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Join the Story!

GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

Stand Up for God

Say: In today's story, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood up for God even though they could have been killed for it. Following Jesus might not be that dangerous for us, but it isn't always the popular thing to do. In fact, sometimes it can be really hard to stand up for God. We're going to do an activity right now that will help us think of ways that we can stand up for God.

Directions: Choose two kids to sit back-to-back and link arms in the middle of the circle. Challenge them to stand up together without their arms coming apart. Once they have successfully completed the challenge (or failed multiple times), read one of the situations below and allow the two kids to say how they could stand up for God in that situation. Once they've had a turn to answer, allow the other kids to share too. When finished, choose two more kids for the challenge and repeat. Continue until all of the situations have been read and discussed.

Situations:

- Your friend is spending the night at your house and sees that you have a Bible on the nightstand by your bed. She points to it and says, "You don't really read that thing, do you?"
- You're going to miss your basketball game tomorrow because it's at the same time as church. One of your teammates asks why you would want to miss the game for church.
- At the lunch table, you bow your head and say a silent prayer before you eat. One of the other kids at the table sees you and asks why you do that.
- The kid next door sees that you're wearing a cross necklace. He says, "Why do you even wear that thing? God isn't real anyway."
- You're at a sleepover with your friends when they begin watching an inappropriate video. When you walk away, one of them says, "Where are you going? Why don't you watch it with us?"
- You play your favorite Christian song for your cousin. She says, "That song was dumb. All it ever talked about was God."

Question: Have you ever stood up for God before? What did you say or do?