



# 3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

## HOOK UP WITH A CHURCH

PROP: A mini-football

### LESSON:

- (Hold the football in your hand.) Football is a great game.
- If I wanted to play football, I can't do it by myself. I need others to play with me.
- The standard football team consists of at least 11 players on each team.
- The team all works together to advance the ball to the goal line.
- At the same time that they are working on advancing the ball down the field, the other team is trying to stop them.
- (You could play a short game.)

### POINT TO MAKE:

- When we get hooked up at church, we have a goal of spreading the Gospel and seeing others get saved.
- We have an enemy that tries to get us to quit the team.
- If you quit, the team gets weaker. If you join the team, it gets stronger.

### DISCUSS:

- Church was designed as a team effort.
- God does not intend us to be isolated and by ourself in our walk of faith.

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What is a goal of getting involved at church? (spreading the Gospel, and serving others)
2. Why is it important to get hooked up at a church? (the team gets stronger)
3. When I get involved in church, what happens to me? (I develop relationships and I grow in character)



Small Group Notes

## SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

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

## THE CORE HOOK UP WITH A CHURCH

### MEMORY VERSE:

Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." (NKJV)

### BOTTOM LINE:

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# 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 #753:

- Have you ever flown on a plane?

### QUESTION #293:

- If you could go to Florida or Europe, where would you go?

## ICE BREAKER

### Game:

#### SILENT & QUIET

- Divide class into two teams.
- Have them line up into two rows, back to back.
- On the count of three, have everyone turn around and face each other.
- No speaking, but the first one to laugh is out.
- All who remain get a new partner.



# 2. BIBLE Time

## READ THE BIBLE: Matthew 4:18-25

- *1st-2nd Grade:* Use picture Bible.
- *3rd Grade and up:* 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. We recommend the NIV Bible for 3rd to 5th Grade and a picture Bible for 1st to 2nd Grade.

## BIBLE STORY:

*Jesus & His Team*

## BIBLE CONNECTION:

*While Jesus was on Earth, one of the first things He did was to assemble a team. These men worked with Jesus and grew together. He picked 12 men who worked with Him closely.*

## BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. What was Jesus' goal in gathering the disciples? (He wanted to have a team of people that He could train to help Him)
2. What did the disciples do? (traveled with Jesus and helped Him minister)
3. How did Jesus ask Peter and John to join the team? (follow Me and I will make you fishers of men)

**Point To Make:** *Jesus knew that He had a limited time to disciple and to train others to carry on after He left.*