

THE ZONE

August 2nd

PREPARATION

Series: WEIRD 1

Big Idea: Make a difference (stir a giant pot) with your different (go crazy - do your own motions)

Bible Table Verse:

Romans 12:6 (NLT) "God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."

Key Point: God is weird, so weird is good

Bible Reference:

Numbers 22: 21-38 | Donkey Talk

You Need:

- Group Guide
- Bible
- Pins (Hand out as rewards throughout the group)

Win By:

- Having fun
- Connecting spiritually and socially with your group
- Answer questions too, do not just ask them of your group.

GROUP FLOW

1. Icebreaker (2 min.)
2. Conversation Cards (10 min.)
3. Closing (2-3 min.)

1. Icebreaker

Introduce everybody and introduce the following game:
Stand up/Sit Down Game: Stand up for (A) or Sit Down for (B)

1. **Sunsets on Mars are what color?** (A) Red (B) Blue (Correct)
2. **Did Balaam think the donkey was acting weird or did the donkey think Balaam was acting weird?** (A) Balaam thought the Donkey was acting weird (Correct) (B) The donkey thought Balaam was acting weird
3. **Why did God send the Angel to block Balaam from traveling?** (A) To remind Balaam of what God said (Correct) (B) To protect Balaam from talking donkeys

2. Conversation Cards

Take out Conversation Cards and lay them Weird Side Up in the middle of Group. Pick a student to take a card and read it. The Whole Group answers each card.

CARD OPTIONS:

1. Try Not to Laugh Challenge (2): Hand this card to your leader. As a group, try not to laugh as you answer the following weird questions. Play until all the jokes are read or until someone laughs.
2. Alphabet Game: As a group, go around and say different animals in alphabetical order. Go until there are three mess ups or until you've done the whole alphabet.
3. Spot the Difference: Break up into pairs. With your backs to each other, change one thing about yourself (Like your hair jewelry, socks' height, etc.) Turn around and try to guess what is different about your partner.
4. Opposites: Break up into pairs. For 1 minute, see how many opposite actions you and your partner can do. (Examples: Your partner looks up, so you look down. Your partner is sitting, so you stand. Your partner stands on their left foot so you stand on your right foot, etc.)
5. What's the weirdest thing you've seen or heard this summer?
6. What was the weirdest thing you remember from today's ZTV?
7. Why do you think being weird or different is a good thing? *It can be a great conversation starter, a great way to meet new friends, it is a way we can lean on God because he knows what it is like to be different, too.*
8. How is God different from us? *Examples: God is 3 in 1, Father, Son, Holy Spirit. He is All Powerful, He can be everywhere at once.*

3. Closing

A. Prayer: Take **Prayer Requests**. Pray out loud with your group, **Thank you God that you are weird. We ask that you keep using differences to get our eyes and ears to see and listen to you every day.**

B. Big Idea: Give the cue for you all to do it at the same time (ie. 1, 2, 3) Make A Difference, With Your Different!