

Truth: (Matthew 16:13-20)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heav-en." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Equipping: (Discussion questions)

1. What stuck out to you from today's story?

2. What important question did Jesus ask his disciples? Who do people say the Son of Man is? Jesus already knew but He wanted the disciples to think carefully about the popular opinions.

3. What answer did Peter give? Who revealed to Peter the right answer? He said "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God". This was revealed by Jesus' Father in heaven.

4. Because of this what did Jesus give Simon? Jesus would give Peter the keys of the kingdom! The 'keys' are the gospel message to all nations!

Accountability:

- 1. Who do you say Jesus is?
- 2. When you have questions about God, who can you talk to?
- 3. What is something God is doing in your life right now? Who can you share that with?

Mission:

1. Who needs to hear about God for the first time? What can you do or say to that person to help them get to know who Jesus is?

- 2. How would you describe Jesus to someone?
- 3. How can you rely on God to help you in conversations like this?

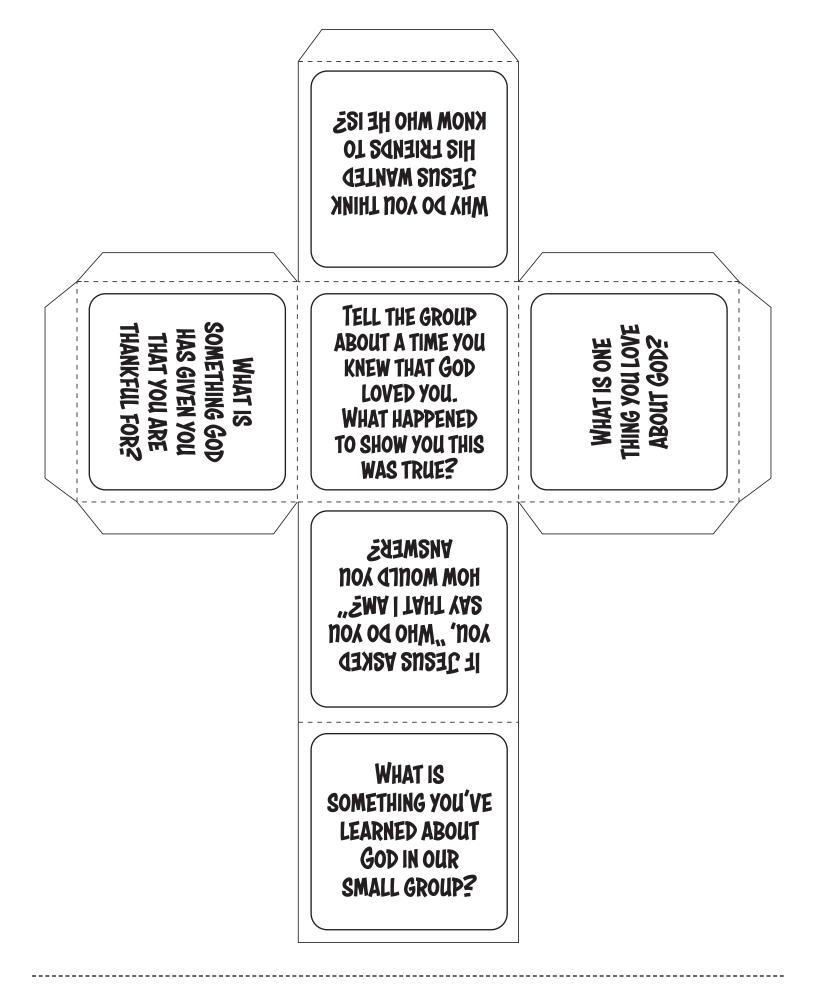


Supplication:

Ask one of your kids to pray to close.

Here's an example:

"Dear God, help us look for opportunities share what we love about you with others by telling them what you have done and what you are doing in our lives. We need courage to not shy away from a conversation that could literally change someone's life. You've challenged us today to stand up for what we believe about you. Now help us practice talking about you with others this week. Amen!



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