

FAITH SKILLS

FAITH SKILLS activities allow kids to learn more about the Bible by focusing on a specific theme each quarter.

GO FISH

WHAT YOU NEED: Books of the Bible flash cards (1 set)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Before playing the game, determine which version of Go Fish to play:
 - **Old and New Testament:** *Players must collect four book cards from the same testament before playing their hand. If playing this version, on their turn, kids will ask, "Do you have a book from the [Old/New] Testament?"*
 - **Four in a Row:** *Players must collect four book cards that are sequential (e.g., Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel; Zechariah, Malachi, Matthew, Mark; Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James. etc.) If playing this version, on their turn, kids will ask, "Do you have the [specific book of the Bible] card?"*
- Deal each kid five cards. Place the remaining cards facedown in the center of the eGroup space.
- Explain which version of the game the group will play. Choose a kid to go first. This kid will ask any player one of the above questions based on the version of Go Fish chosen.
- If the kid doesn't have the card asked for, they will say, "Go Fish," and the kid who asked will draw a card from the draw pile. If they do have the card, they will give it to the kid who asked.
- As soon as one player has collected four cards (same testament or sequential) they will place these cards faceup on the ground.
- The game ends when one player lays all their cards on the ground or the draw pile is empty, whichever comes first. The person with the most sets of four wins.

SWORD DRILL

WHAT YOU NEED: Books of the Bible flash cards (1 set)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Take the Old Testament and New Testament cards out of the deck to use during the activity. Set the remaining cards aside.
- Explain you will show them a flash card and they will race to find the book shown on the flash card in their Bible.
- The first kid to show you where it is in their Bible wins one point. Continue the activity, showing them a different flash card each time.
- The kid with the most points at the end of the game wins!

TEAM CHALLENGE

WHAT YOU NEED: whiteboards (3), dry erase markers (3), Bibles (3), Books of the Bible flash cards (1 set)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the group into three teams and give each team a whiteboard, a dry erase marker, and a Bible.
- Explain you'll hold up a Book of the Bible flash card, and when you say "Go!," teams will work together to write the answers to these questions on their board: **1) What page in your Bible is the book found on? 2) Is the book in the Old or New Testament? 3) What category does the book belong to?**
- Questions 1 and 2 are each worth one point, and question 3 is worth five points.
- The team with the most points at the end of the game wins!



Loop

WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 23, 2019



1ST - 5TH
GRADE

MOTION LESSON PLAN

SERIES OVERVIEW

It may not sound like fun to learn spiritual disciplines, but here's the thing — spiritual disciplines aren't boring. They're vital, and we absolutely can't survive this life without them. During this series, you'll learn that the spiritual disciplines of praying, solitude, reading the Bible, and asking questions are not chores on a to-do list, but life-saving survival skills!



KEY QUESTION

Week 1: Do you think prayer has the power to change things?

Week 2: What distractions do you need to turn off this week?

Week 3: What do you think is good about reading the Bible?

WEEK 4: WHEN YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAITH, WHAT DO YOU DO?

BIBLE FOCUS

Week 1: Matthew 6:9-13

Week 2: Luke 5:16

Week 3: Matthew 7:24-25

WEEK 4: JAMES 1:5

FAITH SKILLS (AUGUST-NOVEMBER)

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Clubhouse kids will learn about the books of the Bible during dismissal. Encourage your eGroup to participate in the Books of the Bible Challenge! Each kid who can recite all 66 books of the Bible in the correct order by November 24 will earn an additional **5,000 points!**

BIBLE CONNECT (10 MIN)

BIBLE CONNECT helps kids make connections to the Bible by hearing and thinking about the Bible passage.

JOURNAL ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: journal (1 per kid), journal leader guide, pens

WHAT YOU SAY: “There are lots of ways we can study the Bible and learn more about God. This month, we’re going to use a journal to help us dig into God’s Word together to study what we read.”

A Bible journal is a place where you can keep notes about what you’re reading in the Bible, answer questions, and write down what you’re learning.”

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a journal and a pen.
- Use the journal leader guide to read today’s Bible passage and help kids understand it. Follow the flow of the journal and help your eGroup answer each question in their own journals.

WHAT YOU SAY: “Questions help us grow in our faith. God knew that questioning is a life-saving survival skill that provides the friction we need to keep the fire of our faith burning. Don’t be afraid to ask God questions and search for the answers. Even when the answers don’t come quickly, trust God and that He is working for your good.”

YOU CONNECT (10 MIN)

YOU CONNECT helps kids make connections between the main point and their lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, question sheet, pens

WHAT YOU SAY:

1. What’s the strangest question you’ve been asked? Did you know the answer?
2. Do you like asking questions? What do you like/not like about asking questions?
3. When you have a question about something, what do you do to find out the answer? (Encourage kids to think about who they could go to ask or what they would do to find the information.)
4. Have you ever asked God a question? Are there questions you’ve asked God, but you still don’t know the answer?
5. Do you think there are questions that are too small, or not important enough, to ask God? Are there questions that are too big, or too important, to ask God?
6. Can asking God questions help us grow in our faith? How?
7. What are some ways to find out the answers to questions you ask God? What do you do when you don’t get an answer?
8. Asking questions doesn’t mean we will always know the answer. Sometimes we have to trust and believe God is good, even when we don’t understand. Why can this be so hard?

YOU CONNECT (CONT.)

YOU CONNECT helps kids make connections between the main point and their lives.

9. God wants us to ask Him questions! He made us able to wrestle and work out our faith with questions. Let’s do that right now.

Leader: Give each kid a question sheet and pen. Lead kids through answering the following questions:

- What’s a question you have for God?
- What’s a topic or question you hope to learn more about at church?
- What’s a question you have for The Loop show?

After collecting the sheets, pray for your Group.

SUGGESTED PRAYER:

“Dear God, thank You that when we have questions and need wisdom and answers, we can come to You. You want us to ask questions and won’t get angry with us when we do. Help us to be patient and persistent when we ask questions so we can get to know You better.”

BIBLE CONNECT (5 MIN)

BIBLE CONNECT helps kids make connections to the Bible by learning and practicing the memory verse together.

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

WHAT YOU NEED: challenge cards (1 set of 8)

WHAT YOU SAY: “Our memory verse, James 4:8a, says, ‘Come near to God and He will come near to you.’

This verse tells us when we seek God, He is with us. We can seek God when we pray and by spending time listening for His voice, reading the Bible, and asking questions. Let’s play a game to help us memorize this verse!”

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide your eGroup into two teams and give each team a challenge card.
- Explain teams must work together to complete the memory verse challenge on their card.
 - The first team to complete the challenge wins the round!
- Continue until all challenge cards have been used, or as time allows.

MEMORY VERSE: “Come near to God and He will come near to you.” James 4:8a, NIV