

EVERYDAY DISCIPLE

Impact Kids Fall 2026 Younger IK Leader Guide

next steps
IN DISCIPLESHIP

October 7, 2026- Disciples are faithful even when rejected.

Bible-Daniel 6- Daniel in the Lion's Den

Disciples build relationships that point each other to Jesus.

Leader QR Codes-



ASK Leader



Leader Devos



Like It Counts

Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:00 PM (Prayer)

Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM

K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM

4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM

K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM

4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM

Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM

** PL and LT groups will follow 4th & 5th schedule

*** PreK groups outside play is decided at campus

Family Table

What to Do:

As you gather everyone to eat, discuss these questions together. If one question takes the whole time, that is great. Your group has a great dynamic and feels comfortable talking to you and the group. Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, collect trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share new things or old things they are learning.
- Ask kids to share how they have seen God working this week.
- **For fun:** How would you trap a mouse?
- **This week:** Think of a time you worried about what other people thought of you. Talk about it if you want to.

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Social Game

Find a New Friend

How to Play:

1. Have children walk around the room while music plays or while they march.
2. When the music stops, call out a number (2 or 3) and have kids quickly form groups of that size.
3. Some children may be left without a group for a moment.
4. Tell the grouped children, "Look around. Is anyone without a friend group? Invite them to join you!"
5. Celebrate when everyone is included and play again.

Ask:

- How did it feel when you didn't have a group right away?
- How did it feel when someone invited you to join?
- What can we do when we see someone left out?

Connection:

"Some people didn't like Daniel and tried to get him in trouble because he followed God. Even when people weren't kind to him, Daniel kept trusting God. We can trust God and be kind to others, especially when someone feels left out."

Video & Pray

Say: Having friends can be so important. Friends who discourage us from good things, like following God, make it hard to know what to do. Let's check out this story from the Bible to know how Daniel handled the same thing.

Watch "Daniel"

Say: Can you believe how God protected Daniel and honored him for his faithfulness even in a tough situation? Our God is so kind.

Pray: *Father God, thank You for Your Word. Thank You for examples like Daniel that give us hope when things are hard. Help each of us to have the faith of Daniel and to stand up for what we know is true, even if it means our friends aren't with us in it. Give us courage and peace. Comfort us with your loving presence. We love You Lord. Amen!*

Say: How many of you have been trapped before? In this next game we are going to see how each of us might respond to being trapped. Then someone is going to help us get out.

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Activity

Lion's Den Escape

Supplies:

- Painter's tape, pool noodles, or yarn
- Stuffed lions (optional)

Setup:

Create a simple "trap" or "lion's den" on the floor by making a circle or square with tape, yarn, or pool noodles.

How to Play:

1. Have all the kids stand inside the "lion's den."
2. Tell them: "Daniel was trapped in the lions' den, but God took care of him!"
3. Call out different ways to escape:
 - Hop out on one foot.
 - Tiptoe out quietly.
 - Crawl under an imaginary gate.
 - Walk backward out of the den.
 - March out bravely.
4. Once everyone escapes, have them return to the den and try a new way.

Variation:

Choose one child to be a friendly lion who gently guards the exit by standing nearby. Kids must say, "God helps me!" before leaving the den.

Debrief:

Ask:

- Was it fun to get out of the trap?
- Who helped Daniel when he was trapped?
- Who helps us when we're scared or have problems?

Bottom Line: God took care of Daniel, and God takes care of us too.

Color Page

What to Do: Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. **Say:** Disciples are faithful even when rejected. Allow time for kids to color.

Leader Tip: Encourage families to look at the kid's work as they show up to pick up their kids.