

TOOL TIME

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE



Day 1: Built on God's Love

In today's Bible story, Jesus tells about two builders: one who built a house on a sturdy rock, and one who built a house on sand. When bad weather came, what happened to the house built on sand? [It fell down] What happened to the house built on sturdy rock? [It stayed strong!]

What could you make with Legos that reminds you of today's story? Let's get building!

TALK & BUILD

I wonder...

- What it is like to be a builder?
- If you have ever built a sandcastle? How it is different from building with Legos?
- If you have ever been caught in a storm?
- If you have ever felt safe with a person, or safe with God?

ACTIVITY

How tall of a tower can you build in 1 minute?

You can use the stopwatch to time them.

When time is up, pause building and check in.

Does your tower stay standing if you gently push it? What could you do to build it taller?

Now try again! Keep experimenting to see how you can build your tallest tower.



Does it help to focus on making a big and strong foundation?

Did it work better to build by yourself or to work together with your group?

LISTEN & BUILD

While kids build, re-read the story "House on the Rock," found in the Spark Story Bible on Page 282.

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Day 2: Trust in God's Grace

Today's bible story was about a father and his two sons. The younger son asked for money from his dad and left, but later felt sad and ashamed and returned home. His father was so excited he welcomed him with a party! But the older brother was angry and upset, and felt like this wasn't fair. All three of the characters in this story had some big feelings.

What could you make with Legos that reminds you of today's story? Let's get building!

TALK & BUILD

I wonder...

- What feelings you noticed in the story?
- What feelings you have today?
- Who you want to be with when you have big feelings?
- Where God might be in this story?
- Who you can relate to in this story?

ACTIVITY

Build images of feelings you noticed in the story, or that you have felt yourself. Get creative!

To help get started:

- Show the Lego emotions sheet.
- What could you build with Legos that looks or feels like ____ (emotion)?
- Or say: "I'm making this because I feel ____ because today _____ happened to me."



Show and share:

- What feeling did you build?
- Tell about how you made it.
- What makes you feel this way?



We can trust that God loves us and can handle our feelings, no matter how big they are. Wow!

LISTEN & BUILD

While kids build, re-read the story "The Prodigal Son," found in the Spark Story Bible on Page 378.

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Day 3: Join in God's Work

In today's Bible story, thousands of people gathered to hear Jesus teach and tell stories. They got really hungry! A kid offered to share what he had: 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish.

Jesus blessed it and told his disciples to share it with the crowd. Everyone had enough, with leftovers! It was a miracle!

What could you make with Legos that reminds you of today's story? Let's get building!

TALK & BUILD

I wonder...

- If you have ever been really hungry?
- If you have ever shared something with a lot of people?
- What stories you think Jesus was telling to the crowd?
- If you have ever been part of a miracle?

ACTIVITY

Build something that shows something you are good at or enjoy doing.

Need ideas?

- being outside
- taking care of pets
- building forts
- playing sports
- making music
- doing crafts
- playing games
- reading books
- baking cookies
- cheering up someone who is sad



How can you join in God's work while doing something you love?

LISTEN & BUILD

While kids build, re-read the story "Jesus Feeds 5,000," found in the Spark Story Bible on Page 426.

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Day 4: Go Where God Leads

After Jesus was raised from the dead, he went to visit the disciples. He said “Peace be with you,” because they had been afraid. Then he sent them out, saying “Go everywhere and share my love with everyone - and I promise I will go with you!”

What could you make with Legos that reminds you of today’s story? Let’s get building!

TALK & BUILD

I wonder...

- Who needs to know God loves them?
- What are some ways we can show God’s love to people?
- Have you ever travelled far from home? How did you know God was with you?

ACTIVITY

Get creative and decorate a framed picture of your VBS Small Group using Lego pieces.



You get to take this project home, as a reminder that God’s love goes with you always!

LISTEN & BUILD

While kids build, re-read the story “The Great Commission,” found in the Spark Story Bible on Page 496.