

# **Group Time Guide**

Supplies Needed: Picture of people and God, cross

#### 1. Introductions

**Circle Up:** Have each Kid-O give you a high five and then sit down in a circle.

#### 2. Discussion Questions

- Who did God send into the world to save us? (Jesus)
- Why did Jesus die on the cross and come back to life? (Because He loves us so much, so we could be close to God, to take the punishment for wrong things we do.)

## 3. Hands-On Option

**Do This**: Show Kid-Os the picture of people separated from God.

**Say This:** Today we learned that the wrong things we do separate us from God, just like we see right here. There is nothing people can do on their own to be close to God again. But God loved each one of us so much that he had a plan.

**Do This**: Hold up the cross in between the people and God. Show that the cross connects us to God.

**Say This**: When Jesus died on the cross and came back to life, he made a way for us to be close to God. We are not separated from God anymore. If we choose to believe in Jesus and follow him, we can be friends with God forever.

**The Point**: The Helmet of Salvation reminds us that Jesus has saved us and wants each one of him to follow him.

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

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

**Memory Verse**: Ephesians 6:10 – "Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on His mighty power."

**Big Idea**: Jesus saved me, and I can follow him.

Do This: Encourage kids to talk about what they learned with their grown-ups.

**Do This**: Pray! "Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us and for saving us. Help us to follow you each day. Amen."