



## Grade 3&4: Small Group Leader Guide

# More Than This | Oct. 25 2020

**Bible Story:** More Than This (On the Road to Emmaus) • *Luke 24:13-35*

**Bottom Line:** There's always more to discover about God's plan.

**Key Question:** What have you discovered about God that surprised you?

**Memory Verse:** *Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.* Philippians 2:3 (NIRV)

**Life App:** Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve

**Basic Truth:** I need to make the wise choice.

## Small Group Connect (10 Minutes)



1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Icebreaker Game**

### Get Your Head in the Game

*Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

### What You Do:

- **Ask** kids to think of a couple subjects or categories of things that they feel like they know a lot about. These could be names of famous athletes, facts about reptiles or mammals, types of big cats, types of insects, Disney movies, Disney characters, pretty much anything goes as long as it's appropriate.
  - **Let** kids share a few of these, especially if you have kids who are having trouble thinking of something.
- **Choose** a volunteer to name a category or subject they feel confident about their knowledge of.
- **Let** another kid agree to be that person's "challenger."
- **Give** both of those kids a chance to try to be the "last person standing" as they name as many things/people/places in the chosen category.
  - Kids will take turns naming one thing in the category, without repeating something that's already been said.
  - Whoever is the last person to be able to name something is the winner!
  - For example, if the subject is types of insects, one person could say "spiders," the other could say "caterpillars," and so on, until someone can't think of an

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insect that hasn't already been said. The kid who named the last insect is now the winner.

- The kids who aren't playing should watch quietly, without shouting out hints or answers.
- If you feel like your group can play fairly without you monitoring each of them closely, you can let kids pair off and challenge each other in whatever subjects they choose.

### What You Say:

"You all know a LOT of things ABOUT a LOT of things! It's fun to have so much knowledge about stuff, isn't it? And it's really helpful in a game like the one we just played. **[Transition]** But you know what? No matter how much you know, there's always more to learn—so let's go to large group and discover some more about God!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



## Small Group Activity (20 Minutes)

### Take a Snapshot

[Live for God | Application Activity]

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**What You Need:** "Trivia Question Cards" Activity Page, "Trivia Answer Cards" Activity Page

### What You Do:

- **Lay** out all of the trivia questions and **tell** kids that there probably isn't anyone in your group who knows the answer to literally all the questions, so they have to work together to figure them out!
- **Ask** if anyone knows the answer to any of the questions.
- **Let** them answer, and if they're correct (answers below), hand them the corresponding answer card.
- **Continue** letting kids answer the questions until you're left with only the questions that no one knows the answer to.
- **Lay** out all remaining answer cards and let kids work together to match the questions with their correct answers.
- Discuss and wrap up:
  - Did any one of us know ALL of the answers?
  - What can you learn from games like this? (That we don't know everything! That there's always more to learn)

### Trivia Answers:

1. Which animal never sleeps? (*A bullfrog*)
2. How many times better a dog can hear than a human? (*Four times*)
3. What is the name of the scientific study of languages? (*Linguistics*)
4. Which baseball pitcher holds the record for the most complete games in an MLB career? (*Cy Young*)
5. Who was the only person in NBA history to be named Most Valuable Player, Coach of the Year, and Executive of the Year? (*Larry Byrd*)
6. In Aladdin, what is the name of Jasmine's pet tiger? (*Rajah*)
7. In Bambi, what word does the owl use to describe falling in love? (*Twitterpatted*)

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8. How many keys are on a piano? (88)
9. Who painted the Sistine Chapel? (Michelangelo)
10. In what type of matter are atoms most tightly packed? (Solids)
11. What instrument is used to measure wind speed? (Anemometer)
12. How often does Halley's Comet pass Earth? (Every 76 years)



## Small Group Discussion (10 Minutes)

### 1. Say the Bottom Line and Bible Verse together:

1. **Bottom Line:** Put others first.
2. **Memory Verse:** *Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.* Philippians 2:3 (NIRV)

### 2. Do the Activity and/or Discussion Question

[Live for God | Application Activity]

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**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

**Ask:**

- Why is it so hard for us to admit when we don't know something?
- If there's always more to discover about God, how do we do that? (Bible reading, prayer, mentor/wise person, application of what you're learning)
- How can you show humility when it comes to discovering new things?
- Have you ever had someone tell you or teach you something you already knew? How do you show humility in that kind of situation?
  - Is it okay to let others know that you already know something?

## Pray Together (5 Minutes)



1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests on the hearts in the supply bin and stick them on the wall
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

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### What You Do:

- **Talk** with the group about how it's against our human nature to put someone before ourselves. Why do you think that is? What can we do about it? We need to ask God for help!
- **Instruct** kids to partner up and ask how they can pray for each other.
  - What makes humility hard for them?
  - When do they need help putting others first?
- After they've had time to talk, **gather** everyone in a circle, and allow anyone who feels comfortable to pray aloud, specifically for the partner they just shared with.
- **Go** around the circle, but tell kids they can "pass" if they'd rather not pray out loud.
- **Close** by praying over the whole group

### What You Say:

"God, thank You for your example of humility and putting others first. Thank You for putting us first and saving us even when we didn't deserve it. And thank You for being a God who hears our prayers and goes with us in our days. I pray specifically for each kid in this group (say their names), and I ask that You give them the desire to put others first, the courage to be humble with others are not, and to trust You with the outcome. Thank You for Jesus, thank You for our church, and thank You for this group. Amen!"

\*IF TIME: Close with a few games from the bin to close out your time.\*

## 3. Check Out & Parent Pick-up

*Kids should stay in the Small Group until their parents arrive to pick them up and show the 3 digit tag that matches the number on the name tag of the child being picked up.*

1. **Talk** about doing the God Time Cards and send one home with each child.
2. **Encourage** families to do the God Time Card together and read the Parent Cue.

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