

# **CONNECTED CAR QUESTIONS**

### KEEP THESE QUESTIONS IN CAR AND USE AS YOU TRAVEL FROM PLACE TO PLACE:

Ask:

- When someone treats you badly, what does it make you think? How does it make you feel?
- What about when someone is kind without at all expecting anything in return? What does that feel like?
- Why does putting others first stand out so much or seem so different from what's "normal"?
- How does treating someone well help them know Jesus?
- What's one way you could SHOW someone Jesus?



GAMES

God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. Ephesians 2:8, NIrV

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

Plastic cups or blocks

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Place a stack of cups or blocks on a start line (or table if using the blindfolded option below)
- Give a determined amount of time to play. (3-5 min)
- On your "Go," the first kid on each team will grab a cup or block and then run down and place their block or cup to start building a tower.
- When the first kid places their cup or block, they must call out, "Next," so the next kid can come down and place their cup or block. Once a kid calls out, "Next," they can return to the end of the line. The next kid will do the same and this will continue until the time is up.
- Each kid must wait until they hear, "Next," before they can go.
- If the tower falls, the team can rebuild it using the same rules to go through the line.
- Play several times and see if you can beat your record.

Option: You can play without the running and one kid has to wear a blindfold. The other player tells the blindfolded kid "left or right" to get them to make a stack of blocks without tipping it over. How tall can the stack get by listening to your teammate?

#### SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

Listening to God makes us wise. In our game today, we had to wait to hear someone tell us to go before we could go and add to the tower that had been started. You had to focus on hearing your teammate, so you could build the tower. The same is true when it comes to hearing from God. When we wait to HEAR from God, then we make wise decisions. The people in Athens had to hear from God through the stories that Paul came to tell them. The amazing thing is that [Bottom Line] you can HEAR from God. You can hear from God through reading the Bible, praying, and even talking with other people who follow Jesus. [Make It Personal] (Talk about a time when you heard from God, whether it was through the Bible, prayer, or wisdom from others.)



## CRAFTS

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- twine
- cardboard circles
- circle template on paper
- markers
- scissors
- glue sticks



#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Make 2 circles onto your printer paper, or download and print the template <u>here</u>.
- Add color to these circles, the more colorful, the more fun it is to see as it spins...
- Cut out paper circles.
- Use these to trace on a cardboard box and cut out 1 cardboard circle.
- Glue on the paper circles to the cardboard, (one on each side!)
- Poke two holes right in the center of the cardboard circle.
- Take a piece of twine, or rope, about 28 inches long. TIP: I used a match to burn the ends of my rope so they wouldn't unravel. Run the rope through the holes and tie a knot.
- Take a piece of rope in each hand with the circle in the middle and go in circles to get the rope twisted.
- Now you pull...relax...pull...relax. IF you do it right, the spinners make a humming noise!!!!

For a video tutorial click here: <u>https://youtu.be/Ag6GSMkWi9A</u>



**STEAM** 

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- A firm surface for building
- Wooden craft sticks
- Clothespins



#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Challenge #1: Build the tallest structure.
- Challenge #2: Build the tallest structure with the fewest clothespins.

#### AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

The people in Athens worshipped statues they had built with their own hands. That would be like you and me bowing down and praying to one of these towers we just made" Read Acts 17:24-25. What did Paul say about God in these verses? Can you imagine if you'd lived in Athens back then with these statues all over the place? The craziest was the one Paul found that said, 'to an unknown god.' I'm so glad that the one true God isn't UNKNOWN to us. He has made a way for us to know Him by sending his only Son, Jesus! "What are some things we know about God? I'll get us started. We know that God loves us. We know He gave us Jesus. What are some other things we know about God?

And just like Paul, we can TELL people what we know about God. But we can also SHOW what we know! Since God is loving and kind, we can be loving and kind to others. Since God is forgiving, He can help us forgive others, too. God sent Jesus to show us what He's like. And we can help others know Jesus by the words we say and the way we live. Remember, you can help others know Jesus." [Make it Personal] (Give an \example of a time when you helped someone else know Jesus through your actions. Maybe you were kind to someone who isn't always kind to you. Maybe you forgave someone even when you didn't feel like it.)