



## SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

### GRACE // WEEK 4

#### WHY DO I WANT TO DO THINGS THAT ARE WRONG?

#### Small Group Welcome

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. **Discuss** the welcome question: **What's something a person can't do, even if they try really, really hard?**

#### Small Group Activity

#### You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 Brain Teaser card set

#### After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Brain Teaser card set (save to use later)

#### To Do

**Say:** It can be hard to do the right thing! I've got a few challenges for you. Watch out—because sometimes your brain is going to tell you to say the wrong thing!

1. **Follow this order:** Challenge 1, Challenge 2 (*skip if any kids are color blind*), then Challenge 3.
2. **Challenge 1:** Show each flashcard 1-2 seconds and kids **say the NUMBER** on the flashcard. Go through the stack 5-7 times. **Challenge level: Easy**
3. **Challenge 2:** Show each flashcard 1-2 seconds and kids **say the COLOR** on the flashcard. Go through the stack 5-7 times. **Challenge level: Medium**
4. **Challenge 3:** Show each flashcard 1-2 seconds and kids **say the NUMBER OF DOTS** on the flashcard. Go through the stack 5-7 times. **Challenge level: Hard**
5. **Extra challenge:** Time kids **individually** to see who can do challenge 2 or 3 the fastest without mistakes.

#### Ask this after the activity.

1. **Which challenge was the hardest for you?** *Answers will vary.*

#### Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

God's grace sets me free. His Holy Spirit changes me.

Galatians 5:16 NLT

*... let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.*

1. **Who is the best guide to follow? God's Holy Spirit**

Choose a few review questions.

1. **We can't get stop sinning all on our own. What do you think can help us?** *Answers will vary. Help kids talk about God's grace, Jesus' forgiveness, the power of God's Holy Spirit to help us say no to sin, etc.*
2. **Who is God's Holy Spirit?** *The invisible spirit of God who fills your heart to lead, teach, help, and comfort you. He changes you to be more like Jesus.*
3. **When can you start living by the Holy Spirit's power?** *When you choose to follow Jesus*
4. **What good things will your life show when you let the Holy Spirit change you?** *Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control, courage, wisdom, putting others first, etc.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What do you need God's Holy Spirit to help you with the most?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What do you really want God's Holy Spirit to change in your heart?** *Answers will vary. Pray together over the answers the kids give.*

Pray together.

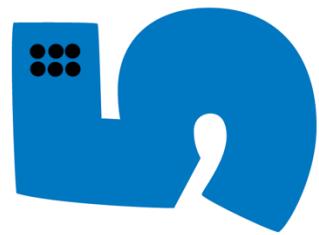
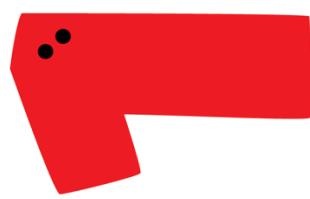
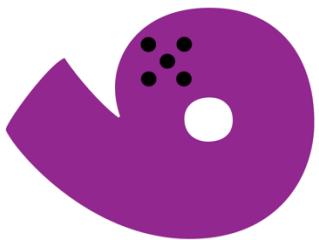
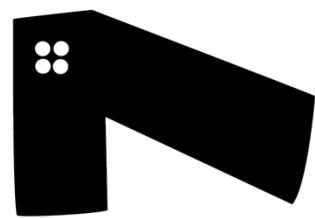
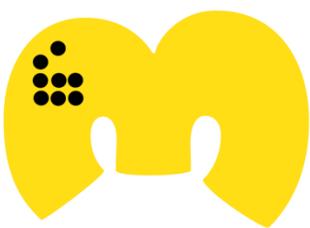
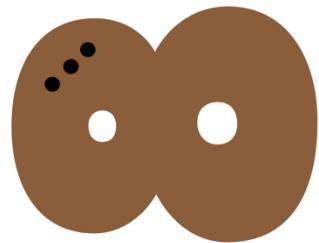
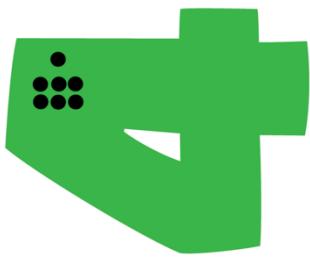
1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, please teach us how to live by the Holy Spirit's power every minute of our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

#### Check Out

*Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.*

1. **Talk about** completing the Challenge Card, and **play the game again**.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to them.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.



Color: **RED**

Number: **ONE**

Dots: **TWO**

Color: **ORANGE**

Number: **TWO**

Dots: **ONE**

Color: **YELLOW**

Number: **THREE**

Dots: **EIGHT**

Color: **GREEN**

Number: **FOUR**

Dots: **SEVEN**

Color: **BLUE**

Number: **FIVE**

Dots: **SIX**

Color: **PURPLE**

Number: **SIX**

Dots: **FOUR**

Color: **BROWN**

Number: **EIGHT**

Dots: **THREE**

Color: **BLACK**

Number: **SEVEN**

Dots: **FOUR**