**Small Group Leader Guide**

**Teachers Lounge**

We value and love you. Thank you for taking time out of your schedule to invest in the lives of children. We have prayed for you and trust you to love and lead our Caprikidz. If you need a break, a great time to do that is during Games and Crafts while your students are with room coordinators. Our outreach team has put together a table in the sanctuary with good snacks and conversation. Feel Free to Join them and be rejuvenated.

**Day 1**

**Today’s Bible Story:** Who Is Jesus? • *John 10:14 and John 14:6*

**Today’s Bottom Line:** I can have confidence because I am known.

**Memory Verse:** “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” *John 15:12 (NIV)*

**Life App:** Confidence—Learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

**Check In (5:45-6)**

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**Large Group (6-6:30)**

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**Small Group: (6:30-6:50)**

Grab your “teachers box” and have students follow you to a place in the room where you can play the small group game, eat snacks and talk about what they heard at Large Group.

Small Group Game: Frogger

Choose one person to be the frog and have them move out of earshot while the group decides who the frog is. When the frog is chosen, bring the student who left back to the circle and have them stand in the center of the circle of people. When the frog makes eye contact with someone and stick their tongue out, that person is dead and leaves the circle. Close the circle in again each time someone dies. The student guesser gets three guesses to find the frog

TIP: If your group is smaller, have a limit of two guesses. As your group gets better at the game, have the victims wait 3 seconds before leaving the circle once killed.

Snack/Small Group Questions

1. What’s your name? What School do you go to? What’s something you love to do?
2. What do you think it means to be confident?
3. Why does it make you feel confident when people know who you are?
4. How does it make you feel when we say that Jesus knows you better than anyone?
5. How can Jesus help us to grow confident in uncomfortable situations?

**Station 1: (6:50-7:20)**

K-2 (Games)

3-5 (Crafts)

**Station 2: (7:20-7:50)**

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**Check- Out (7:50-8)**

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**Day 2**

**Today’s Bible Story:** The Calling of the Disciples • *Luke 5:1-11, 27-32*

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Small Group Game: Dead Cow

Choose one person as the farmer and have everyone else lay down as dead cows. Dead cows don’t laugh, talk, or move, so if you laugh, talk, or move, you’ll become a farmer’s assistant. The farmer and his assistants must make all the cows laugh. The last cow not laughing is the new farmer. The farmer and his assistants can talk, sing, blow, anything they want to do EXCEPT touch the dead cows. If laughter in someone is debated, watch their stomach as they breathe, and it’s usually easy to tell.

Snack/Small Group Questions

1. Welcome back, introduce new people and go over names again.
2. How was everyone’s day so far?
3. What is something you are super confident about?
4. How does it make you feel when you are picked first for a team when playing with your friends? Why?
5. How can knowing that we belong at church help us be confident while we are here?
	1. How can knowing you belong help you be confident in other space outside of church?
6. Why do you think that Jesus picked a lot of people who weren’t perfect to help him spread love?
	1. How could Jesus be confident of these people?

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**Day 3**

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Small Group Game: Ring Leader

Choose 1 person to be the detective and have them step away from the circle. Choose 1-2 ringleaders and have them start doing a motion (clapping, spinning, jumping, etc) that can be the same or different, then the detective returns to the center of the circle. Ringleaders can change the motions whenever they please and participants must follow them (if 2 ringleaders, participants can switch between which leader they follow). The detective has 3 guesses.

Snack/Small Group Questions

1. Welcome back, introduce new people and go over names again.
2. How was everyone’s day so far?
3. How can someone’s appearance keep them from being confident?
4. How does it make you feel when someone makes fun of you or a friend because of the way you look? Why?
5. How does it make you feel, knowing that God loves you and is forgiving of you when you aren’t perfect? Why?
6. How can we encourage our friends to have confidence when they are uncomfortable?

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**Day 4**

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Small Group Game: Human Knot

Have each person in the group standing, facing towards each other, in a circle. Each person should be standing shoulder to shoulder. Instruct everyone to lift their left hand and reach across to take the hand of someone standing across the circle. Next, have everyone lift their right and reach across to take the hand of another person standing across the circle. Make sure that no one is holding hands with someone standing directly beside the person.

To play, the group must communicate and figure out how to untangle the knot without ever letting go of any hands.

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1. Welcome back, introduce new people and go over names again.
2. How was everyone’s day so far?
3. How has a friend made a difference when you were having a bad day before?
4. How does it make you feel when you return home from a trip and your friends are happy to see you again? Why?
5. How can you make a good difference in your friend’s days at school this year?
6. How can we encourage our friends to have confidence that they can help others have a good day?

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