



LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students realize the importance of being in relationship with the people in their small group and with God.

MAIN POINT

God's plan for relationship is a gamechanger.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 13:20 NIV

THINK ABOUT THIS

"Students don't care what you have to say until they know you care."

Building relationships is a crucial part of discipleship...so during this series we are shortening our discussion times so that your group can have extra time building relationships together in fun ways.

Each week will have one fun activity picked for every group to do together. Some groups will fly through this, so we have **extra activity ideas** for you all to do together to continue to bond if that's your group.

Having fun is a main value of Hope Family Ministry because it's such a foundational way to show kids and students we truly care about them – so enjoy your time together and take moments before and after small group to really get to know your students.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

GET THEM TALKING

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.

DO TOGETHER

Do the make a shape activity together. (*Go for 10 minutes, if your group is taking longer skip some shapes*)

Tie 2 shoe strings to form a circle. Have all group members hold onto the circle. Then ask the group to form the shapes below, everyone must keep both hands on the string the whole time. If someone drops, you must start over.

- an equilateral triangle (all sides equal)
- a square
- a triangle
- a circle
- a hexagon
- a star

Debrief together:

- What was fun about this activity?
- What was challenging?
- What ways did you work together to accomplish the goal of making different shapes?

INTO THE WORD

READ PROVERBS 13:20 and answer the following question:

- How can you the people you spend time with affect your life?

NEXT STEP

- As we spend time together, we want to be a group that grows wise together. Let's create a group code to help this group become such a group:
- **LEAD YOUR GROUP TO CREATE THEIR OWN CODE**, giving them ownership in the process. Have all your students sign it.
- **Openness.** We will seek to be open and honest with each other; to take off our masks and be accepted for who we are.
- **Confidentiality.** We agree that whatever is shared in small groups stays in small groups. No gossip!
- **Inviting.** We agree this is a place where we want any new people and our friends to feel welcome to join.
- **Respect.** We agree to respect each other.
- **Fun.** We want this to be a place where we can hang out and be friends together.
- **Encourage.** We want this to be a place where we encourage each other to be ourselves and grow in our relationship with Jesus.

PRAYER GUIDE

We are going to close in prayer.
Anyone have any prayer requests?

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Scripture is provided for convenience, but we prefer you and your students open your Bibles to read the Scripture. This helps your students learn how to find Scripture in their Bibles and where these verses are in the larger context of God's Word.

PROVERBS 13:20 NIV

He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

LEADER CORNER + NOTES