



Small Group Leader Guide

Jacob and Esau

Play • 15 minutes

Greet parents & kids • Play with kids

Clean Up Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Clean Up • 2 minutes

Tidy the room • Form your small group

Welcome Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Welcome • 3 minutes

Help kids in your small group feel seen and heard

1. **Introduce** yourself.
2. **Welcome** kids by name.
3. **Ask** kids what happened during their week and let them share their answers.
4. **Ask** about prayer requests and events kids told you about before.
5. **Talk about** the welcome questions:
 - What's your favorite kind of soda pop?
 - What are some new flavors for soda pop you think would taste good?

Every Day Song Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Focus of the week:

Every day, I make choices that honor Jesus.

Every Day Song • 3 minutes

Dance • Sing • Encourage kids to do the same thing

Game Transition • 30 Seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Game • 5 minutes

Have fun with your small group

You'll Need

Per Group	Move Chain Activity Supplement
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To Do

Say: We get to make a move chain! Try to do all the moves in order and think of a move you want to add when it's your turn!

1. You're the first leader. **Choose** a move and **show** it to the group. *Use the activity supplement for ideas.*
2. The whole group **copies** your move.
3. Let a kid be the next leader. They **repeat** your move, then **do** their own move afterward.
4. The whole group **copies** both moves in order.
5. **As time allows, repeat steps 3-4** for each kid in your group so they can **add** their own moves.
6. If you can't remember all the moves, **start over**.

Movie & Music Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Movie & Music • ≈ 25 minutes

Focus kids on video • Lead Bible break in small group

1. For worship, **stand** your small group up. **Model** and **encourage** participation.

Songs	My Friend Jesus	Who I Wanna Be
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2. **Seat** your small group when worship is over.
3. **Choose** questions to talk about with your small group during the **3-minute Bible break**:
 - **Which part of the Bible story do you want to talk about?** *Answers will vary.*
 - **How do you think Esau felt about Jacob stealing the blessing?** *Heartbroken, angry, etc.*
 - **What do you think made Jacob run away?** *Idea: He was afraid of how angry Esau was.*
4. **Chant**, "Play it again!" with emcee.
5. **Watch** the rest of the video together.

Bible Verse Transition • 30 seconds

Focus kids on emcee leading transition

Bible Verse • 90 seconds

Help small group do verse and motions with emcee

Small Talk • 5-10 minutes

Review • Talk • Pray

Review the Bible verse and talk about it.
Learn motions: www.leaders.life.church/crosstown

1. **Show the verse on the back of this guide to your group and say it together with motions.**
2. **In the Bible verse, who does God want us to share His love with?** *Each other*

Review the point and talk about it.

Say: The point today is: **Every day, I make choices that honor Jesus.** Let's say it and talk about it!

1. **Recite** the point together.
2. **Which choice honors Jesus: holding onto hurt feelings or talking about hurt feelings and trying to work them out?** *Talking about hurt feelings and trying to work them out*

Ask open questions and let kids talk.

1. **What do you think Jesus would say to a person who got their feelings hurt?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **Talk about some things that might hurt your feelings.** *Answers will vary.*
3. **What would you say to someone who hurt your feelings?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **When you've hurt someone's feelings, how do you feel inside?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **Name a grown-up you can talk to if you have problems with somebody.** *Answers will vary.*
6. **If you and your friend hurt each other's feelings, what are some good ways to work it out?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray together.

Say: Praying is talking with God. What would you like to talk with God about?

1. **Listen** to what kids say and **pray** together.
2. **Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** *God, please help us love everyone the way You love us, even when our feelings are hurt. In Jesus' name, amen.*
3. **If time allows, follow up** on old prayer requests.

Check Out • Runs until kids leave

1. **Stay in small groups** until kids are checked out.
2. **Play** the game again.
3. **Compliment** kids when they leave and tell them you're looking forward to seeing them next week.

