



Loop



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Who Is God?

Week 3: God Is Closer Than Ever

Icebreaker Question

Where's the best place to hide Christmas presents?

The Verse

John 3:16 NLT

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

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

Small Group Discussion

YouVersion Bible Plan

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

How Big Is God?

Big Question

Do you believe that God sent his Son to Earth for you?

Choose questions for your small group.

1. What stood out to you the most from the message? What's one thing you learned?
2. How does the Sardines game they played on the Loop Show remind you of Christmas? *Idea: It's like how God came to Earth as Jesus to find us, even though we were hidden in our own sins and wrong choices.*
3. **John 3:16** teaches us that God gave His Son for the whole world. What does that teach us about the way God loves us?
4. Do most people think about God as being far away and "up there" or do they usually think of Him as being close and with us? Why do you think that is?
5. How might your life be different if you always thought of God as close, present, and right with you?
6. This Christmas, how can you try to keep God closer to your thoughts, feelings, and actions?
7. If you could give something back to God for a Christmas present, what would you give Him?
8. Pray together. Pray your students would see the love and glory of God everywhere! Pray they would experience what it means to be fully loved, and that they would choose to love God back.

Leader Notes/Announcements

*Encourage students to get permission to subscribe to the **Loop Show on YouTube!** There's a lot of fun BONUS content dropping this week and next! It will live up Christmas break for sure. www.youtube.com/loopshow

Promote **Swerve** to your 6th grade students.

*Encourage 6th grade students to come to Switch with a friend.

*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.