



## Day 1 Church Group Devotion

# WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP

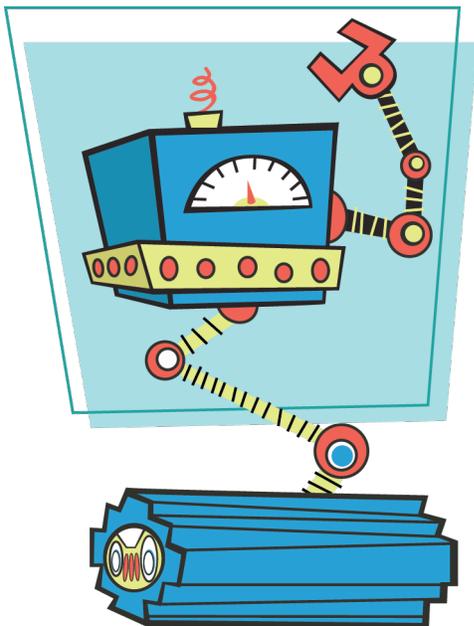
### TODAY'S FOUNDATION

In Bible Study today, campers unpacked the Key Verse from Ephesians 2:10. As they practiced memorizing the verse, they explored that we are made by God for His purposes.

### GEAR UP

Guide the campers to group around an adult sponsor so that each adult has about five kids in a huddle. Explain that you will shout out a question and then give them one minute to share their answers in their groups. At your signal, they will pause and listen for the next question. Call out these questions to allow campers to reflect and share about their day:

- What did you like best about dinner?
- What is something you want to remember from Team Time (Bible Study)?
- What free time activity are you looking forward to trying this week?



### LOOK UP

Read or ask a volunteer to read Ephesians 2:10.

***"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)***

Say: **Because we are God's workmanship, we know He has good things planned for us this week. We want to be ready to receive what God has for us, so let's take some time to ask Him to help us and listen to what He says.**

Encourage the children to spread out around the room or area so they can focus quietly. Guide children to repeat aloud the following questions, pausing after each one to allow them a chance to hear God's answer to them.

- God, what do you want me to learn this week?
- God, where can I see you this week?
- God, what do you want to say to me this week?

Close this listening time by praying for the children and adults in your group to be ready for the things God has prepared for them this week.

### SEND OUT

Gather the campers back together and share your hopes for them this week. Conclude by reviewing any details, sharing track time information and answering questions campers may have.



## Day 2 Church Group Devotion

# WE ARE CREATED IN HIS IMAGE

### TODAY'S FOUNDATION

In Bible Study today, campers explored the creation story in Genesis 1:26-31 and 2:7-23. They learned that because we are created in God's image, we can relate, rule, and reason in this world to represent God and His ways.

### GEAR UP

**Say:** We have been learning today that we are created in God's image so we have the ability to relate to one another. Someone may have asked you today—How are you? You might have said something like "Good" or "Awesome." I want us to ask each other that question tonight, but let's see if we can be more specific in how we answer. See if you can answer with a certain feeling or emotion that describes how you are right this minute. For example, you might say "I am tired" or "I am happy" or "I am confused." Got it?

If you have a large group, you can lead the adult sponsors to gather into smaller groups with campers. Otherwise you can do this as one group. Ask the question, "How are you?" and allow campers to respond.

### LOOK UP

**Say:** Because we are made in God's image, we also have the ability to relate to God. He wants us to come to Him in prayer. Read or ask a volunteer to read Jeremiah 33:2-3.

*"The Lord who made the earth, the Lord who forms it to establish it, the Lord is his name, says this: Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and incomprehensible things you do not know." (Jeremiah 33:2-3)*

**Say:** Sometimes we might not feel like we know what to say to God or how to listen to Him. One simple way to help us is called the ACTS prayer. The letters of ACTS stand for different ways to pray. Lead your group through the following steps, allowing volunteers to speak their prayers aloud or in small groups.

