



Loop



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Survival Skills

Week 4: Friction-Based Fire Starting

Big Question

When you have questions about your faith, what do you do?

The Verse

James 1:5 NLT

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

Order of Experience

Countdown/Hang Out

Icebreaker in Small Groups

Emcee Welcome

Worship

Emcee Transition to Message

Message/Salvation

Offering

Announcements

Activity/Small Group

Small Group Discussion

Check Out

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YouVersion Bible Plan

Make sure students check out the Bible Plan associated with this series:

How to Survive Middle School and Beyond

Icebreaker Question

What's the best thing to eat around a campfire?

Choose questions for your small group.

1. Who can you ask questions about your faith?
2. Have you ever felt like it wasn't okay to ask questions about God or about being a Christian? What did that feel like?
3. Read **James 1:5 NLT**. How does it make you feel to know that God won't get on to you for asking Him questions?
4. What is one question you would like to ask God?
Note: Allow students to respond freely. Don't feel like you need to answer their questions. Just let them speak. Reassure them that sometimes we can't understand every answer, but based on who God is and everything He's done, we can trust He is good, is in control, and that He can even reshape things that were meant for evil back to His good plan.
5. What are some ways God can give you wisdom?
Ideas: He can help you figure things out, He can lead you to someone wise who can teach you, help you learn from a Bible verse, etc.
6. Think back to today's Survival Skills Quiz. What are some ideas for increasing your score in the "Asking God Questions" section? Or, how can you share what you know about this strength with others?

Leader Notes/Announcements

- *Promote **Swerve** and **Switch** to your 6th grade students.
- *Challenge students to bring a friend with them next week.
- *Tell your students about the **YouVersion Bible Plan**, and encourage them to complete it together as a group or with their families using Plans with Friends.