

Small Group Leader Guide



Week 1

Ages 4-K
Through the Roof

Question

How does God help you be a good friend?

Answer

God helps me care and share!

Bible Verse

Romans 12:13 NIRV *Share with God's people who are in need. ...*

What To Do First

Review

1. **Introduce** yourself.
2. **Say** the **Question**, **Answer**, and **Verse** together.

Read

1. **Lay** Story Cards in order.
2. **Point** to the first card.
3. **Read** the caption.
4. **Ask** the **Review Question**.
5. **Do** the **Action** together.
6. **Repeat** steps 2-5 for Story Cards 2-5.

Remember

What Do You See?

1. **Hold up** Story Card 1.
2. **Ask**, "What do you see in this picture?" *Group answers.*
3. **Repeat** steps 1-2 for Story Cards 2-5.

Review Questions & Actions

Story Card 1

Question

Why did the man need help? *He couldn't walk.*

Action

Pretend carry something heavy.

Story Card 2

Question

Where did the good friends take the man? *To the roof; to see Jesus*

Action

Pretend to make a hole together!

Story Card 3

Question

Who lowered the man through the hole? *The good friends*

Action

Look up to see the man coming through the roof!

Story Card 4

Question

Who talked to the man? *Jesus*

Action

Jesus was happy to see the man.
Make a happy face!

Story Card 5

Question

What did the people do when Jesus healed the man? *They praised God.*

Action

Kick your legs and celebrate.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

The man had good friends.
Who are your good friends?

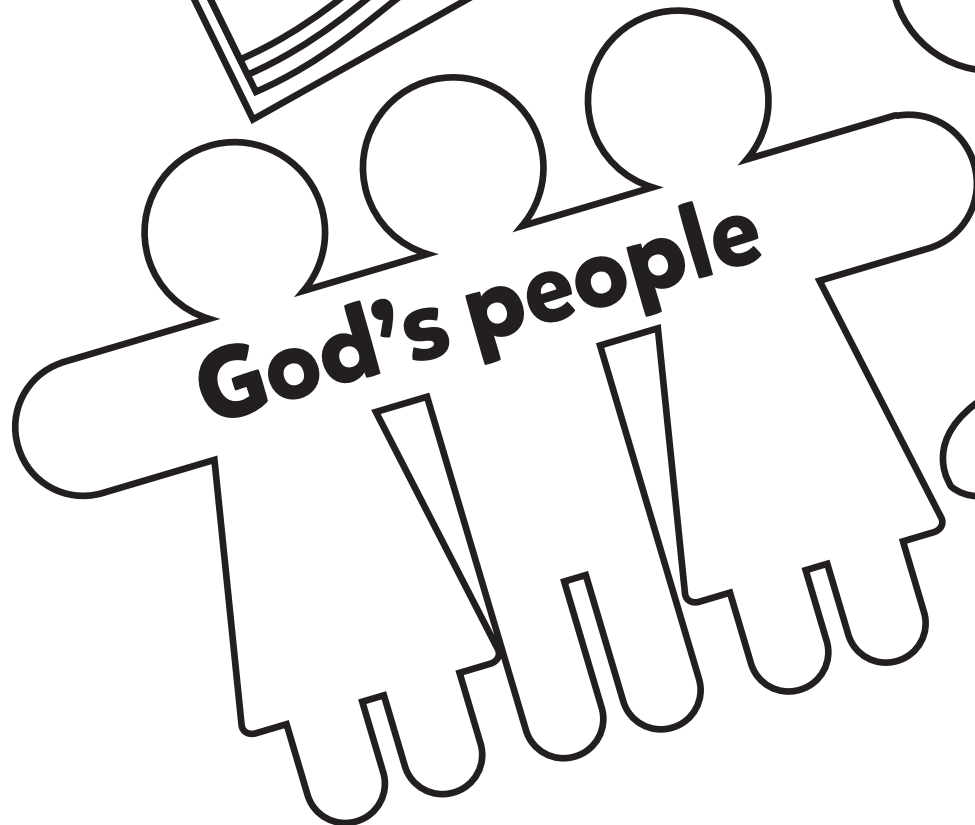
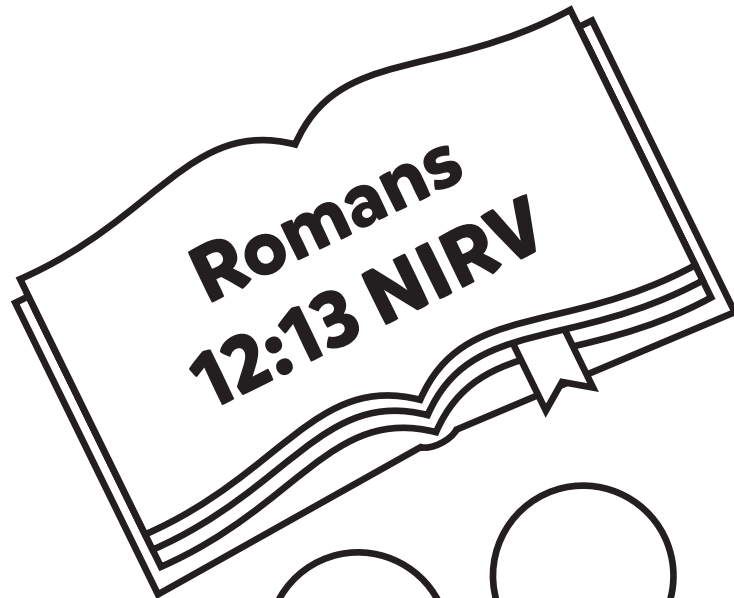
Pray

