Make a wrong choice, hurt others, go against God's way, act mean, disobey, etc.*
2. **All people, including you and me, "sin." How do you think sin hurts us?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **What does God's grace give us when we choose to follow Jesus?** *Forgiveness for our sin, forever friendship with God, power to say, "No!" to sin, etc.*
4. **Who do you think deserves God's grace?** *Answers will vary, but no one really deserves God's grace because we have all sinned. It is a free gift only Jesus can give us because He is the only one who didn't sin.*

##### Choose an action step question.

1. **If you feel like your sin is too bad for God's grace, what can you do?** *Read the truth in the Bible, pray to God, talk to a trusted adult who follows Jesus, etc.*
2. **What can you do this week to show you're thankful for God's grace?** *Answers will vary.*

##### Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, thanks for loving us even though we've all sinned. Please help us accept Your grace and forgiveness. In Jesus' name, amen.

#### Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **play** a game like *Simon Says* or *Telephone*.
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.



## SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

GRACE // WEEK 2  
WHY DON'T PEOPLE GET WHAT THEY DESERVE?

### 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's your favorite thing about Easter?**

### Small Group Activity

#### You'll Need

<b>Per Kid</b>	1 Blank sheet of paper 1 Egg with prize inside
<b>Per Group</b>	1 Target activity supplement 1 Set of markers

#### After Activity

<b>Kids Keep</b>	Their prize egg and airplane
<b>You Keep</b>	Activity supplement and markers ( <i>save to use later</i> )

#### To Do

1. **Give** each kid a sheet of paper to *quickly fold* a paper airplane for the challenge. **Help** kids who need it.
2. **Place** Target activity supplement at least 6 feet away.

**Say:** Here's the challenge: fly your airplane from where you are to land on the runway with its nose touching the orange cone 3 times in a row. If you do it, you win a prize!

3. **Kids** attempt to meet the challenge precisely.
4. If any kids ask for a prize, **give** them one, even if they haven't earned it. (Only one prize per kid, please.)

**Say:** That challenge was impossible. But, it's like God's grace. When we ask Jesus to be our leader and number one friend, He says, "YES!" even though we don't deserve it! So—if you asked for a prize, I gave you one even if you didn't earn it. **If you haven't asked yet, ask now!**

5. **Give** each kid a prize when they ask for it. (Again, only one prize per kid. Kids may trade if they want to.)
6. **If time allows**, kids **decorate** airplanes with markers.

### Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Jesus makes me God's friend when I choose to follow Him.

Romans 10:9 NIRV *Say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord." Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved.*

1. **What does "you will be saved" mean?** *Jesus forgives your sins and makes you friends with God.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What's Easter about for you?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **After Jesus died on the cross, what happened?** *They placed Him in a tomb, and three days later He came back to life to show His power over sin.*
3. **Grace means we get something good instead of what we deserve. What good things do you think God does for us when we choose to follow Jesus?** *God forgives us, fixes our friendship with Him, gives us power to live for Him, etc.*
4. **What do you need to do to get Jesus' forgiveness and be friends with God?** *Admit you've sinned, ask His forgiveness, **believe** Jesus is alive and He is God's Son, and **choose** to live the way Jesus did.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **God showed grace to us. How can you show grace to others?** *Forgive them, be kind even when they're mean, pray for them, ask God to help you, etc.*
2. **What might help you think about God's grace this Easter?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for our sins. Please help us choose to follow Him. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and kids continue to **decorate** airplanes.
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.

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.



## SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

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WEEK 3 HEART VS. GOD

### 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 question: **What kind of pet do you think is the snuggliest?**

### Small Group Activity

#### You'll Need

<b>Per Kid</b>	1 Blank sheet of paper
<b>Per Group</b>	1 Draw by Law activity supplement
	1 Set of markers

#### After Activity

<b>Kids Keep</b>	1 Sheet of paper with their drawing on it
<b>You Keep</b>	Draw by Law activity supplement and markers <i>(save to use later)</i>

#### To Do

1. **Give** each kid a sheet of paper.
- Say:** Follow the instructions I read and draw the exact same picture I have on my paper—without peeking!
2. **Read** the Draw by Law activity supplement to kids.
  3. Kids **draw** on their papers based on the directions.
  4. **Compare** drawings to the activity supplement picture.

