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Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Parachute

1. Introductions

Circle Up: As you come into the room, give each Kid-O hand sanitizer and have them sit in a circle. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name as you pass out a snack to everyone who can have one.

2. Discussion Questions

- What is a community? (A group of people who have something in common.)
- What did the people in the first church do together? (Prayed, learned about God, ate meals, encouraged each other, etc.)

3. Hands-On Option

Do This: Lay the parachute in the middle of the circle. Talk about how a parachute doesn't work very well if you try to play with it by yourself. (Demonstrate that.) Then have all the Kid-O's grab onto a piece of the parachute and try it together. Notice how it works so much better that way!

Parachute Activities to Try:

<u>Make waves</u> – everyone moves their arms up and down to make small or large waves. <u>Make a bubble</u> – everyone lifts their arms up high at the same time and then quicky brings the parachute down to the ground to make a bubble.

<u>Ball Bounce</u> – put a soft ball in the middle of the parachute and have fun bouncing it. **The Point**: Some things are better together than alone! Spending time with people who follow Jesus can help us grow closer to God.

4. Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Prayer

Do This: Practice the Big Idea and Memory Verse with the kids.

Memory Verse: Colossians 1:10 – "We pray that you will grow to know God better." **Big Idea**: I can grow with others.

Do This: Encourage kids to talk about what they learned with their grown-ups.

Do This: Pray! "Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to spend time with others who follow You. Amen.