



# 3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

## GOD-GIVEN WORDS

Props Needed: Scrabble (or Boggle) game with square pieces and letters on them.

### SMALL GROUP LESSON:

- Playing letter games can be fun. You use the letters to make up words.
- It isn't just any letters.
- If you take Z,Q,W, and U – it's not a word.
- If you take B,I,B,L,E it makes the word Bible.
- When you play Scrabble you want to have enough good letters to make a word.
- If you just have vowels you can't make many words and if you only have consonants it's hard to make a word too.

- He doesn't play games with us. When He has a word of knowledge it means it's a special message from God.

### REMEMBER:

Remember, when you need to know something from the Lord, you can ask the Holy Spirit! We cannot control the Holy Spirit but, we can trust that if we need to hear a word from Him, He has several ways to give us the answer!

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What kind of letter games do you like to play?
2. Can you always make a word from the letters you have?
3. Is the word of knowledge any random group of words?
4. What is the word of knowledge?

### POINT TO MAKE:

- The word of knowledge isn't just any group of words; it's a special "word" from the Holy Spirit about something in the past or present.
- When you hear words from the Holy Spirit you know it will always form a good word.

Small Group Notes

## SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

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

## HOLY SPIRIT: WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

### MEMORY VERSE:

**I Corinthians 12:8**, "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit"; (KJV)

### BOTTOM LINE:

The word of knowledge is supernatural knowledge about the present or the past.



## 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 #709:

- What is your favorite board game?
- Why?

#### Question #329:

- How many aunts and uncles do you have?

### ICE BREAKER

#### Game:

#### Catch Me If You Can

- Have children line up into 2 lines facing each other.
- Everyone has a partner they are looking at.
- Give them 1 minute to look at each other.
- Then have everyone turn around, not facing each other.
- Each person changes something about themselves. (Take off an earring, tuck in their shirt, etc.)
- After 30 seconds, have everyone turn back around and face each other.
- Ask each child to guess what "thing" their partner changed.



## 2. BIBLE Time

### READ THE BIBLE:

*1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: A Bright Light (pages 358-359)*  
*3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: Acts 9:10-20*

- 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:

*Jesus Gets Ready To Leave*

### BIBLE CONNECTION:

*Saul was traveling to Damascus when suddenly he was knocked off his horse by the power of God. As Jesus spoke to him a great light surrounded him and left him blind. Meanwhile, the Lord spoke to Ananias with a word of knowledge about Saul and told him to go to Damascus and pray for him. Ananias found Saul in Damascus and told him that he had been sent by the Holy Spirit to pray for him. He laid hands on him and scales fell from his eyes; he was instantly healed and saved.*

### BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. What happened to Saul on the road to Damascus? (he was blinded by a bright light)
2. What gift of the Spirit did Ananias receive? (word of knowledge)
3. What did the Holy Spirit tell Ananias to do? (go pray for Saul)
4. What happened when Ananias prayed for Saul? (Saul was healed and saved)

**POINT TO MAKE:** *Even though he was afraid to go see Saul, because he had been persecuting the Christians, he obeyed and went to pray for him.*