



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

I MATTER BECAUSE
WEEK 2 *WHAT I CARE ABOUT MATTERS*

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the welcome question: **What's something you wish you could change?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	1 Crayon packet
Per Group	15 Paper cups 1 What I Care About Activity Supplement

After Activity

Kids Keep	Their cup(s) and crayons (<i>Throw away any that are unwanted</i>)
You Keep	The activity supplement (<i>Throw away</i>)

To Do

Say: King Solomon built a temple because he cared about worship! Let's build something with the things we care about: write or draw what you care about most on your cup, and we'll make a tall tower.

1. **Distribute** cups as evenly as possible to kids.
2. Kids **draw** or **write** things they care about most on their cup(s).
3. **Give** kids ideas from the What I Care About Activity Supplement if they need help. (*If a kid cares about a lot of things, help them choose a few for the cup(s) they have.*)
4. Everyone in your small group **stacks** their cups to build a pyramid, a tower, or another formation.
5. **If time allows**, kids **build** again.

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Use what you care about to give God glory.

Psalm 103:1 NLT

Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.

1. **How can someone praise God with their whole heart?** *Answers will vary.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What do you think is the difference between something you like a lot and something God made you to care about?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **In the Bible story (2 Chronicles 6:1-11), how did Solomon bring glory to God?** *He built a temple people could visit to worship God.*
3. **Some kids aren't sure what they care about. What advice can you give them?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **What do you think would happen if everyone cared about the same thing?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **How can you show respect to people who care about different things than you?** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **Think about the things you care about most. Name one thing you can do this week about something you care about.** *Answers will vary.*
2. **If you care about lots of things, how can you figure out which one you should do something about?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

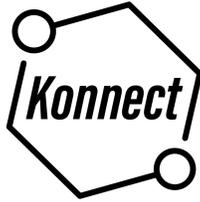
Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, please show us how to obey You and make a difference in the things we care about. In Jesus' name, amen.

Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **build** with cups again.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Ask** parents to **take a pic** of the parent convo card at the door to help **continue the conversation** at home.

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.



WHAT I CARE ABOUT ACTIVITY SUPPLEMENT I MATTER BECAUSE // WEEK 2

- Stopping bullying
- Feeding hungry people
- Caring for sick people
- Caring for animals
- Providing clean water
- Sharing God's truth with people
- Raising money for charities
- Helping kids with their schoolwork
- Giving gifts to others
- Helping younger kids
- Helping out around the house
- Doing chores for neighbors
- Telling people about Jesus
- Praying for others
- Visiting the elderly
- Helping people without homes
- Helping someone who's hurt
- Comforting people who are upset
- Fixing things that aren't fair
- Stopping littering
- Recycling
- Fixing broken-down playgrounds
- Helping kids in need
- Working together as a team
- Helping kids without families
- Helping people get along
- Giving people advice
- Listening when no one else will
- Making art for people
- Standing up for people who are weak
- Teaching others
- Showing love to people who need it
- Giving people what they need
- Helping others stay healthy
- Encouraging people who need it
- Being a friend to people without friends



Start this convo with your kid:

**Share one thing you'd like
to change for the better.
Pray with your family to
ask God what you can do.**

Check out this YouVersion Bible Plan:
God's Plan for Me