



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 (<i>save to use later</i>)

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.*

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.

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.

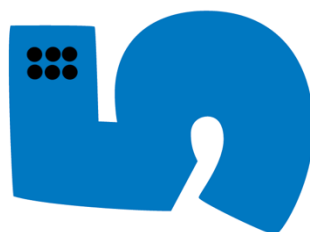
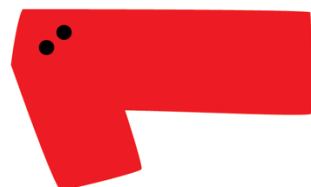
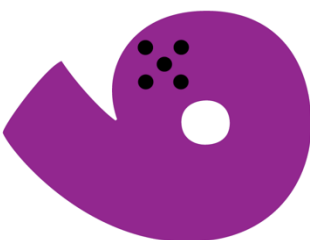
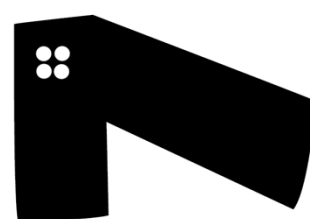
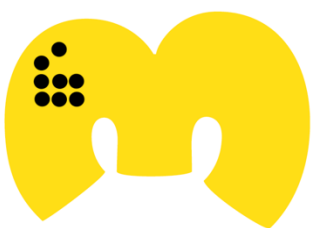
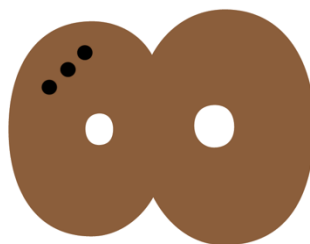
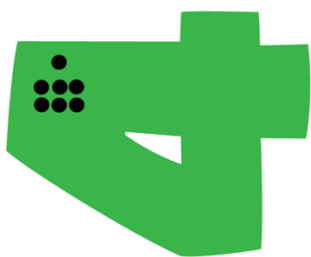
1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

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: FIVE

Color: **BLACK**
Number: SEVEN
Dots: FOUR

Color: **BROWN**
Number: EIGHT
Dots: THREE