



## SERIES OVERVIEW

Feeling like we can do anything is a pretty great feeling. We have a power source that gives us the power to do everything God wants us to do. His name is Jesus. And, He is AMAZING! Over the next two months, we're going to power up and learn about the fruit of the Spirit — what happens when we are connected to the real power source.

## WEEKLY MAIN POINTS

Week 1: When Jesus is your friend, He gives you the power to love.

Week 2: When Jesus is your friend, He gives you the power to have joy.

Week 3: When Jesus is your friend, He gives you the power to have peace.

**WEEK 4: WHEN JESUS IS YOUR FRIEND, HE GIVES YOU THE POWER TO BE PATIENT.**

Week 5: When Jesus is your friend, He gives you the power to be kind.

## WEEKLY BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: Love • 1 Corinthians; John 3:16; John 13:34

Week 2: Paul and Silas in Prison • Acts 16:16-34

Week 3: Birds and Flowers • Matthew 6:25-34

**WEEK 4: SIMEON AT THE TEMPLE • LUKE 2:22-39**

Week 5: Good Samaritan • Luke 10:25-37

## SERIES MEMORY VERSE



"I can do

everything

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of Christ."

Philippians 4:13

"I can do (*point thumbs to chest*)  
everything (*spread arms wide*)  
by the power (*make muscles*)  
of Christ." (*point up*)

Philippians 4:13, NIRV (*open hands like a book*)

# KID CONNECT

**KID CONNECT** is all about eGROUP CONNECTIONS: for you to make connections with your eGroup and for the kids to make connections with each other. It's okay if you don't complete all the activities - some activities will work better for your group than others. Begin Kid Connect when doors open.

**KID CONNECT ENDS WHEN THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE BEGINS.**

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## COLORING PAGE

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

**What you need:** crayons, coloring page, Quest check-in sheet (1)

**What you do:** Place the crayons in the center of the circle and give each child a coloring page. *Write children's names and tag numbers on the Quest check-in sheet as children arrive.*

### DURING THE ACTIVITY

**What you do:** Encourage children to find and color all six of the hidden crayons in the picture. As children color and complete their coloring page, get to know them by asking questions about their week or what they did or are planning to do that day.

### AFTER THE ACTIVITY

**What you do:** Make sure children's names are on their page and set the pages aside until children are picked up at the end of the worship experience.

# KID CONNECT

## VIDEO GAME WARM UP

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

**What you need:** foam dice

**What you do:** Encourage children to stand up and spread out around the space.

**What you say:** "This month our Wonder! Clubhouse friends are playing some fun arcade games. Let's pretend we're inside our very own arcade game. When you roll the dice, I'll tell you which movement to do in the game. Are you ready?"

### DURING THE ACTIVITY

**What you do:** Choose one child to roll the dice and encourage the group to complete the corresponding action from the chart below. Continue the activity, allowing each child to get a turn rolling the dice.

If a child rolls a ...	Encourage the group to ...
1	Run in place at super speed for 10 seconds.
2	Jump in the air and grab eight gold coins from the sky.
3	Climb the giant ladder for 10 seconds.
4	Jump over five slippery banana peels.
5	Freeze for 10 seconds.
6	Duck under a tree branch six times.

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# GROUP CONNECT

## ONCE THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE BEGINS

### POWER QUESTIONS

#### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

**What you need:** activity cards (1 set of 16)

**What you do:** Seat children in a circle and spread the activity cards around the floor with the pictures facing up.

**What you say:** "This month we're learning all about someone who gives us the power to do everything! Do you know who that is? (*Jesus*) That's right! Jesus gives us the power to do everything. Before we read a Bible story and learn more about Jesus, let's get to know all the friends in our eGroup!"

#### DURING THE ACTIVITY

**What you do:** Encourage the first child to say his/her name to the eGroup. Ask the child to choose one activity card. Read the question on the back of the card for the child to answer. Repeat for each child in the eGroup.

After all children have been introduced, pass out a Quest animal sticker to each child. Have each child place it next to their name tag.

**What you say:** "We are the (insert animal name) today! There are two very special rules to remember so we can have the most fun. The rules to follow are:

1. Be Safe - How can we be safe? (*keeping our hands to ourselves, sitting when others are sitting, walking instead of running, following the rules*)
2. Be Kind - How can we be kind? (*listening when others are talking, sharing, obeying leaders, sitting on our bottoms so others can see*)

If you can obey our special rules and are ready to have fun then put one hand in the middle and repeat after me:

I am (*allow response*)

a (insert animal group name) (*allow response*)

I will (*allow response*)

be kind and safe! (*allow response*)

On the count of three everyone, say 'Go (insert animal name)!'

