



TOPIC 7, EPISODE 3—EFFECTIVE TEACHING

SMALL GROUPS

- Small groups usually consist of 3-5 adult friends, and 3-5 volunteers.
- The small group leaders should have access to the lesson plan for the large group Bible lesson in advance.
- Small group leaders review the main objective of the large group Bible lesson, and any key Bible verses.
- Repeat main points again; repetition is important for adults with intellectual disabilities.
- Everyone in the group should be encouraged to participate in the discussion, including the adult friends, direct support staff, and volunteers.
- Even though the adult friends may be nonverbal, they can hear, listen, and learn from the discussion.
- Connect the Bible lesson to a real-life situation. This helps everyone relate the Bible lesson to their lives.



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SMALL GROUPS CONTINUED

- Ask simple questions, so the adult friends can better understand. When asking an adult friend a question, small group leaders can take a moment to wait for his/her response.
- Do not hesitate to ask for help from our friends' direct support staff and housemates in the group.
- Leaders can take prayer requests from the group and pray for all the requests or have others in the group pray for individual prayer requests.
- Service projects can be done as small groups or in the larger group. It is good to partner on projects with other groups in your church, which will raise awareness for the ministry in your church and help your friends with disabilities make new friends.
- Some service project ideas include;
 - Participate in congregation-wide service events and church workdays.
 - Join in with the youth or other groups in the church on service projects.
 - Pack health kits for the homeless.
 - Pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child or other shoebox ministries.
 - A weekly offering can be taken and used to purchase materials and supplies for service projects.

Resources:

- Connection Ministries Pinterest Board- "Connection Ministries Craft Ideas"; <https://connection-ministries.org/bible-story-crafts-pinterest-page/>

