



## 3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

### STOP AND GO

PROPS: picture of a stoplight

#### LESSON:

- What does a stoplight do? We know when it is red we stop, and green we go.

#### POINT TO MAKE:

- Did you know that you have a stoplight inside of you? God lives inside of us to lead us and guide us. He wants us to follow His leading on the inside for personal things.
- Example: You are with your friends. One of them tells a bad joke. You feel funny inside.
- What is that? It is the inward witness.
- It is a leading from the Holy Spirit. It is like a bad or yucky feeling on the inside. That is the RED LIGHT telling you to stay away from that kid. You don't have to ask your mom or dad - you know this kid isn't good for you.

#### SPIRITUAL EXERCISE:

- Everyone close your eyes.
- Listen on the inside to these words:
- "Jesus loves you, and you are precious to Him."
- "God put this sickness on you to teach you a lesson."

- When I said, "Jesus loves you," what did it feel like on the inside?
- (Allow for response from your class.) Some say a warm feeling or a good feeling, happy.
- When I said, "God puts sickness on you to teach you a lesson," what did you feel like on the inside? (Allow for response again.) Some say a yucky feeling, bad, terrible.
- This is the inward witness. This is how the Holy Spirit will lead you in the decisions you will make. As you grow older, He will guide you in what college to go to, what job to take, what girl or guy to marry, what house to buy.
- Right now the Holy Spirit will lead you in what friends to hang out with, what movies to see, what music to listen to.



Small Group Notes

### SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Dismiss

### FINDING GOD LISTEN TO YOUR CONSCIENCE

#### MEMORY VERSE:

**Acts 24:16**, "So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man." (NIV)

#### BOTTOM LINE:

Listen to your conscience.



## 1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

### ICE BREAKER Questions:

#### Question #153:

- What is your favorite snack?

#### Question #893:

- What is your favorite sport to play?

### ICE BREAKER Game: Follow The Leader

- Have the children stand in a circle.
- Play a couple rounds of "Follow the Leader".
- Lead them around the circle and have them copy everything you do.
- Be silly and have fun - jump up and down, clap your hands, pick your nose, pat your head, or sing a song!



## 2. BIBLE Time

### READ THE BIBLE:

*1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: A Ship Goes Down (pages 385-386)*

*3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: Acts 27*

- Have each child read one verse out loud.
- Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

### BIBLE STORY:

*A Ship Goes Down*

### BIBLE CONNECTION:

*Paul was imprisoned, but to appeal to the Roman government he had to travel to Rome. He was put on a ship and as it was set to sail he told everyone they they would face disaster and to wait to sail. No one listened to him and the ship was met with disaster as a storm arose. An angel appeared to Paul and told him no one would be hurt.*

### BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. What did Paul say to the others? (it was not safe to sail)
2. How did Paul know it would not be safe? (he heard the voice of his conscience)
3. What happened? (no one listened to Paul and a storm overtook the ship, but no one was hurt)

**Point To Make:** *Paul knew by the inward witness or his conscience that they should wait. He knew how to listen and how to heed to that still small voice.*