

# BOTTOM LINE: One of the best ways to introduce students to each other is to involve an element of fun.

### materials Needed

- Large paper bag, gift bag, or box (something students can reach into)
- Various "grab bag" items (See ideas below)

## ask these questions to start the conversation.

**DO THIS:** Start the conversation with your group by asking these questions below.

- ASK: What are your favorite things to do with your friends?
- ASK: What is one thing that you want to do with your Life Group this year?
- ASK: What are you most looking forward to in Life Group?

### dO an activity together as a group.

**DO THIS:** Have your students sit in a circle and pass the grab bag around. Give each student a chance to grab something out and answer the corresponding question. The questions attached to each item are listed below. Once the first student has answered, open the question up to the group.

• **LEADER INSTRUCTIONS:** Fill the grab bag with 10-12 items listed below. Feel free to add or subtract as many items as you would like. Make sure you have at least one item per student in your group.

### Suggested Grab Bag Items:

● 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LIST:

Car Keys - What is your dream car?

Scary Picture - What scares you? Or what is your biggest fear?

Barf Bag - What is your best "BARF" story?

Cookie - What is your favorite baked good or treat?

Question Mark - If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

**Family Photo** - Spend one minute telling us about your family.

**Christmas Item** - Share your favorite Christmas memory.

**Water Bottle** - If you could only drink one thing for the rest of your life what would it be?

**Toy Animal** - What is your favorite animal?

Piece of Candy - What is your top 3 favorite candies?

#### ₱ 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LIST:

**Pencil** - If you were writing a book, what would it be about?

**Luggage Tag** - If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

**Ticket** - If you could play a leading role in a movie, what movie would it be or what type of movie would it be?

**Lemon -** Would you rather eat a lemon or kiss a rat on the face?

Random Item - Describe your perfect day.

Playing Card - What is your favorite game to play (sport, board game, etc.)?

Stuffed Animal - What is one item in your life you could not live without?

**Lunch Bag** - If you could eat lunch with any famous person - dead or alive - who would you choose?

**Sticky Note** - What is your favorite subject in school?

Quarter - If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would buy?

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LIST:

**Awkward Family Photo** - Tell about your favorite family tradition.

**Starbucks Cup** - What is your favorite beverage at Starbucks?

**Dollar Bill** - If you could go on a shopping spree in any store, what store would you choose?

**Notebook Paper** - What is one thing you love about school and what is one thing you don't like about school?

**Toilet Paper Roll** - When was the last time you peed your pants?

**Coupon** - If you won a lifetime supply of any product, what would you want it to be?

Picture of Friends - Tell us about your 2 closest friends and why they hold that position.

World Map - If you could live in another country, where would you choose?

Wrapping Paper - What is one birthday/Christmas present you want this year?

**Sunglasses** - What is your favorite summer memory?

# **Pray** by talking to God.

**DO THIS:** Lead your students in a time of prayer together using prompt below.

Have each student pray outloud for the stresses, worries, hardships, etc. that they will experience this week. Tell them to ask God for comfort and deliverance through anything that may be difficult for the rest of the week. Then, pray for your group as a whole.

