

Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Retell the Story Cards, Bible Story Sheet

1. Introductions and Snack

Circle Up: Have Kid-Os sit down in a circle as quickly as they can and give you a "thumbs up" when they are ready to listen. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name.

Do This: Give kids hand sanitizer, then hand each of them a snack.

2. Discussion Questions

- What are some things we do that we know are wrong? (Possible answers: hurt others, say mean things, take toys that aren't ours, lie by not telling the truth.)
- In our Bible Adventure, did Jonah listen to God and go to Nineveh right away? (No.) No, but God forgave Jonah and God also forgave the people of Nineveh when they chose to follow Him!
- How can we have God's forgiveness? (By following Jesus and asking God to forgive us.)

Repeatable Phrases: "God always forgives me." "I can talk to God."

3. Hands-On Option

Do This: Put the "Retell the Story Cards" in the center of the circle. Have Kid-Os retell the story of Jonah as you work to put the cards in order. Feel free to reference the "Bible Story Sheet" and help Kid-Os retell the story as needed.

The Point: God forgave Jonah and the people of Nineveh, and He will forgive us too!

4. Big Idea, Memory Verse, Stickers, and Prayer

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

Memory Verse: Habakkuk 3:18 - I will still be glad because of what the Lord has done. **Big Idea**: God forgives me.

Do This: Give each kid a sticker. 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. Please forgive me for the things I do that I know are wrong. Amen."