



# GROUP LEADER GUIDE

PURPOSE

WEEK 1: WHAT I'M GOOD AT

AUGUST 2013

## Psalm 115:1 NLT

*Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory...*

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### The Point:

Be like Jesus and use what you're good at,  
To glorify God and tell Him He's all that!

### Group Activity Directions (10 minutes)

#### Skill Seeking BINGO // You'll Need

- "Skill Seeking Bingo" Card (1 per group)
- Pen or pencil (1 per group)

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### To Do

1. Show kids "Skill Seeking BINGO" card.
2. Explain: *This card is filled with interesting and unique talents. Let's see if any of us has them!*
3. Read off one talent.
4. Write your name or a child's name in the box if they can demonstrate the talent. *Note: Some talents will not be able to be demonstrated.*
5. Repeat this process until every box is filled. *Note: Each child's name should be used at least once.*
6. Explain: *We filled in many talents because we asked everyone. If we only asked one person, we would only fill in a few. God gives everyone different talents so that we must work together to do a good job. If you work only by yourself, you cannot do as much to glorify God.*
7. Review the Verse and the Point.

*Do not cover discussion questions on back until group discussion time.*

## Group Discussion Ideas

### Get Everyone Talking

1. If you lived once upon a time, would you be a knight, a princess, a king, or a dragon? Why?
2. What skills would you have if you lived once upon a time?
3. What real talents do you have?
4. If you could dance like Mike, what would you name your coolest move?

### Check For Understanding

1. Why didn't God make you good at everything? *If you were good at everything, you would never ask God for help. You would do everything by yourself and bring glory to you instead of bringing glory to God.*
2. Who gave you skills, talents, and abilities? *God*
3. What is a wrong way to use your talents? *To show off and make myself look good; to make others jealous or feel bad because they are not good at what you can do*
4. Why did God give you special skills, talents, and abilities? *To use them to help others and show God's love and glory*
5. How did Bezalel the artist use what he was good at to bring glory to God? *He led a team of artists to create a tabernacle to worship God in. He created beautiful things to decorate the tabernacle to make others think about God's beauty.*

### Apply To This Week

1. Think about one thing you are good at. How will you use this skill to show God's love to others and please God?
2. What will you do or say to make others think about God when you are good at something?
3. The skills God gave to you are meant to help others. Name one person you can help this week by using your skill.



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WEEK 2: WHAT I CARE ABOUT

AUGUST 2013

## Psalm 103:1 NLT

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

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### The Point:

Be like Jesus and use what you care about,  
To glorify God and help others out.

### Group Activity Directions

#### What I Care About // You'll Need

- "What I Care About" activity sheet (1 per child)
- Heart stickers (3 per child)
- Markers (1 set per group)

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### To Do

1. Explain: *God makes us care about good things. It's how He shows us who we can help and how we should help them.*
2. Give each child "What I Care About" activity sheet.
3. Read the options inside of the heart out loud.
4. Kids point to the one thing they care about most.
5. Give each child one heart shaped sticker to place next to their choice.
6. Pass out two more heart shaped stickers to place next to their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices.
7. Ask: *What can you do about the things you picked? Join a club. Pray about it. Read books about what you care about. Research on the internet with a grown-up.*
8. Pray: *Lord, help each of these kids to find a way to glorify You through what they care about. Please use these kids to make a difference because of what they care about.*
9. Kids can pray individually about what they care about.

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## Group Discussion Ideas

### Get Everyone Talking

1. Do you have a family member that frustrates you because they don't care about the same things you do?
2. What would you do if you met a dragon?
3. What kind of invention would you make if you were Clint?
4. Why were Clint and Emily angry with each other?
5. What are some things you really care about with your whole heart?

### Check For Understanding

1. How did Solomon use caring about worship to bring glory to God? *He built a temple so that many people could come together and worship God.*
2. Why were Clint and Emily angry with each other? *They each thought the other should care about the same thing they did!*
3. How did Clint use what he cared about to help his sister? *He used his love for inventing to make a vacuuming robot to help her do what she cared about and keep things clean.*
4. Why does God make everyone's heart care about different things? *If we all cared about the same thing, we would all do the same thing. Everything else would not be taken care of!*
5. Why do you need to look in your heart and find out what you care about? *What we care about is a clue from God about what we need to spend our time and talents on.*

### Apply To This Week

1. Sometimes others make you mad when they don't care about the same things you do. What can you do when you feel this way? *I can remind myself that God placed different cares in each of our hearts. I can choose to respect what they care about and be kind when I talk about what I care for.*
2. Think about the top choice from your "What I Care About" activity sheet. Name one thing you can do this week about your top choice.



