

Small Group Leader Cheat Sheet



Small Group Session 1

Purpose: Build healthy relationships and have fun with students.

Looks Like:

- Check students in.
- Eat a snack.
- Share "highs" and "lows" or complete the "How Are You Feeling? Chart."
- Play a structured game (CKC Games Bag, card/board game, relays).
- Optional: Take a group restroom break.

(15 - 20 minutes)



Games

Purpose: Provide a safe, structured activity that is fun for students and teaches them valuable skills like teamwork and cooperation.

Looks Like:

- Play the games with the kids.
- If you cannot play, actively watch and cheer them on.
- Help monitor safety of all students.

(20 - 25 minutes)

Large Group

Purpose: Briefly introduce students to the Bible story and the quest of the day.

Looks Like:

- Sit with your small group and monitor behavior.
- Listen to an interactive telling of the Bible story.
- Encourage student response and involvement.

(10-15 minutes)



Small Group Session 2

Purpose: To foster a healthy environment for spiritual growth and discussion.

Looks Like:

Students will gain experience using the following tools as they search for treasure in the Bible story. Choose 2-3 tools to navigate through with your small group.

(25 - 30 minutes)



Tools



Treasure Map = Bible

Seeking to know the only true God and the one whom he sent in the Holy Spirit-inspired words of the Bible.

Lamp = Worship

Agreeing with who God is as shown to them in God's Word and in Jesus himself as their lives, words, actions and bodies reflect their agreement.



Walkie Talkie = Prayer

Engaging in a two-way conversation with their Father in Heaven involving the act of both speaking and listening.

Campfire = Thanksgiving

Thanking God for who he is and what he has done, even in difficult situations or circumstances.



Clothing = Identity

Agreeing with who God says they are in His Word and setting aside who they or other people think they are or should be.

Hat = Meditation

Consistently focusing on and speaking God's truth in His Word to themselves, receiving God's thoughts by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Rope = Service

Expressing God's truth in their words and actions so that others would see, know and trust in Jesus.

GPS = Confession

Being honest with God when they've chosen to go their own way and trust in themselves, committing to obey God's Word and agreeing to follow and trust in Jesus, God's Plan of Salvation, for their lives!



Treasure Chest = Reflection

Treasuring God's Word in their minds and hearts as it becomes part of who they are.

Check-Out

Purpose: Create routines for students to be safely and efficiently dismissed.

Looks Like:

Have a sign out sheet ready for parents who pick up.

Play a game to keep students contained and engaged while they wait.

Ensure students are safely released to walk or to go to other after school programs.

(5 - 10 minutes)