**A-Adore:** God, you are...(finish the sentence with a word to describe God).

**C-Confess:** God, I'm sorry that...(tell God something you need Him to forgive)

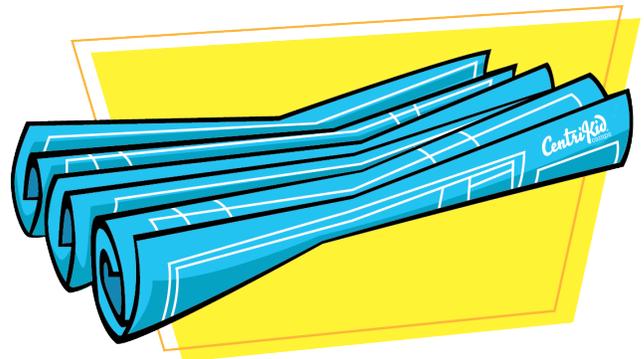
**T-Thank:** God, thank you for...(tell God something you are thankful for)

**S-Supplicate (Seek help):** God, please help me...(ask God for help about something in your life or someone you know)

Close the prayer time by offering all these things to God.

### SEND OUT

**Say:** We know that this message about being created in God's image is not just about ourselves. Everyone you see is created in God's image. Let's ask God to help us see others the way He sees them. That way we can treat them the way God treats all His wonderful creation. Each time you see a different person tonight, think in your heart—That person was created in God's image too!





## Day 3 Church Group Devotion

# WE ARE TRULY LOVED

### TODAY'S FOUNDATION

In Bible Study today, campers experienced the story in Nehemiah 8-10 that summarizes how God continually showered His love on His people even when they disobeyed Him. As they read in 1 John 4:10-11, we are able to love others because God never stops loving us.

### GEAR UP

Guide the campers to place their hand to their forehead as if they are looking for something in the distance. Ask them to keep their hands on their foreheads as they consider in what ways they have seen evidence of God's love today. When they spot something in their mind, tell them to shoot up their hand. Call on volunteers to share the evidence of God's love they have seen today.

### LOOK UP

After a few volunteers have shared, **ask: When you spot God's love, what does it make you want to do? Here are three ways we might respond to God's love:**

- Praise God
- Please God
- Pass it on

**Let's practice these three P's. For all the things we just heard, let's praise God for His love by jumping up and saying, "Thanks, God!"** Lead kids to jump and shout together on your signal.

**Say: When we experience God's love, it makes us want to please Him, or obey Him. Share with someone sitting next to you about a way you have pleased God today. If you can't think of one, share a way you could please God tomorrow.** Allow a few moments for campers to share with a partner.

**We can also pass on God's love by loving others.** Guide campers to give a hug or high five to someone in the group and say, "God loves you!" Encourage your Adult Leaders to make sure each camper gets at least one hug!

### SEND OUT

**Say: One way we can show God's love to others is by meeting their needs and sharing the good news of Jesus. The money you give to the Missions Offering (to IMB's One Cup of Water and NAMB'S Backpacks of Hope) this week does both of those things!**

This is the best time to collect your church group's Missions Offering. You should have received a container to collect your offering. Select one or two campers to carry the container up to the stage during worship tomorrow night.





## Day 4 Church Group Devotion

# WE ARE COMPLETELY FORGIVEN

### TODAY'S FOUNDATION

In Bible Study today, campers acted out the parable in Matthew 18:21-35 to see that Jesus completely takes away our sin and we too can forgive others.

### GEAR UP

Lead the campers to share in pairs using the following prompts:

- Find someone whose head is about the same height as yours and tell each other something you learned today.
- Find someone with a similar color shirt, put your hand over your heart and tell each other something you felt today.
- Give someone a high-five and tell them about something you did today.

### LOOK UP

Read 1 John 1:9.

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)*

**Say: Today we have learned that we are completely forgiven. Let's take a walk of forgiveness as we share our hearts with God. Encourage campers to stand and enter this time of prayer respectfully as you lead them:**

- Take a step forward if there is something you want God to forgive you for.
- Take a step to the right if you need to forgive someone else for something.
- Take a step to the left if you need God's help to forgive others.
- Take a step backwards and thank God for his forgiveness through Jesus.

Read 1 John 1:9 again and then close the prayer time, thanking God that we are completely forgiven.

### SEND OUT

**Say: Knowing that God completely forgives us, we really have a lot to rejoice over! We can celebrate all that God has done and taught us this week!**

If any campers have made significant decisions this week, take some time to affirm and celebrate them. If you have 6th graders who are ending their last year at CentriKid, you may want to recognize them. Consider other ways to encourage and champion each camper in your group.

