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GET IN THE MIX

WEEK
THREE
JUNE 2021

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE   SOCIAL   STORY   WORSHIP   **GROUPS**   HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Use Somebody
Gideon
Judges 6–8

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How could God use you?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**I remain confident of this:
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Lord in the land of the living.**
Psalm 27:13, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

**Confidence—Learning to see
yourself the way God sees you**

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:
Ask:

- How could God use you to serve other people? Or how could God use you to encourage their family or a friend? What about just showing God's love to other people? How could God use you to do that?
- What can we do when we are asked to do something and we don't feel like we are up to the task? Maybe we don't think we are strong enough or have what it takes or we are just unsure of where to start.
- (Refer to the butcher paper from Take a Snapshot Activity.) What words describe a kid who God can use? *(The purpose of this question is to emphasize God can use anyone! God can use funny kids, shy kids, loud kids, quiet kids, jocks, musicians, dancers! God can use each and every kid in the group!)*
- *[Make it Personal] (Share a time you thought God couldn't use you but He did! Maybe you thought you couldn't lead kids and now you are a Small Group Leader. Consider sharing why you thought God couldn't use you. Maybe you were afraid or didn't think you would be good enough.)*

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4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU
[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, paper, markers, the butcher paper from the "Take a Snapshot Activity," mobile device

WHAT YOU DO:
- Gather kids in a circle.
- Ask kids to think about one of the "Not Me" reasons that resonates with them.
- Explain just like Gideon asked for signs from God to give him confidence, we can also look to God's character to give us confidence.
- Hand out the Bibles or let kids use a Bible app on phones or tablets.
- Instruct them to find a verse they can use next time they're feeling the "Not Me" reasons stealing their confidence.
- Some verses kids could use:
  - When you are afraid, read Joshua 1:9b.
  - When you think you aren't good enough, read Psalm 139:14.
  - When you are unsure of what to do, read 2 Timothy 1:7.
  - When you need help, read Psalm 121:1-2.
  - When you think you are too young, read 1 Timothy 4:12.
  - When you are feeling discouraged, read Psalm 27:13.
  - When you think you aren't smart enough, read James 1:5.
  - When you think kids will make fun of you, read Hebrews 13:6.
- Hand out paper and markers.
- Encourage kids use their verse to make a sign to remind them of Gideon's story and the fact that God can use anyone, even an underdog. Remind them that these verses aren't meant to "solve" a problem but to remind them who God is and where their confidence should come from.
- Allow kids time to share their signs with the group.
- Encourage kids to hang their signs at home somewhere they can see them every day to remind them that God can and wants to use them in His story.