

ROAD TRIP





Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Priority cards (one about “stuff” and one about “friends.”)

1. Discussion Questions

- What is Josh putting first right now? (Decorating/looking cool.) Is there anything he should be putting first instead? (The show.)
- What are some things that are important to you?

2. Hands-On Option

Look Up and Read: Haggai 1:5. This verse says to think carefully about the way we are living.

Say This: Haggai told people over and over to think carefully about the things they did and said. Why do those things matter, though? The big question Josh and Beka asked was about whether we can make wrong choices for a while, and then just make right ones when it’s important. Let’s try an example of how that might work.

Do This: Show kids each of the pictures and read the story that goes with it. Imagine what might happen if you put other things first, instead of God.

Say This: God deserves to be first in our lives. What happens if we make other things more important than Him?

Discuss: If our friends are more important to us than following God, and they ask us to do something we know is wrong, what will we probably do? (Do the wrong thing.)

Discuss: If the stuff we have is more important to us than following God, and we lose some of that stuff, how might we feel? (Like we lost everything, like we can’t be happy without that stuff.)

The Point: Living for God is so important that nothing can take His place in our lives. Putting God first doesn’t mean quitting all the other things we like to do. It means living for God, whether you’re at practice, at home, at school, on vacation, no matter where you are or what you’re doing, you can also be putting God first.

3. Wrap-Up and Prayer

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

Do This: Pray with the kids. If they’ve mentioned things that would be good to talk to God about, you can mention them in your prayer.