1 . . . 2 . . . 3 . . .

Go (insert group name)!"

#### AFTER THE ACTIVITY

**What you say:** "Now that we all know each other and we know the rules, we're ready to hear our Bible story!"

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# BIBLE CONNECT

**BIBLE CONNECT** is all about **BIBLE CONNECTIONS**: for kids to make connections with the Bible and learn to love the Bible! Children will make connections to the Bible in two ways: by hearing and talking about the Bible story and practicing the memory verse. Begin Bible Connect after the *Get To Know You* activity. **AFTER BIBLE CONNECT CHILDREN HEAD TO FREE PLAY AND LARGE GROUP.**

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## SIMEON AT THE TEMPLE LUKE 2:22-39

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

**What you need:** Bible story cards (3), Bible story stickers

**What you say:** "We can find true stories in God's book, the Bible! These Bible story cards will help us learn something important God tells us in the Bible!"

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Simeon: SIHM-ee-uhn

### DURING THE ACTIVITY

**What you do:** Show and read the Bible story using the Bible story cards. Ask the Bible story review questions. Ask the Bible story review questions. Each time a child answers a question correctly, give the child a sticker. If children can't remember the answer, take time as an eGroup to look back through the Bible story cards and find the answer together.

**What you say:** "Let's see how much you remember from our Bible story!"

1. "Was the man in our Bible story named Simeon or Samuel?" (*Simeon*)
2. "Simeon knew that God was sending someone very special. Did God tell Simeon that he would get to see this special person?" (*yes*)
3. "Did Simeon know when the special person was going to come?" (*no*)
4. "Did Simeon whine and complain, or did he wait patiently?" (*He waited patiently.*)
5. "Did Simeon wait a long time?" (*yes*)
6. "Who was the special person Simeon was waiting to meet?" (*Jesus*)
7. "There were two people who brought baby Jesus to the temple. One of them was Mary. Who was the other person?" (*Joseph*)
8. "Did Simeon get to meet Jesus, just like God promised?" (*yes*)

### AFTER THE ACTIVITY

**What you say:** "Simeon knew something amazing was going to happen, but he had to be patient and wait. Even though Simeon waited a long time, he was patient and he waited with a happy heart. We can wait and be patient, too! Jesus will always be with us and He can give us the power to do everything, like being patient! Who gives you the power to do everything?" (*Jesus gives me the power to do everything.*)

# BIBLE CONNECT

During the memory verse activity children will learn and practice the Bible verse together.

**NOTE: Children cannot recite the memory verse to receive a prize sticker during the first week of a series.**

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## VERSE VOICES

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

**What you need:** no supplies

**What you say:** "Our Bible verse tells us that Jesus gives us the power to do everything!"

### DURING THE ACTIVITY

**What you do:** Say the memory verse and do the motions in front of the children. After showing them once, encourage children to practice the memory verse with you using different voices. You can use all of the voice options or choose a few, depending on time and interest.

**What you say:** "I am going to say our memory verse. Everyone watch me! *(Demonstrate the memory verse as shown in the sidebar.)* Now let's do it all together! Are you ready? *(Say the memory verse with the motions several times.)* Now let's try the verse in some silly voices!"

- "Say the verse in a **whisper** voice, like you're playing a video game at home, but you don't want to wake your little brother up from his nap."
- "Say the verse in a **robot** voice, like you're the character inside of a video game!"
- "Say the verse in a **happy** voice, like you just made it to the next level in your favorite video game!"
- "Say the verse in a **loud** voice, like you're playing a video game and the music is super loud!"
- "Say the verse in a **sad** voice, like you have to turn off the video game you're playing because it's time for dinner!"
- "Say the verse in a **tired** voice, like you've been playing video games all night!"

### AFTER THE ACTIVITY

**What you say:** "Great job, friends! Remember, when Jesus is our friend, He gives us the power to do everything! No matter what we face, we can trust Him and remember that He will always be there to help us."

