

Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Dollar Bill

1. Introductions

Circle Up: As you come into the room, have Kid-Os say "hi" to someone else in the circle as they sit down. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name.

2. Discussion Questions

- What did Jesus do in our Bible Adventure? (He told the children to come to him.)
- What is the most important thing you have? How do you take care it? *Repeatable Phrases*: "God made me." "Jesus cares about me."

3. Hands-On Option

Do This: Hold up a dollar bill. Ask, "Does anyone know how much money this is worth?" Let them answer and say it is worth one dollar. Then crumble the dollar bill and ask, "How much is this worth now?" It's worth the same – one dollar. Put it behind your back and ask, "Now, how much is it worth?" Again, it is still worth one dollar.

Say This: No matter what happened to the dollar bill, it was always worth the same amount. In the same way, it doesn't matter how old you are, what you look like, the color of your skin, or how talented you are. Jesus says that you are so valuable and important to him. That can never change!

The Point: Jesus sees each one of us as valuable and important to him. He loves us and wants to spend time with us.

4. Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Prayer

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

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17 – "When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!"

Big Idea: I am important to Jesus.

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

Do This: Pray! "Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us and telling us we are important to you. Amen."