

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE 1st WEEK OF LIFE GROUP

6:30PM || LEADERS ARRIVE

- ⇒ Check with your host home to make sure this arrival time is ok.
- ⇒ Use your target gift card to create a little fanfare for this first night!

7:00-7:15 || BE ON THE CURB

GREET PARENTS AND STUDENTS IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE

- ⇒ Assign one leader to be on the curb and one leader to greet students
- ⇒ Parents: Introduce yourself, give them your parent letter and the parent questionnaire
- ⇒ Students: Greet students, give them instructions on where to put their chairs, hand sanitize on the way in

7:00-7:10 || AS STUDENTS ARRIVE: ALL ABOUT ME INFO SHEETS

- ⇒ Give each student a sheet as they arrive to fill out! This will give them something to do as everyone arrives. Keep these sheets on hand for the rest of the year!
- ⇒ You can ask students questions from the sheet as they fill it out.

7:10-7:40 || HANG TIME & FUN

Enjoy a SNACK together

PLAY A GAME: "SAY MY NAME" GAME (included in your packet)

TIP: There is a list of fun icebreakers included in your leader training booklet, feel free to use them!

7:50 - 8:10 || SQUAD GOALS

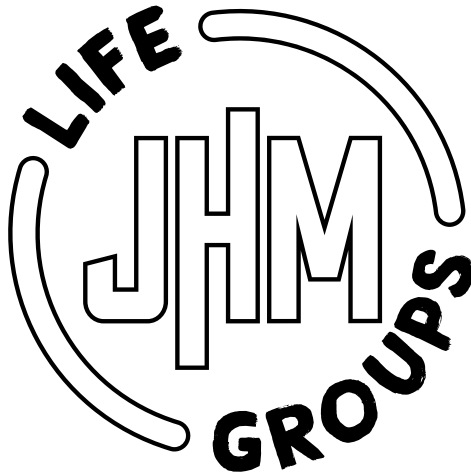
- ⇒ This is a list of activities designed to help your group make memories and establish boundaries.
- ⇒ Do ACTIVITY 1 and then choose from the rest of list options that will work best for your group.
- ⇒ Flip to the backside of this page to see the leader guide for ACTIVITY 1.

8:10 - 8:20 || MY 5 MINUTE STORY

- ⇒ Give each student a "MY STORY IN 5 MINUTES" sheet (included in this packet!).
- ⇒ If you have time, they can start filling it out.
- ⇒ Tell students to take it home and continue filling it out. Then, put it in their life group backpack or journal and bring it back for the first few months at group. Each week have a few students share their story in 5 minutes. Make sure you fill one out too, so you can share your story with the group!

8:20-8:25 || PRAYER AND WRAP UP

8:25-8:30 || CLEAN UP AND HEAD TO THE CURB!



MY LIFE GROUP COMMITMENT CARD

****YOUR STUDENTS HAVE THIS SHEET FOR YOU TO GO OVER WITH THEM. GO THROUGH EACH LINE AND HAVE THEM FILL IN THESE FIRST WORDS.**

1. **PARTICIPATION**...I will both contribute and listen during my LIFE GROUP'S meeting times.
2. **PREPARATION**...I will bring my BIBLE and notebook to LIFE GROUP.
3. **PRIVACY**...I will not repeat confidential matters shared by others in my LIFE GROUP.
4. **POSITIVE ATTITUDE**...I will maintain a respectful and positive attitude toward my LIFE GROUP and leader.
5. **PERSONAL OPENNESS**...I will be honest about my life with my LIFE GROUP.
6. **PRIVILEGE**... Life group is a privilege, not a right. If I am not honoring the things listed above, my leaders will have a conversation with me and may remove me from the group.

**Have students sign the sheet, collect them, and keep them in your tub all year long!*