Ask kids what they want to talk to God about, and pray with them.

Adventure Book

Begin at Check Out Time

1. If you need to help with check out, **combine** your Small Groups.
2. **Give** each kid an Adventure Book, six stickers, and some crayons.
3. **Help** kids do activities inside the book.
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Week 2

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Remember

Mix It Up

1. **Shuffle** Story Cards.
2. **Place** Story Cards in the wrong order.
3. **Say**, "This story's mixed up! Let's put it in order."
4. Group **helps** put Story Cards in order.

Review Questions & Actions

Story Card 1

Question

How did the good friends help? *They carried the man to see Jesus.*

Action

Pretend carry something heavy.

Story Card 2

Question

What did the good friends do on the roof? *They made a hole.*

Action

Pretend to make a hole together!

Story Card 3

Question

Why did the friends lower the man through the hole? *So Jesus could help him.*

Action

Look up to see the man coming through the roof!

Story Card 4

Question

What did Jesus say? *Your sins are forgiven. Pick up your mat, and walk home.*

Action

Jesus was happy to see the man.
Make a happy face!

Story Card 5

Question

Why did the man jump up? *Jesus healed his legs!*

Action

Kick your legs and celebrate.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

The good friends worked hard to help.
What do you do to help?

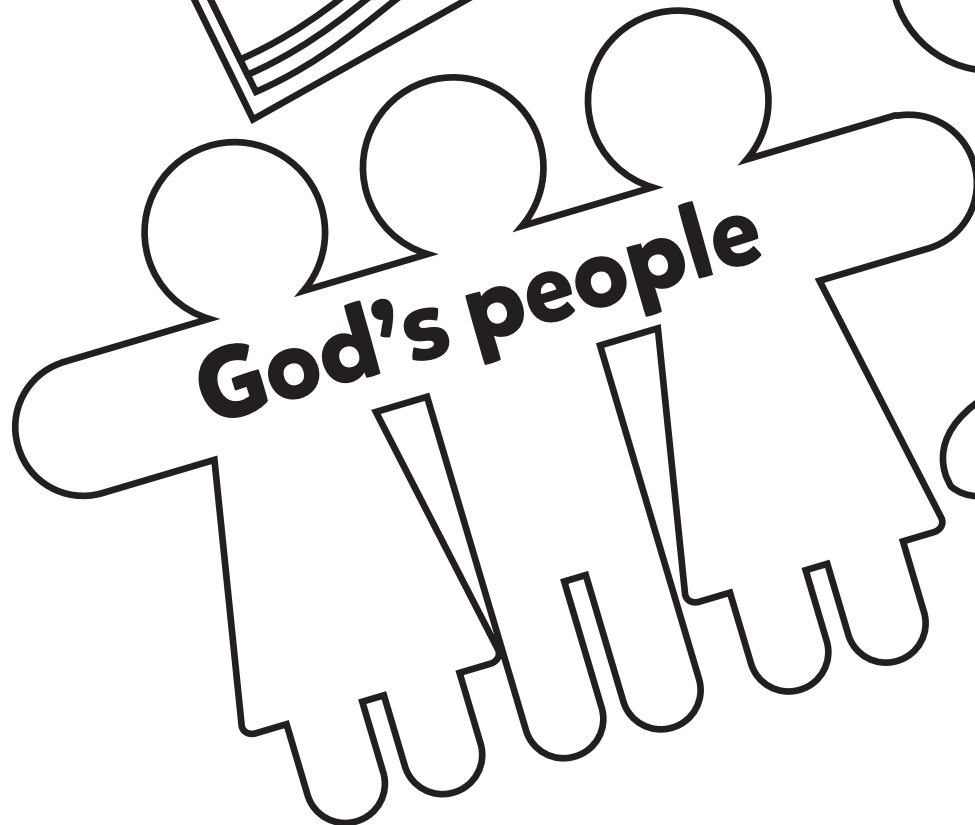
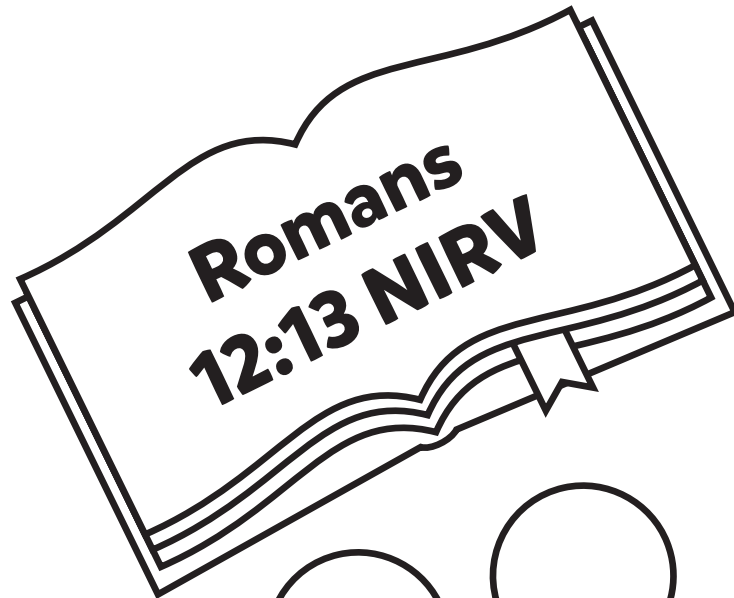
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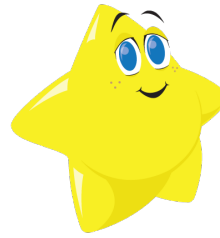
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5. **Do** the **Action** together.
6. **Repeat** steps 2-5 for Story Cards 2-5.

Remember Now What?

1. **Lay** down Story Card 1.
2. **Read** the caption.
3. **Ask**, "Now what's going to happen in the next picture?" *Group answers.*
4. **Repeat** steps 1-3 for Story Cards 2-5.

Review Questions & Actions

Story Card	Question	Action
1	Why couldn't the good friends take the man into the house? <i>It was too full.</i>	Pretend carry something heavy.

Story Card	Question	Action
2	Why didn't the good friends give up? <i>They cared about the man.</i>	Pretend to make a hole together!

Story Card	Question	Action
3	How did the man get inside the house? <i>Through the hole in the roof</i>	Look up to see the man coming through the roof!

Story Card	Question	Action
4	Who forgave the man's sins? <i>Jesus</i>	Jesus was happy to see the man. Make a happy face!

Story Card	Question	Action
5	Why did lots of people praise God? <i>Jesus healed the man's legs.</i>	Kick your legs and celebrate.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

Jesus can make us all better!
When did you need to get all better?

