

1st- 5th Grade Small Group Lesson

Session Title: A Transformed Mind

Bible Passage: Romans 12:1-18; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Philippians 1:3-7

Main Point: God wants us to show friendship and love to one another.

Key Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Big Picture Question: Who changes us? The Holy Spirit changes us to be like Jesus for God's glory.

Christ Connection: *God wants us to show friendship and love to one another. As believers, we all belong to Jesus. His death and resurrection bring us together. The Holy Spirit changes the way we think and live so we can love one another as God has loved us.*



Reverse "Simon Says"

Invite the group to play a game of "Simon Says." Explain that the rules are reversed. If you say, "Simon Says," then they should not follow your lead. If you do not precede a statement with "Simon Says," then they should do as you say.

Suggested commands: lift your feet as high as you can, rub your tummy and pat your head, play air guitar, act like a monkey, stand on one foot, yawn, wiggle your body.

Following Jesus really turns the ways of the world upside-down. Instead of looking out for yourself, God wants us to show friendship and love to one another. Instead of believing, "I am the most important person in my life," we believe, "Jesus is the most important Person in my life."

Becoming a Christian transforms how we interact with God and with others. We all belong to Jesus. His death and resurrection brings us together. The Holy Spirit changes the way we think and live so we can love one another as God has loved us.

From Dead to Life

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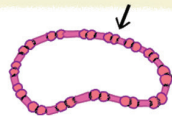
INSTRUCTIONS: Change one letter at a time to turn the word *dead* into the word *life*. Use the picture clues for help.

D **E** **A** **D** =



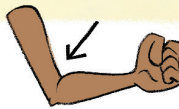
The opposite of alive.

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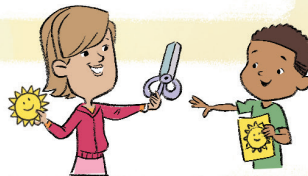
A small decoration to thread onto a string.

___ =



Your elbow lets your arm do this.

___ =



When you let your friend borrow something.

___ =



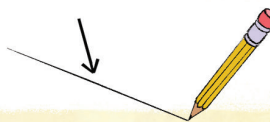
When you let your friend borrow something yesterday.

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The fuzz you find in your pockets or clothes dryer.

___ =



A straight connection between two points.

L **I** **F** **E**

KEY PASSAGE:

2 Corinthians 5:17

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who changes us? The Holy Spirit changes us to be like Jesus for God's glory.

BIBLE STORY:

A TRANSFORMED MIND

- Paul wrote letters to believers in many places.
- Paul wanted Christians to understand the ways God was changing them.
- God wants us to show friendship and love to one another.
- The Holy Spirit changes us to help us live new lives.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why do our minds need to be transformed?
- Why does God want us to show friendship and love?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Help your kids learn a few origami designs. Talk about how folding the paper can transform it. Highlight the difference between this kind of change and the changes God makes in us.