



BIG IDEA

God invites us to join his team.

CHARACTERS | WEEK 4 OF 4

Us

GOD STORY

Humans (Me and You!)

Matthew 19:13–15

KEY VERSE

I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God's love.

Not even angels or demons, the present or the future, or any powers can separate us.

Romans 8:38 (NIRV)

LEADER TIP

This series covers God, Satan, angels and demons, and us! If you'd like, prepare by listening to The Meeting House's series "Deliver Us from Evil" from 2015.

My Story

1 | CONVERSATION STARTER (2 minutes)

Lead into today's lesson by talking about the best or most exciting thing the kids have ever been invited to.

2 | INTRO ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Use a rubber popper to engage the kids while revealing the words from this week's Big Idea.

God Story | Life Story

3 | WEEKLY VIDEO (12 minutes)

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, Key Verse, and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching together.

My Story

4 | SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY (12 minutes*)

Come up with ideas for mottos, slogans, logos, etc. for God's team.

5 | WRAP-UP ACTIVITY (8 minutes)

Create a yarn web around the group while the kids thank God for inviting them to join his team.

Our Story

6 | DISMISSAL

Connect with parents and give them take-home materials.

*Extend as needed and adjust the timing for other activities.



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1 | Conversation Starter

SUPPLIES

- None

LEADER TIP

- If needed, get the conversation started by sharing your own answers first.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. As the kids arrive, welcome them and gather everyone together.
- b. Ask:
 - What's the best or most exciting thing you've ever been invited to do or be part of? What made it so awesome?
 - How did receiving that invitation make you feel?
- c. Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.

2 | Intro Activity

SUPPLIES

- Rubber popper
- Big Idea printed across seven signs
- Wall-safe tape

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Place the signs face down together on the floor.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Gather everyone by the Big Idea signs.
- b. Give the youngest person in the group the popper and show them how to use it. If the popper lands on a sign, they should flip it over to reveal the word.
- c. Continue taking turns with the popper from youngest to oldest.
- d. When all the signs are flipped over, encourage the kids to work together and put them in order to discover today's Big Idea (**God invites us to join his team**).
- e. Use wall-safe tape to hang up the Big Idea.



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3 | Weekly Video

SUPPLIES

- Video file

LEADER TIP

- Sit with the kids and encourage them to focus on the video.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Play the video. It includes:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Humans (Me and You!), Matthew 19:13–15)
 - Key Verse segment
 - Life Story (Dr. Jamie Robertson teaches a lecture-style theology course)
- b. Recap the video teaching. Discuss:
 - What was the God Story about in today's video?
 - What did you learn from Dr. Robertson this week?
 - What's the Key Verse for this series? (Romans 8:38)

My Story

4 | Small Group Activity

SUPPLIES

- Bibles
- God's Team activity pages
- Markers
- Pens

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Gather your small group together.
- b. Discuss:
 - If you could be on any sports team or part of any group, what would it be? Why?
 - God wants us on his team even though we've done nothing to earn it. Why do you think that God wants us?
 - How does it make you feel that God wants you as part of his team?
 - Have you said, "Yes!" to being on his team? Why or why not?
- c. Make sure everyone has access to a Bible.
- d. Give each person an activity page.
- e. Place the markers and pens where everyone can share them.
- f. Point out that every team has its own motto or slogan, logo, and so on.
- g. Ask the kids to consider what these things might be for God's team. Direct them to use the activity page and Bible as they outline their ideas. Allow the kids to work in groups of up to three people if they wish. Encourage them to use Jesus-centered, loving language! Give everyone about five minutes to work.
- h. Invite the kids to share their ideas with the rest of the group. If needed, clarify by asking questions such as, "What do you mean by that?" or "Can you explain that a little more?"



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5 | Wrap-Up Activity

SUPPLIES

- Yarn

INSTRUCTIONS

- Remain in your small group and sit in a circle.
- Hold an end of the yarn in one hand and the roll of yarn in the other hand.
- Pray, “Dear God, thank you for loving us so much and for inviting us to join your team. Thank you that you invited [name someone in your group] to join your team.”
- Continue to hold the end of the yarn. Pass the yarn ball to the person you named.
- Prompt them to pray, “Dear God, thank you for inviting [name of someone in your group] to join your team.”
- Direct that person to hold a length of the yarn and pass the yarn ball to the person they named.
- Continue until everyone is named and holding yarn.
- Prompt the last person to thank God for you!
- Lead everyone to say, “Amen!”
- While still holding the yarn, guide the kids to switch places with one another and get tangled up.
- Work together as a team to untangle the yarn.

Our Story

6 | Dismissal

SUPPLIES

- Crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards
- Key Verse colouring pages

LEADER TIP

- Organize the take-home materials so they’re easy to access. It may be helpful to sort them before the lesson, then set out any crafts later. Consider having one leader focus on handing out everything.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids. Take a moment to share a highlight or two from your time together today.
- Give everyone a weekly take-home card.
- Offer a Key Verse card and a colouring page to anyone who has not gotten them this month.
- Remind the kids to take their crafts.
- Make sure their security numbers match before they leave your group’s space.