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WEEK 3: WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH

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## Romans 8:28 NLT

*And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.*

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### The Point:

Be like Jesus and use your story,  
To give God all the glory!

### Group Activity Directions

#### Dot-to-Dot Romans 8:28 // You'll Need

- "Dot-to-Dot Romans 8:28" activity sheet
- Markers (1 set per group)

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### To Do

1. Give each child a "Dot-to-Dot Romans 8:28" activity sheet.
2. Ask: What do you think this is a picture of? Why can't we tell what it is right now?
3. Trace the path along the numbered dots to reveal an image about this week's memory verse.
4. Read the Verse together.
5. Explain: *God uses everything in our lives, good things and bad things, to help us if we trust Him. We connected all of the dots in the picture to find out what it was. If we left any of the dots out, the picture would not be complete.*
6. Ask: How is your life like a dot-to-dot picture? *God uses everything in our life and doesn't leave anything out when He makes plans for us. He uses everything--the good and the bad--to help us do the work He wants us to do.*
7. Kids color the "Dot-to-Dot Romans 8:28" activity sheet.

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## Group Discussion Ideas

### Get Everyone Talking

1. If you moved to the Konnect Space Station, what would you miss the most?
2. Who would you video chat with if you were on the Konnect Space Station?
3. What would you have done to stay awake in the enchanted forest?

### Check For Understanding

1. How did Alyssa's experience with missing her friends teach her how to help Ray? *It helped her understand how Ray was feeling. It helped her think of a nice thing to do for Ray to make her feel better.*
2. What should you remember when things seem bad, sad, or unfair? *Sometimes things happen and don't make sense. When we trust God and wait, He will make all the good things and bad things work together for our good.*
3. What bad things happened to Joseph? *His brothers hurt him and sold him to Egypt.*
4. How did God use the bad things that happened to Joseph to bring Him glory? *God let the bad things happen because God knew that Joseph needed to be in Egypt to save food for everyone and keep them alive.*

### Apply To This Week

1. What is the saddest thing that ever happened to you? *Note: If leaders share a sad event that happened, leave out scary or graphic details.*
2. How do you think God will use the sad thing that happened to you to do something good? *God will comfort you and help you to show others how God can take care of us all when we have troubles.*
3. Think of one hard thing that happened in your life. Who do you know who has the same thing happening to them now? How can you help them this week?



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WEEK 4: WHY GOD MADE ME

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## John 3:30 NLT

*He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.*

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### The Point:

Be like Jesus every day,  
'Cause God's purpose for you is here to stay!

### Group Activity Directions

#### Sword of Purpose // You'll Need

- "Sword of Purpose" activity sheet (1 per child)
- Markers (1 set per group)

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### To Do

1. Give each child one "Sword of Purpose" activity sheet.
2. Explain: *Life is like a battle. It is easy to do whatever we feel like doing. But it is a fight to only do what God wants. Your purpose is a sword you use to win the battle and choose to glorify God.*
3. Direct children to draw or write their purpose on the blade of the sword.
4. Give children guidance as needed. For example: be a good friend, take care of my brothers and sisters, help other kids learn math, etc.
5. Encourage kids to ask their parents if they can hang the sword somewhere they can see it often to remind them of their purpose.

## Group Discussion Ideas

### Get Everyone Talking

1. Sir Thomas and Ella got to play the “Who Wants to Take Hold of the Sword of Purpose so They Don’t Have to Go Back to the Castle in Shame” Game Show. What game show would you want to be on?
2. If you were a jester, what joke would you tell?
3. Which Konnect Space Station character are you most like: Clint, Alyssa, Emily, Ray, or Mike?

### Check For Understanding

1. What three things come together for you to find out what your purpose is? *Your skills, the things you care about, and the things you’ve gone through*
2. The Verse says: *He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.* What does that mean? *Trusting and obeying God makes the part of my heart that wants to do more sin die and get smaller. When I don’t listen to the sin part and listen to God’s Holy Spirit instead, God’s power grows in my life.*
3. What was John the Baptist’s purpose? *To let people know Jesus was coming, ask them to repent, and to baptize Jesus so everyone would know Jesus was the Son of God!*

### Apply To This Week

1. Why do what you are good at, what you care about, and what you’ve been through matter? *When you ask God to put these three things together for you, you will be able to find out what God wants you to do to help and love others and to glorify Him!*
2. What is one thing you can do this week to obey God’s purpose for you?
3. Think of someone you can talk to this week about what they are good at, what they care about, and what they’ve been through. Help them think more about their purpose!