

Ms My Story

1. CONVERSATION STARTER

Supplies:

- None

Leader Tip:

- The Conversation Starter is a great way to make everyone feel welcome and build community. Use it to set the tone for your group's time together.

Instructions:

- As the students arrive, welcome them and gather everyone in a group.
- Check in quickly to see how their week went.
- Describe one of your favourite destinations (e.g., an exotic country, a cottage, etc.). Tell the students why you love it.
- Invite everyone to describe their favourite places to the rest of the group.
- Introduce this week's Big Idea: **Jesus shows us what God's kingdom is like**. It's so much better than any of our favourite places!

2. INTRO ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- None

Instructions:

- Gather everyone to sit in a fairly tight circle.
- Ask one student to sit in the middle of the circle.
- Explain that the group is going to play a game of Never Have I Ever. The person in the middle will say, "Never have I ever..." and then finish the sentence by stating something they've never done.
- Anyone who has done it must stand up and run to another spot that's not directly beside them. The student in the middle will also race to an open spot.

- Direct the last person left standing to move to the middle of the circle and start the next round.
- Orchestrate getting a leader into the middle at the end of the game.
- The leader should say, "Never have I ever been to a wedding where water was turned into wine."
- No one in the group should move!
- Introduce the fact that Jesus went to a wedding just like that in today's story.

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3. WEEKLY VIDEO

Supplies:

- Video file

Instructions:

- Play the video. It contains:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Water to Wine | John 2:1-12)
 - Life Story (We travel to the Central African Republic to learn about its history and life there.)

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4. APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- The Difference activity pages
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Instructions:

- Discuss:
 - What is this month's Key Verse? (John 1:1)
 - What was the Life Story about in today's video?
 - What was the God Story about?
- Divide the students into two groups. If possible, place a leader in each one.
- Give each group an activity page and some pens.
- Encourage the group members to work together to fill in the chart and show the differences between God's kingdom and the world we currently know. Allow them to highlight some of the negatives they see in society around them but also prompt them to focus on the positives in God's kingdom.

5. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- None

Instructions:

- Pray the Lord's Prayer together (see Matthew 6:9-13). Emphasize "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
- Discuss what this prayer means and how we can see glimpses of God's kingdom now.
- Remind the students that **Jesus shows us what God's kingdom is like.**

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6. DISMISSAL

Supplies:

- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards

Instructions:

- Take a few moments to pray for the students if you have not already done so.
- Remind everyone about any upcoming events or relevant announcements.
- Make sure the students have their take-home materials.
- Ensure the adult teaching is over before dismissing the students.