



# WEEK 3

## ELEMENTARY LESSON GUIDE



### BIG IDEA

I am confident because  
God leads me.

### THE BIBLE

**Your Word is a Lamp for My Feet:** Psalm 119:101-105;  
(John 8:12)

## LARGE GROUP TIME

**Champions meet in the Youth Room for worship.**

## WHAT? What are we talking about today?

### ACTIVITY | Who's the Leader?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose one kid to leave the group and choose another kid to be the "leader." The leader will choose a nonverbal action to do. Invite the kid who left to come back. The leader and the rest of the group will begin doing the motion. The kid who is not doing the motions will try and guess who the leader of the group is. This could also be done by splitting kids into multiple groups of six to eight, if you have a large group.
- It may have been difficult to figure out who the leader was. When we allow God to lead us, our actions should be in sync with God's.

### QUESTION | Who Leads You?

- We all have leaders in our lives. Let's think about some of the leaders we have.
- **Who is the leader in a school?** (Principal)
- **Who is the leader in a classroom?** (Teacher)
- **Who is the leader at home?** (Parents or guardians)
- **Who is the leader in a city?** (Mayor)
- **Who is the leader of the country?** (President)
- God should be the ultimate leader of our lives. But God also gives us people who are wiser than us to help lead us.



### THE BIG IDEA | I am confident because God leads me.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Tell the kids to follow you around the room. You can add in some silly actions while you do this, if you'd like. Play a fun song!
- **While you were following me around, did you ever think I would lead you to somewhere dangerous?** No! Because you know I care about each of you and I want you to be safe. This week's Big Idea is, **I am confident because God leads me!**

### SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

#### VIDEO | Sing, Episode 3

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's [teaching video](#).

#### SCRIPTURE | Psalm 119:101-105

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look up the story in your Bible and encourage the kids to do the same. Read it! You might want to consider using a translation that's easier to understand such as the Message, NLT, or NIV.
- Light is very important! It helps us to see everything around us. When we can see things clearly, we know which way to go.
- God's words to us, like those right here in the Bible, are like light for our lives. When we obey God's words, they help to protect us from harm and danger. And when we need to know what to do and what not to do, God helps us figure it out.
- **Read verse 103 again.** The psalmist, or the writer of the psalm, says God's words are sweeter than honey. That means he loves God's Word so much and enjoys spending time with God. When we have that same love for God's Word, we will read the Bible more. And when we read the Bible more, we will always know which way God is leading us!

#### VIDEO | Psalm 119:105 Dance

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** [Use this video](#), ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1IU\\_Rb9zxA&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1IU_Rb9zxA&feature=youtu.be)) "Psalm 119:105" to help the kids learn the key verse from today's Psalm. You may want to learn it beforehand and teach them each step before playing the video. Then, play the video as many times as you'd like so they can have fun practicing the verse. During the break down part of the song, encourage them to freestyle and have fun doing their own dance!

#### OBJECT LESSON | Flashlight

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use a flashlight to demonstrate how important light is. You can use [this video](#) (Object Lesson on Being the Light of the World - Flashlight) for ideas on how to best demonstrate this to your group. If you think it'll be appropriate, consider turning down the lights to make the illustration even more impactful.



### SCRIPTURE | John 8:12

- **What does this verse tell us about Jesus?** That's right! We all need Jesus' help to know what to do every day.
- God helps everyone to know what to do and where to go! If we don't listen to God, we will be like a person walking around a dark room with no flashlight! That's can be scary. Or we might bump into things and get hurt.
- God will help us make good choices. How? Through God's words! We can find God's words in the Bible. We can feel safe knowing God leads us.

*NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?*

### STORY | In Need of Light

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Share a story about a time when you really needed light. It can be a story about when there was a blackout or just at night when you were trying to make it to the bathroom in the dark.*
- **Do you have a story of when you were in the dark, too?** Share it with us!
- Light just makes things better! We should let God be our light and let God lead us wherever we are going.

### ACTIVITY | What Is This?

- I'm going to ask some volunteers to come up and try to guess what is in my bag!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Place random objects into different paper bags. Ask for volunteers to come up and guess what's in each bag without looking in the bag. Try to choose items that kids might not be able to guess right away.*
- Even though you were able to guess what was in each bag, you can't be a hundred percent sure until you see it, right?
- We can be a hundred percent sure about the right thing to say or do when we listen and obey God's words!

### PRAYER

- Thank You, God, for being a lamp in my life. You lead me and make sure I stay safe. Thank You for Your words that help me to know the right thing to do.

### MEMORY VERSE | Rap Battle

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Since this series is called, "Sing!" try different ways to sing the memory verse. This week, encourage the kids to try rapping the memory verse! You can play a fun track like [this one](#) for them to use as their background. The kids can even challenge each other to a mini rap battle.*



### SMALL GROUP TIME

#### DISCUSSION

- Why are lamps so important?
- How is God's word is like a lamp for us?
- Where can we find God's words?
- Read Psalm 119:105 again. What are some challenges you might face if you are walking around in the dark without a light on your path?
- Can anyone think of some Bible verses that help us know what we should do?
- Why do you feel safe and confident when God leads you?
- What are some ways you can follow God this week?

**MEMORY VERSE** | Psalm 95:1 (NIV)