

DISMISSAL

After the group finishes with discussion and prayer time, take out the Uno cards. The group can continue playing “Uno Emoji,” or you can play another familiar card game by making some simple modifications to the Uno card deck. Options could include:

- **Wild Slaps (Slapjack):** All cards are dealt facedown. One at a time, kids play a card faceup on the discard pile. When a Wild card is played, the first kid to slap the card wins the entire discard pile. The kid who collects all the cards wins.
- **War:** Remove all non-number cards (Skip, Reverse, Draw Two, and Wild cards) from the deck. Deal all cards facedown. Together, all kids turn over the card from the top of their personal deck. The kid who played the highest card collects all the cards played in that round and adds them to the bottom of their personal deck.

If multiple kids play the highest card in the same round, these kids place three cards facedown in the center of the group and then place a fourth card faceup. The player with the higher faceup card takes all the cards played in that round. The kid who collects all the cards wins.

- **Memory Match:** Find 10 to 12 matching pairs of cards from the deck. Play only with these pairs; set the rest of the cards aside. Shuffle the matching pairs then lay them, grid-style, on the floor in the center of the group. Kids take turns turning over two cards, attempting to find matching pairs. When a match is found, the kid keeps the match. The kid with the most matching pairs after all matches are made wins.



WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 23, 2019

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1ST - 5TH
GRADE

LEADER GUIDE



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, kids will 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

KID CONNECT

In **KID CONNECT**, kids connect with their group leader and with each other.

UNO EMOJI

WHAT YOU NEED: Motion check-in sheet (1), Uno Emoji cards (2 decks)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Start by introducing yourself and welcoming kids to your group. *As kids come in, write their names and tag numbers on the Motion check-in sheet.*
- Ask them about their week and interests to create conversation.

Once you have five to six kids, begin playing “Uno Emoji.”

- Shuffle one deck of Uno Emoji cards and deal seven cards, facedown, to each kid. Place remaining cards facedown in the middle of the group to form a draw pile.
- Explain the goal is for kids to be the first to get rid of all their cards.
- Turn over the first card from the draw pile to create the discard pile and begin the game.
- The first kid will play one card matching either the color, number, or symbol on the top card of the discard pile. If the kid doesn't have a matching card or a wild card, he/she must draw from the draw pile. If that card matches the card on the discard pile, it may be played. If not, the kid adds it to his/her personal hand.
- Play continues in this way around the circle until a player has played all his/her cards.
- Special Action/Symbol Cards:
 - **SKIP:** Skip the next player.
 - **REVERSE:** Direction of play changes to the opposite direction.
 - **DRAW TWO:** The next player draws two cards from the draw pile.
 - **WILD:** Change the color in play.
 - **WILD DRAW FOUR:** Change the color AND the next player draws four cards.
 - **WILD EMOJI:** Change the color AND the next player must make the face shown on the emoji card until his/her next turn.

BIBLE CONNECT

In **BIBLE CONNECT**, kids make connections to the Bible by hearing and thinking about the Bible passage.

BIBLE FOCUS

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles (1 per kid)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a Bible, and instruct kids to turn to James 1:5. **NOTE:** This may take time, but it helps kids learn skills for reading the Bible on their own. If needed, encourage kids to use the table of contents in their Bible, and then decide if the book is in the Old or New Testament.
- Read James 1:5 aloud.
- Explain:
 - In this verse, James is telling us we have permission to ask God whatever is on our hearts.
 - God will never be upset by our questions. He won't tell us the question is dumb or wrong. He won't think we're bad people because of the questions we ask.
 - In fact, God wants us to ask questions. Asking questions means we're thinking and learning.
 - When we ask questions, our faith is actually strengthened through our struggle. When we seek His answers, God's wisdom helps our faith grow.

*After Bible Connect, Groups will shift their focus to the stage experience. When prompted by the host, encourage kids to introduce themselves to the Group, then ask the following **ICEBREAKER QUESTION:** “What is the best thing to eat around a campfire?”*

YOU CONNECT

In **YOU CONNECT**, kids answer the key question and identify how it connects to their personal lives.

SURVIVAL SKILLS QUIZ

WHAT YOU NEED: Survival Skills Quiz sheet (1 per kid), pens (1 per kid)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a Survival Skills Quiz sheet and a pen.
- **For fourth and fifth grade Groups:** Read the instructions at the top of the activity sheet aloud. Give kids seven to eight minutes to complete the sheet independently. As kids finish, encourage them to fill in their total for each section.
- **For first through third grade Groups:** Explain this quiz will help them identify which spiritual survival skills are their strongest and which ones they need to work on developing.
 - Read each question aloud.
 - Rather than having kids assign a scale score for each question, encourage them to put a check mark by each one they think is true of themselves.
 - At the end of each section, encourage kids to count the number of check marks for that section and write the number on the “Total for this section” line.
- If any kids would like to share, allow them to talk about which is their strongest spiritual survival skill and which one they want to strengthen the most.
- If time allows, go over the follow-up questions located in the key at the bottom of the sheet. Help kids identify either: how they can help others develop their strong skills, who they can look to for encouragement for their budding skills, or who they can look to for leadership to develop a skill that's not quite there yet.
- Tell kids to take the quiz home. Encourage them to discuss it with their parents or a trusted friend.

DISCUSSION

During the **DISCUSSION**, kids continue applying their understanding of the key question together.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who do you talk to when you have questions about your faith? Are there other people you think you could talk to?
2. Have you ever felt like it wasn't okay to ask questions about God or about being a Christian? Why do you think you felt that way?
3. James 1:5 says, “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” How does it make you feel to know that God doesn't mind your questions?
4. What is one question you would like to ask God? *(Note: Allow kids to respond freely. Don't feel like you need to answer their questions; just let them speak. Reassure them that sometimes we can't understand every answer, but based on who God is and everything He's done, we can trust He is good and He is in control, and that He can even reshape things that were meant for evil back to His good plan.)*
5. What are some ways God can give you wisdom? *(e.g., He can help you figure things out, He can lead you to someone wise who can teach you, He can help you learn from a Bible verse, etc.)*
6. Think back to the Survival Skills Quiz. What are some ideas for increasing your score in the “Asking God Questions” section? Or, how can you share what you know about this strength with others?
7. Pray together. Pray your kids will feel confident asking God the questions on their hearts. Pray that God will speak to them through His Word and that He will put people in their lives who can share godly wisdom when they have questions.