

City SG - April 27-28, 2019

Bible Story: All I Ask of You (Jesus Appears to Thomas) • *John 20:19-29*

Bottom Line: Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.

Memory Verse: *"In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world."* John 16:33b, *NIRV*

1. Just for Fun

What You Need: No Supplies Needed

- **What You Do:**
- Welcome kids to Small Group.
- Play a few games of "20 Questions."
- Choose a person, place, or thing in your mind and let the kids ask yes-or-no questions to try to guess what it is. They can have 20 questions before they must guess.
- Let kids have a turn answering the questions.
- Say, "Questions are important! They're how we learn about almost everything."

2. Mystery Box

What You Need: Box with small object inside (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- Place the box in the middle of the group.
- Don't let anyone touch or pick up the box for hints!
- Go around the group and encourage kids to ask yes-or-no questions to get clues about what is inside the box.
- If a kid asks a question and the answer is yes, she gets to ask another question. If the answer is no, the next kid can ask a question. (Limit this to two questions per kid.)
- If kids want to make a guess about what is in the box, they can do so during their turn.
- Keep going until someone guesses or as time allows.

What You Say:

"This box contained something you couldn't see, but you knew it was there. You believed me when I told you it was there, and you asked questions to learn more about it. That's a lot like God; we know He is there even though we can't see Him. We need to ask questions about Him to learn more about who He is and what He's like so we can get to know Him better. We never have to worry that we are asking too many questions or the wrong questions. **[Bottom Line] Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.**"

3. That's What That Means

What You Need: Verse Activity Strips (1 set of 6 per group), white board/marker/eraser (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Write the memory verse (John 16:33b) on the board.
- Hand out one of the action strips from the Activity Page to each kid (or pair of kids).
- Instruct kids to start doing the motion on their strip of paper, but without using words.
- Encourage kids to work together as a group to see if they can figure out what part of the verse goes with which motion.
- Once the group has figured out all the motions, guide them to arrange themselves in order and say the verse all together.

What You Say:

“This verse tells us that God has all the answers. He knows everything about the world and all the things in it. He even knows about space and time and heaven and all the things outside of the earth. Even though God might not always answer all of our questions, He never gets upset with us for asking. **[Bottom Line]** **Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.** God will always be there for us, and He wants us to keep talking to Him and keep asking more about Him and His creation.”

4. God Is Bigger

What You Need: Bibles, “God Is Bigger” Activity Pages (1 per kid), pens

What You Do:

- Read John 16:33b aloud.
- Ask kids to describe some troubles they might have.
- Explain that the troubles we have in our lives can sometimes make us feel sad or confused or even scared. But no matter what kind of troubles we have, God is bigger.
- Give each child a “God Is Bigger” Activity Page, and guide them to complete the dot to dot.
- When they finish, ask:
 - What do you see? (*A question mark*)
 - When do you use a question mark? (*When someone asks a question*)
 - Have you ever had questions for God?
 - What were they?

What You Say:

“God is bigger than our troubles, and He’s bigger than our questions. So **[Bottom Line]** **whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.** He loves you, and you can always talk to Him.”

5. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Instruct kids to make their bodies as big as they can and say, “God is bigger.”
- Tell them to make their bodies as small as they can and say, “than our questions.”
- Talk about what questions they have for God.
- After kids share for a few moments, lead them in prayer about their questions.

What You Say:

“God, thank You for allowing us to ask questions. We are grateful that You have given us Your Word where we can look for answers to all the things we are wondering about. Please continue to also put people in our lives who can answer our questions for us. We also pray that whatever happens, we will remember You are bigger than our questions. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

BEFORE DISMISSAL: AT “COMMUNION CALL”

HAND OUT “GOD TIME” CARDS TO EACH CHILD AND ALLOW THEM TIME TO BEGIN WORKING ON THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY

IF CHILDREN BRING THEM BACK THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THEY RECEIVE A PRIZE!