**Say:** These drawings are kind of like life. Even with God's law to follow, our human hearts can still get it wrong. I'm so thankful we've got God's grace when we follow Jesus!

7. **If time allows**, kids **decorate** their picture or **redraw** it by copying the supplement on the back of their paper.

#### Choose a question to ask after the activity.

1. **What do you think made everyone's picture turn out differently?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What advice would you give to Captain Cool at Konnect HQ?** *Answers will vary.*

### Small Group Discussion

#### Say the point and Bible verse together.

My heart doesn't measure up, but God's grace can clean it up.

Romans 3:23 NIRV *Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory.*

1. **What does it mean to measure up to God's glory?**  
*Live a perfect, sinless life that pleases God*

#### Choose a few review questions.

1. **This is God's law of love: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Share some ways you can do that.** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Kindly talk about a time you saw someone act in an unloving way.** *Answers will vary.*
3. **Only Jesus always followed God's law of love. The rest of us don't measure up. What do you think we are supposed to do about that?** *Answers will vary. Help kids talk about accepting Jesus' forgiveness.*
4. **Some people say, "Follow your heart." When is it good advice, and when is it bad advice?** *Answers will vary. Idea: Good=when your heart wants God's way. Bad=when your heart wants to sin.*

#### Choose an action step question.

1. **Who do you really need to show more love to this week?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **How can you check to see if you're following your own way or God's way?** *Read and learn from the Bible, ask God to show you, ask a trusted adult who follows Jesus, etc.*

#### Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, please help us to know Your truth and to follow it. Thank You for Your grace and forgiveness. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Check Out

*Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.*

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and kids **can decorate** their papers.
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.

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



## SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

GRACE // WEEK 4

WHY DO I WANT TO DO THINGS THAT ARE WRONG?

### 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's something a person can't do, even if they try really, really hard?**

### Small Group Activity

#### You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 Brain Teaser card set

#### After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Brain Teaser card set ( <i>save to use later</i> )

#### To Do

**Say:** It can be hard to do the right thing! I've got a few challenges for you. Watch out—because sometimes your brain is going to tell you to say the wrong thing!

1. **Follow this order:** Challenge 1, Challenge 2 (*skip if any kids are color blind*), then Challenge 3.
2. **Challenge 1: Show** each flashcard 1-2 seconds and kids **say the NUMBER** on the flashcard. Go through the stack 5-7 times. **Challenge level: Easy**
3. **Challenge 2: Show** each flashcard 1-2 seconds and kids **say the COLOR** on the flashcard. Go through the stack 5-7 times. **Challenge level: Medium**
4. **Challenge 3: Show** each flashcard 1-2 seconds and kids **say the NUMBER OF DOTS** on the flashcard. Go through the stack 5-7 times. **Challenge level: Hard**
5. **Extra challenge: Time kids individually** to see who can do challenge 2 or 3 the fastest without mistakes.

#### Ask this after the activity.

1. **Which challenge was the hardest for you?** *Answers will vary.*

### Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

God's grace sets me free. His Holy Spirit changes me.

Galatians 5:16 NLT

*... let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.*

1. **Who is the best guide to follow?** *God's Holy Spirit*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **We can't get stop sinning all on our own. What do you think can help us?** *Answers will vary. Help kids talk about God's grace, Jesus' forgiveness, the power of God's Holy Spirit to help us say no to sin, etc.*
2. **Who is God's Holy Spirit?** *The invisible spirit of God who fills your heart to lead, teach, help, and comfort you. He changes you to be more like Jesus.*
3. **When can you start living by the Holy Spirit's power?** *When you choose to follow Jesus*
4. **What good things will your life show when you let the Holy Spirit change you?** *Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control, courage, wisdom, putting others first, etc.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What do you need God's Holy Spirit to help you with the most?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What do you really want God's Holy Spirit to change in your heart?** *Answers will vary. Pray together over the answers the kids give.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, please teach us how to live by the Holy Spirit's power every minute of our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Check Out

*Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.*

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **play the game** again.
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.

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