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Statement of Faith

ABOUT GOD

God is the one and only true God, yet He exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God is the Creator, so everything belongs to Him and is under His control. God is holy, so He is righteous, majestic, and loving. God is all knowing and purposeful, so He's at work to bring about His will. No person, thing, or idea compares to God.

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES

God reveals Himself to us through the Bible, and it is 100% accurate, reliable, and authoritative.

ABOUT PEOPLE

People are made in God's image and for His pleasure. But everybody falls short of God's intention, or ideal, for people. In other words, everyone has sinned. As a result, we are all separated from Him, even though He wants an intimate relationship with each of us.

ABOUT SALVATION

That's why Jesus—God's Son—came and lived on this earth, died, and rose again. God offers His free gift of salvation to all who believe in Jesus and accept Him as Savior—the only way to be forgiven and reconciled to God. Anyone who accepts this gift is adopted as a son or daughter into God's family and will live with Him forever in heaven.

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BIBLE STORY

A Bottleneck
 Peter and Cornelius
 Acts 10

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even when the job is bigger than you think.

MEMORY VERSE

“Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don’t give up.”
Galatians 6:9, NIV

LIFE APP

Determination—deciding it’s worth it to finish what you started.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience
 For Leaders Only
 Create the Environment

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SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction
 Ideas for Early Arrivers
 Make It Bigger

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 MINUTES

STORY: Communicating God’s truth in engaging ways
 Opener
 Worship
 Bible Story
 Prayer
 Closer

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WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God
 “Whole World in His Hands” from *Movin’ Me*
 “No One Higher” from *Living Inside Out*

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GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

Early Arriver

- An offering container
- Dry spaghetti noodles

Make It Bigger

- At least 50 pieces of paper; if you wish, you can cut them in half
- Tape

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

* If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.

*1. Bigger and Bigger (application activity / review the Bible story)

- The huge paper kids created in "Make It Bigger" during Social (Note: If you didn't do that activity, provide a 10-foot length of butcher paper.)
- Markers
- Pens
- Scrap paper of various colors
- Glue
- Scissors
- Inkpads
- Wet wipes
- Bibles

2. Put It Back (application activity)

- Travel-size tubes of toothpaste; 1 for every 3-4 kids
- Small paper plates; 1 for each kid
- Wet wipes

3. At the Right Time (memory verse activity)

- Paper
- Markers
- Bibles



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Prayer

- No supplies needed

Additional Resources:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv**, **CUE Box**, and the **Parent Cue app**. To find out more about these great resources, go to <http://www.Studio252.tv/leaders>.



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SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Pray that your kids would not be discouraged or give up when doing something that ends up being bigger than they thought. Ask God to give your few the grit and determination to keep going through a really big task!

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, dry spaghetti

WHAT YOU DO:

- Collect kids' offerings as they arrive.
- Instruct kids to work together to use the dry spaghetti to create a maze on the floor or table.

2. MAKE IT BIGGER

WHAT YOU NEED: Sheets (or half-sheets) of paper, tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Lay out the papers and tape.
- Tell kids to work together to tape the sheets of paper together into a bigger piece of paper.
- They should make sure all the tape is on the same side of the bigger paper they're creating. They should also do their best to minimize any gaps between the pages.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"What started out as something small—a stack of papers—turned into something much bigger. **[Transition] Let's go to Large Group, where we'll hear more about things that are bigger.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

* 1. BIGGER AND BIGGER (*application activity / review the Bible story*)

WHAT YOU NEED: Large paper from Social (or butcher paper), markers, pens, scrap paper, glue, scissors, inkpads, wet wipes, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell kids they're going to answer four review questions about today's Bible story.
- They'll think this sounds simple, but what they don't know is that after each question, you'll have them complete a task on the big paper.
- Questions and tasks:
 1. What appeared to Cornelius as he prayed? (*angel appeared to him in a vision*)
 - Tell kids to work together to quickly draw an angel on the paper. Each kid should draw one line until the entire angel is formed. (*Note: Make sure to tell kids not to fill the entire paper, as they'll be using it for other things later.*)
 2. What did Peter see in his vision? (*a sheet filled with animals God said he could eat*)
 - Tell kids to each make three "fingerprint animals" on the paper (*by making a fingerprint for the main body of an animal and then using markers/pens to draw the rest of it*).
 3. Why was it strange that God sent Peter to Cornelius's house? (*Cornelius wasn't a Jew; it was against the law for Jews to go to the houses of non-Jews*)
 - Tell kids to work together to write down 10 laws from the Bible on the paper.
 4. What was God telling Peter about non-Jews? (*That He loves them and wants everyone to know about Him*)
 - Tell kids to use the scrap paper to create people of various races/cultures and glue them onto the big paper.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"What sounded easy at first—answering four questions—turned into a much bigger job than you thought, didn't it? It's kind of like what Peter experienced in today's story. Obeying Jesus' command to tell others about Him got much bigger than he thought when he discovered that the good news of Jesus was for everyone, not just the Jews. That often happens in life. We think something will be simple, but it turns into a much bigger deal. **[Make It Personal]** (*Tell kids about a time in your life when something that seemed small turned into something much bigger. How did you use determination and keep going?*) The thing to remember is: **[Bottom Line]** *Keep going even when the job is bigger than you think.*"

2. PUT IT BACK (*application activity*)

WHAT YOU NEED: Toothpaste, small paper plates, wet wipes

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a plate. Squirt some toothpaste onto each plate—enough that you use up a tube for every three or four kids.



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- Ask kids what they think you want them to do with the toothpaste.
- Explain that they won't be brushing their teeth. Instead, you want them to put the toothpaste back into the tubes.
- Gather kids into groups of three or four, and give each group a tube.
- Kids will likely get frustrated, but encourage them to keep trying.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"I bet that job was bigger than you thought it was, right? At first it might have seemed like a fairly simple task, but you soon discovered that it was a much bigger undertaking. It is almost impossible to get toothpaste back into a tube. There are things in our lives that can start out small and then seem almost impossible to do, like when your little brother asks for help with his LEGO® project, but he wants you to build a complicated rocket ship with no instructions! It should have been simple, but it turns into something bigger. What else might happen in your life that turns into a bigger job than you first thought? (*Pause for responses.*) Those are some tough situations. But let's strive to **[Bottom Line] keep going even when the job is bigger than you think.**"

3. AT THE RIGHT TIME (*memory verse activity*)

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, markers, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Help kids look up Galatians 6:9 in their Bibles. Use the tips from last week if needed.
- Point out the phrase "at the right time." Tell kids that that's an important thing to remember about this verse—that God does things at the right time.
- Hand out paper and markers.
- Tell kids to draw a clock on their paper and to incorporate the verse into the clock in any way they wish (as the outside edge of the clock, on the hands, etc.).

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Peter and Cornelius met at the right time. God planned it all out just perfectly for them and for His purposes. The same happens for us. God does things at just the right time, like in our verse, when He tells us that we'll gather a harvest at the right time if we don't give up. We don't know when that time will be, but God does, and it's perfect, just like He is. **[Bottom Line] Keep going even when the job is bigger than you think,** because God will help you complete it at just the right time."

PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to sit in a circle.
- Explain that each person will pray the Bottom Line for the next person: "God, help ____ to keep going even when the job is bigger than he thinks."
- Make sure every kid gets a turn, and be ready to prompt them if they can't remember the words.



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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, we thank You for being with us all the time and making sure everything happens at the right time. Help us all to keep going even when the job is bigger than we think. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, tell them to ask their kids what they learned from toothpaste today!



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