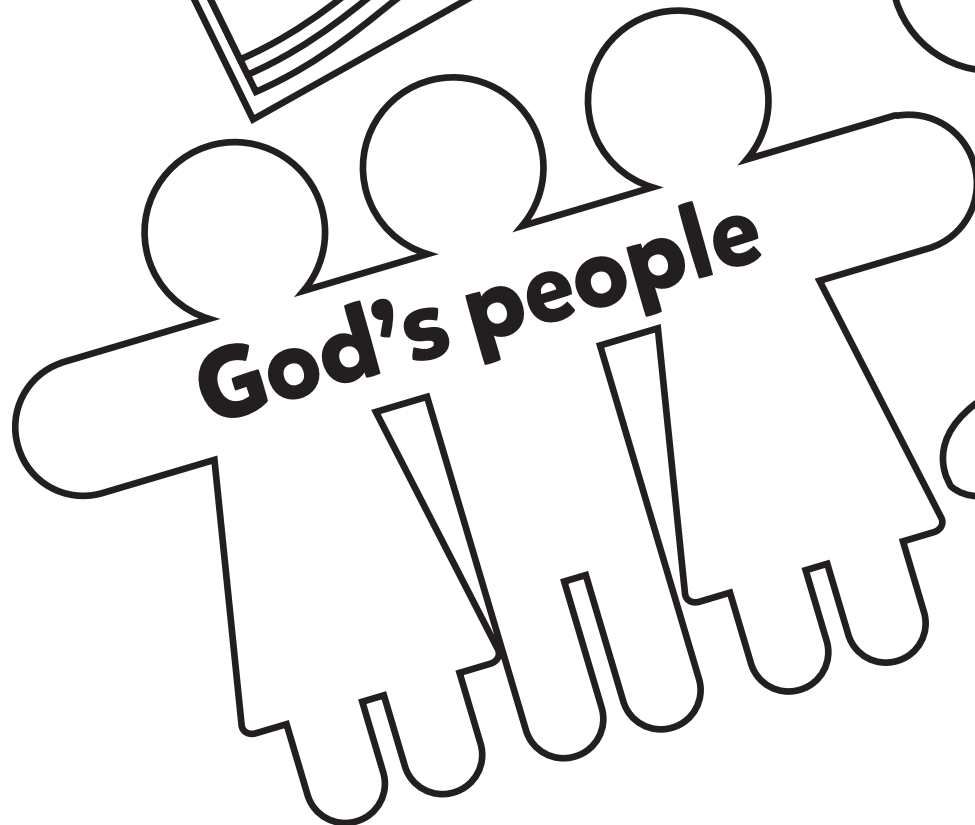
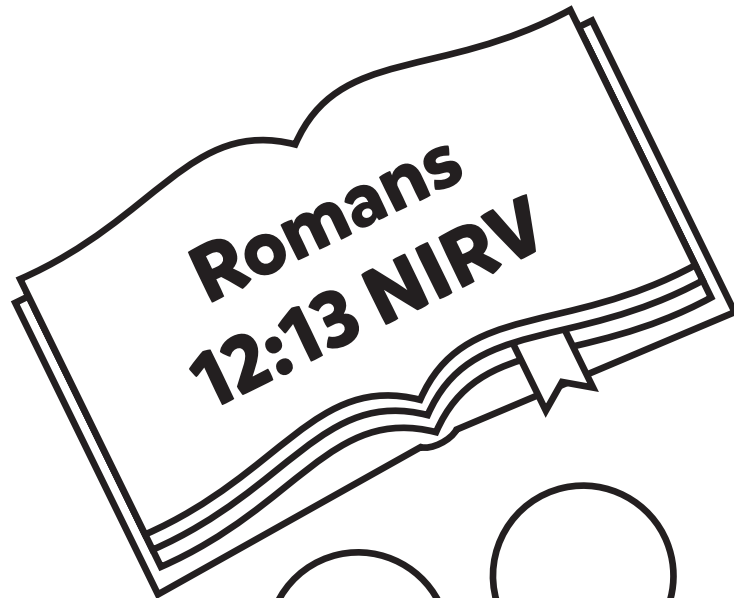
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Week 4

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Answer

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Bible Verse

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What To Do First

Review

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Read

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6. **Repeat** steps 2-5 for Story Cards 2-5.

Remember

What's Missing?

1. **Lay** out four Story Cards.
2. **Ask**, "Which picture is missing?" *Group answers.*
3. **Lay** Story Card in place.
4. **Repeat** steps 1-3, but **leave out** different card.

Review Questions & Actions

Story Card 1

Question

Why did the man want to go inside the crowded house? *To see Jesus*

Action

Pretend carry something heavy.

Story Card 2

Question

Who worked hard to put a hole in the roof? *The good friends*

Action

Pretend to make a hole together!

Story Card 3

Question

Was Jesus going to heal the man's legs? *Yes*

Action

Look up to see the man coming through the roof!

Story Card 4

Question

What are sins? *Wrong choices*

Action

Jesus was happy to see the man.
Make a happy face!

Story Card 5

Question

Who healed the man's legs? *Jesus*

Action

Kick your legs and celebrate.

How To Wrap Up

Talk

The people in the house praised God.
How do you praise God?

Pray

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