





Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Ambiguous Cylinder illusion piece, small mirror.

1. Getting Started

Ask kids: What's something you've disagreed with someone else about?

2. Discussion Questions

- Gabby and Trixie are arguing. Do you think Gabby or Trixie is right? (Either one could be.) What could they do to help the problem?
- Do you know anyone who is a really great listener? What do you think makes them a great listener? (Asks questions, looks at you, and cares about you.)

3. Hands-On Option

Look Up and Read: James 1:19. These verses are about how important it is for us to listen to and understand someone before telling them what we think.

Do This: Show kids the object. Hold it in your palm with the open end facing upward. Hold it about one inch in front of the mirror. When positioned correctly, the reflection in the mirror will look like a circle, while the object you're holding looks like a star!

Say This: The way you see something is called your "perspective." When you look at this from a different perspective, it looks like a different shape.

Discuss: One person might say this shape was a star. Another might say it was a circle. Is either one of them totally, 100% right? (No! Point out that the shape is still the same, whatever perspective we see it from.) Why might people have different "perspectives" on things? (They think differently, or they have different pasts.)

Ask: Would you rather someone ignored you and only told you what they thought about something, or would you like them to listen to what you think? (Listen!)

The Point: We see things from different perspectives. Other people might sound wrong, but we might not be totally right either. The only way to totally understand is to work together and understand others. To show that we care about others, it's important to listen to them first, and then say what we think.

4. Wrap-Up and Prayer

Ask: What's something you would like God's help on? **Do This**: Pray with the kids.