



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Know God / Week 1

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BOTTOM LINE

Creation points to the Creator.

SCRIPTURE

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world (Psalm 19:1-4 NLT).

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God (Romans 1:20 NLT).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that they can connect with God any time, in any place.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—in this phase it's important for students to understand that their faith journey is bigger than what happens inside of your church program every week. That's why in this series we'll be talking about four habits for growing a personal faith (hear, talk, live, pray). This week we're talking about hearing from God through His creation.

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that you've created that you are proud of?
2. What do you think it means to get to know God better?
3. What are some reasons people don't try to get to know God better?
4. What are some things in creation that you and I take for granted every day that point toward God?

TRY THIS

Leaders—if the weather permits, take your students outside for five minutes. (If weather doesn't permit, find a window or have your students close their eyes and picture their favorite nature spot—the Grand Canyon, beach, mountains, etc.) Give your students a notecard and ask them to write down one thing they notice in creation and what that tells them about God. Then come back inside and finish your small group discussion.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

5. Why do you think it's helpful and important to pay attention to God's creation?
6. If you were God, how would you want your children to connect with you?
7. What's one way you can connect with God by noticing creation this week?