



Group Time Guide-Already Decided/I have Questions

Supplies Needed: ---

Say This: Since you're in this group, I know you've already decided to follow Jesus, or you still have questions about deciding to follow him. Wherever you're coming from, I'm so glad you're here! I'd love to take some time to talk about what following Jesus means, and talk about any questions you might have.

1. Discussion

- What do you think following Jesus means? (You could talk about living the way God made us to, loving others, learning more about God, and doing what God says is right.)
- What are some questions you have about God, or following Jesus?
 Know This: If you can't answer a kid's question, that's ok! The most important thing is to listen to kids and let them know their questions are valid and important to God. If you get a particularly difficult and/or important question, be sure to notify your kids pastor.

2. Share Your Story

Do This: Talk about an (age-appropriate) way following Jesus has changed your life.

3. Wrap-Up and Prayer

Ask: Is there anything you would like God's help with right now?

Do This: Pray with the kids.





Group Time Guide- First Time Decisions

Supplies Needed: Following Jesus Books

1. Prayer

Say This: Congratulations! I'm so excited for all of you who want to make this amazing decision to follow Jesus. In a moment, we're all going to talk to God together. That's a time for you to tell God you want to follow him with your whole life. We'll tell God we love him, that we're sorry for the things we've done that we know are wrong, and that we believe Jesus died and came back to life. You can repeat after me out loud, or just think the words after me. God hears you either way. Let's pray together.

Do This: Read this prayer word-for-word, pausing after each line so kids can repeat after you.

God, thank you for loving me.
I am sorry
For doing things that I know are wrong.
I believe that Jesus is your son.
I believe that he died on the cross,
Took my punishment,
And came back to life,
So that I can be forgiven.
Jesus, I ask you now
To be my Leader,
My savior, and my friend forever.
I choose to follow you.
In Jesus' name, amen.

Say This: Congratulations! You have made the most amazing decision of your life, to follow God, who made you and loves you. Next, I want to give you something that can help you get started on this life-long journey with God.

2. Following Jesus Book

Do This: Show the Following Jesus book to the kids. Point out the page with the three next steps they can take. Give them the book, and record/take their name tag info.