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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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The Goal

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Revelation 21:1-8, 22:27; 22:1-5

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going because God knows the end of the story.

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.

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PRELUDER: Setting the tone for the experience
For Leaders Only
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Worship
Bible Story
Prayer
Closer

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God
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"We Believe" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 4*

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GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

Early Arriver

- An offering container

That's My Story

- No supplies needed

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 #2.

1. It's a Big, Big House (application activity / review the Bible story)

- Paper
- Markers or crayons

2. End of the Story (application activity)

- Print the "End of the Story" Activity Page; 1 for each kid
- Print the "Story Enders" Activity Page and cut apart; 1 set of 4 cards for each kid
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Crayons

3. X's and O's (memory verse activity)

- Dry erase board (could also use laminated piece of paper)
- Dry erase marker

Prayer

- Kids' pictures from "It's a Big, Big House"

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. Ask God to bring the big concept of heaven down into your kids' world. Ask Him to guide today's conversation with your few, focusing on how He knows the end of the story and He's prepared an awesome place for all believers. Pray that your few would be encouraged to keep going because God knows the end of their story.

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Collect kids' offerings as they arrive.
- Ask kids what their favorite movie ever is.
- Ask them to describe what happens in it and then tell you about the ending.
- Ask if they've ever started a movie but then got scared or bored and didn't finish it.

2. THAT'S MY STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell your few that you need some help making up a super awesome story!
- Explain that you'll go around in a circle, with each person adding one sentence to the story and finishing with: "and then."
- Then it's the next person's turn to add something!
- Give them an example:
 - o One day I went to the grocery store and bought some carrots and ranch dressing *and then*
 - o I decided that I really wanted to go to the park so I could swing on the swings *and then*
 - o I met a prince there who was walking his dog *and then*
 - o he asked me for directions *and then*
 - o I decided that I would go buy something fancy at the store since I just met a royal prince!

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You all came up with some really cool and interesting stories! We had no idea what the story was going to become, but it ended up being pretty awesome! **[Transition] Today we are going to learn about someone who knows the end of every story!"**

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. IT'S A BIG, BIG HOUSE (application activity / review the Bible story)

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, markers or crayons

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids what they like about the home they live in. What are their favorite toys there? What do they like about their room? Do they have a cool or unique bed? (Be aware of and sensitive to kids who might struggle to find something they like about their home, or kids who are in temporary housing situations.)
- Then ask kids to think about what they'd have in their house if they could pick anything in the world! Would they have a roller coaster? Would they have a McDonald's or an ice cream place there? What would their room be like? Maybe a giant TV with any movie they could want and four different gaming systems?
- After a few kids have shared ideas, give each kid a piece of paper.
- Give them about 10 minutes (or as interest allows) to draw their dream house. Encourage them to include all the fun details the group just talked about.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"We have some crazy good imaginations in this group. But I have something even crazier to tell you! Your dream houses don't even come close to how amazing heaven is. That's right. Heaven is better than your Barbie dream home, or an entire lair made out of LEGOs®, or even Batman's cave. Remember what our story told us today? In heaven there will be no more pain or hurt. I don't think I could even dream up something that cool. But what I do know is that the thought of heaven helps me have determination when I'm still here on this earth. I choose to set that as my goal and can **[Bottom Line] keep going because God knows the end of the story."**

* 2. END OF THE STORY (application activity)

WHAT YOU NEED: "End of the Story" Activity Pages, "Story Endings" cards Activity Page, crayons, scissors, glue sticks

WHAT YOU DO:

- Hold up the "End of the Story" page. Tell kids that the pictures on the page only show part of the story. The end is missing! They'll have to figure out which cards show the end of each story.
- Hand out a page to each kid and a set of "Story Ender" cards. (Help them cut the cards out if they aren't already cut.)
- Try to let kids do most of the picture matching on their own. You can give hints like, "Look for clues that the pictures go together, like two pictures having the same person in them. Or look for two pictures that have the same items in them."
- Correct any incorrectly placed pictures, and then hand out glue sticks for kids to glue the pictures in the right spots.
- If time allows, hand out crayons for kids to color their pictures.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Until we matched the missing pieces of our pictures, we didn't know what the end of our stories would be like! We didn't know if that kid was going to get a good grade on that spelling test or if the boy was going to be able to get to the top of



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that hill on his bike. But I do know this: There is someone that knows the end of every story and He is God. And when I feel like I want to give up and give in, I can remember that I can **[Bottom Line] keep going because God knows the end of the story.** **[Make It Personal] (Describe a time when you didn't know the end, but God did, and He came though.)** We don't know what's going to happen with the things we have trouble with, but we do know that God wants us to keep going and that He knows what will happen."

3. X'S AND O'S (memory verse activity)

WHAT YOU NEED: Dry erase board (or laminated paper), dry erase marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Create a tic-tac-toe board on the dry erase board.
- Write in the words of the memory verse in the boxes of the board. (You can play at least two rounds of the game. Write one sentence of the verse for the first round and the second sentence for the second round.)
- Split your group into two teams and assign one team "X" and the other team "O."
- Let the teams work together to play tic-tac-toe against each other.
- Wherever they want to put their "X" or "O" they must erase the words from that square.
- Each time they make a move and erase words, they must recite the verse (or verse phrase) together as a team, filling in the erased words.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"I can tell you have been reviewing our memory verse! Even when you didn't have all of the words, you decided it was worth it to finish and worked together to say our memory verse. The more the words were taken away, the harder it was, but you knew you can always **[Bottom Line] keep going because God knows the end of the story,** just like you knew the end of our memory verse!"

PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: Kids' pictures from "It's a Big, Big House"

WHAT YOU DO:

- Remind your few that God knows the end of EVERY story—even their own!
- Tell them that God has amazing plans for them on earth and that He loves us so much that He also prepared a place for them in heaven one day!
- As kids hold their pictures and dream of what heaven might be like, close the group in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, I can't believe that You have huge and awesome plans for all of us to do on this earth! I pray that You help us make every single one of them happen so that we can tell everyone how amazing You are! I know that sometimes things in life can get hard. School can be challenging, sisters and brothers can be hard to get along with, and friends can be hard to make, but I pray today that we all would be confident in knowing that we can **[Bottom Line] keep going because God knows the end of the story.**"



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As adults arrive to pick up, ask each kid to show them their "End of the Story" Activity Page. Tell parents that kids had to figure out what the ending to each story was, and they didn't know what would happen ahead of time! Ask kids to remind tell parents and guardians who knows the end of every story.