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Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Band-Aid

1. Getting Started

Ask kids: What is something you love to hear?

2. Discussion Questions

- What would you say to encourage Jesse after he broke his arm? If that was you, is there anything that would help you?
- What's something difficult that has happened to one of your friends?

3. Hands-On Option

Look Up and Read: Romans 12:15-16. These verses are about ways we can be there for other people when they need us.

Do This: Have kids imagine they are headed to see the doctor, because they got hurt. Let them come up with several ways they might have been hurt. Imagine with them, you walk into the doctor's office, wait, and finally get to see the doctor. You start to tell them about how you're hurt, but they stop you.

Do This: Place the band-aid on the back of your hand.

Discuss: Did that help? (No) What should they have done? (Kids can talk about how to fix different hurts, but point out that most of all, the doctor should have listened.)

The Point: An important part of a doctor's job is to listen. That's the only way they can help people. God wants us to help people, too. To do that, we have to start by listening to them. When someone is going through something tough, we shouldn't just say "it'll be ok" or "That's too bad" and then leave. If we want to be good friends, God shows us that we need to listen to others and help them, especially when life is tough.

Discuss: What are some ways we could really help someone who is going through something tough? (Ask questions, listen, give them a hug, sit by them)

4. Wrap-Up and Prayer

Ask: What's something you're excited about right now? What's something you would like God's help on?

Do This: Pray with the kids.