**What you do:** **Tell children they will have the opportunity to say the memory verse on their own during Free Play. Each child who can say the memory verse correctly will get a sticker and will then get to choose a prize before they leave!**

# YOU CONNECT

**YOU CONNECT** is about the eGroup leader (**YOU!**) helping children make connections with the main point and their lives. You Connect activities reinforce the main point with fun and engaging activities. **BEGIN YOU CONNECT AFTER LARGE GROUP.**

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## WORTH THE WAIT

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

**What you need:** situation sheet

**What you say:** "In our Bible story, we learned about the time Simeon waited to meet Jesus. Even though it took a long, long, LONG time, Simeon was patient and it was worth the wait! Just like Simeon, we can be patient and wait with a happy heart. Let's play a game to think about some of the times when we can be patient!"

### DURING THE ACTIVITY

**What you do:** Read each scenario from the situation sheet and encourage the children to respond by showing you how hard it would be for them to wait. If they think it would be hard to be wait, they will stretch their arms as high as they can and stand on their tip-toes. If they think it would be easy to wait, they will sit down and touch their toes. After each scenario, allow children to share why they think it would be easy or hard to wait. Continue the activity until all of the scenarios have been discussed.

### AFTER THE ACTIVITY

**What you say:** "Some things are harder to wait for than others. It might be hard to wait for the cookies to finish baking in the oven, but it can be even harder to wait for your dinner when you're really hungry. No matter how hard it may seem, Jesus can give us the power to be patient and wait with a happy heart. In fact, Jesus can give us the power to do everything! Who gives you the power to do everything? *(Jesus gives me the power to do everything.)* Let's bow our heads, close our eyes, and ask God to help us have patience! *"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to give us the power to be patient. Help us be patient and wait with a happy heart. I pray we will follow Jesus so we can love others the way He loves us and have the power to be patient. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."*

# YOU CONNECT

## WALK IT OUT

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

**What you need:** activity cards (1 set of 16)

**What you do:** Create a large circle on the floor with the activity cards. Ask each child to stand behind an activity card (around the outside of the circle).

**What you say:** "We're going to play a fun game and practice our main point, 'When Jesus is your friend, He gives you the power to be patient.' Let's pretend we're inside our very own video game. As you walk around the video game, make sure you're always standing behind one of our activity cards."

### DURING THE ACTIVITY

**What you do:** Explain children will walk around the circle, moving from one card to the next as you clap to a steady beat. Remind children to walk behind the cards, not on top of them. When you stop clapping, encourage children to freeze behind one of the activity cards. Choose one of the symbols from the activity cards. The children standing behind the activity card with the symbol you choose will say the main point, 'When Jesus is your friend, He gives you the power to be patient,' together!

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# DISMISSAL

## POWER UP

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

**What you do:** Encourage children to stand up and spread out around the eGroup space.

**What you say:** This month, we're learning that when we follow Jesus, He gives us the power to do everything. I'm going to give a challenge and if you think you can do it, I want you to say, 'Power up!' Are you ready?"

### DURING THE ACTIVITY

**What you do:** Explain you will ask children if they can complete the challenges below. Any child who wants to try will stand up and say, "Power up!" Those children will then attempt to complete the challenge.

**What you say:**

- Who can do 15 jumping jacks?
- Who can hop on one foot the longest?
- Who can say everyone's name in the group?
- Who can balance on one foot for 15 seconds?
- Who can balance on one foot for 15 seconds?
- Who can spin in a circle ten times without getting dizzy?
- Who can say their name five times fast?
- Who can give everyone in the group a high five in ten seconds?
- Who can jump the highest?

## MATCHING

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

**What you need:** Power Up cards (set of 20)

**What you do:** Shuffle the matching cards and lay them face-down in the center of the eGroup in a 4-by-5 grid.

### DURING THE ACTIVITY

**What you do:** Children will take turns flipping over two cards. If the two cards match, the child can hold onto the two cards until the end of the game. If the two cards do not match, the child will return them to the same spots, face-down. The child with the most matches at the end wins!

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## I SPY

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

**What you need:** Power Up cards (set of 20)

**What you do:** Spread out the cards with the pictures facing up. Pull out one of each type of card and set them aside.

### DURING THE ACTIVITY

**What you do:** Children will take turns playing "I spy..." When it's their turn, he/she will say "I spy..." and describe a picture from one of the cards. For example, "I spy... something yellow" or "I spy...a lot of squares." The rest of the group will try to guess which card he/she is describing. The first child to guess correctly will get to go next!

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