



## Preparation

### PURPOSE:

Prepare for the lesson

### LOOKS LIKE:

- Prepare your heart to teach.
- Plan for the lesson.
- Gather materials.
- Pray for the kids.



## Connect

### Small Group Session 1

### PURPOSE:

Connect with the kids and make them feel heard and cared for.

### LOOKS LIKE:

- Check in your kids.
- Serve a snack.
- Share "highs" and "lows," or complete the "How Are You Feeling?" chart.
- Play a structured game (Games Bag, card/board game, relays).
- Optional: Introduce the topic of the day.



15-20 MINUTES

# SMALL GROUP LEADER CHEAT SHEET



## Games



### PURPOSE:

Provide a safe, structured activity that is fun for kids and teaches them valuable skills like teamwork and cooperation.

### LOOKS LIKE:

- Play the games with the kids.
- If you cannot play, actively watch and cheer them on.
- Help monitor safety of all kids.

20-25 MINUTES



## Head

### Large Group

### PURPOSE:

Briefly introduce kids to the story of the gospel in an engaging way.

### LOOKS LIKE:

- Sit with your small group and monitor behavior.
- Listen to an interactive telling of the Bible story.
- Encourage responses and involvement.

15-20 MINUTES





# Heart

## Small Group Session 2

### PURPOSE:

Facilitate activity and study to help kids know and love Jesus.

### LOOKS LIKE:

- Help kids to explore life's profound questions and matters of faith through exploration of the scriptures. Every week, a new question will prompt kids to delve into the Bible for answers.
- Lead conversations that feature diverse object lessons and activities. The lessons are designed to facilitate comprehension and insight into the kid's questions.
- Help kids discover the reality of God's presence, his boundless love for them, and the pivotal role of Jesus as the only way to salvation through faith in him.
- Help kids understand and feel God's love for them through time in his Word.
- Share with kids how to love the God of the Gospel.



20-25 MINUTES



# Hands

## Application / Wrap Up

### PURPOSE:

Lead kids to live out the mission of the gospel.

### LOOKS LIKE:

- Discuss ways to practice what kids learned.
- Give practical acts to share and show the love of Jesus.
- Share take home verse cards or handouts.

5-10 MINUTES



# Check-Out

### PURPOSE:

Create routines for kids to be safely and efficiently dismissed.

### LOOKS LIKE:

- Have a sign out sheet ready for parents who pick up.
- Play a game to keep kids contained and engaged while they wait.
- Ensure kids are safely released to walk or to go to other after school programs.

5-10 MINUTES

