

WEEK 4

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

FULL BLOOM

BIG IDEA

Jesus connects
us to God.

BIBLE

Jesus Appears to His Disciples:
John 20:19–31; John 15:1–13

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Inside a garden, all the flowers, plants, bugs, and animals are connected in a special way. This week, we'll hear about how Jesus showed his scars to his disciples and taught them about how the Holy Spirit would keep them connected. We can have a whole new life that's close to God because **Jesus connects us to God.**

QUESTIONS

- **Why were all the disciples locked in a room?** *They were scared and worried.*
- **Why do you think Jesus appeared a second time to his friends?** *To reassure them that he really was alive and to include Thomas!*
- **Read John 20:29. Who are the people "who have not seen and yet have believed?"** *Us!*
- **Read John 15:5. What type of fruit do you think Jesus is talking about here?**
- **When are times you feel disconnected from God or find it hard to talk to God?**
- **Who can you talk to, or what can you do to reconnect to God?**
- **How can you encourage a friend who feels disconnected from God?**

ACTIVITY

For this activity, you will need paper plates, clear adhesive shelf liner, flower petals, small leaves, and yarn or pipe cleaners. Prep your craft by cutting out the center circle of each paper plate. Help kids place some shelf liner on the back of their paper plates. Then, have kids arrange some petals and leaves in the center of their plate on the sticky side of the shelf liner. Once they have finished, place more shelf liner over the petals and leaves, sealing them between the two layers of liner. Punch two holes at the top of the plate and tie off some yarn or pipe cleaners in the holes to finish the sun catcher. Scan QR code for a worked example.



Beautiful things can happen when we remain in God. These sun catchers can help remind us of the ways we can remain connected to God's light. Whenever we do, we get to see God's light reflected in the world around us.

We can grow closer to God because Jesus connects us to God.

MEMORY VERSE: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."
— 2 Peter 3:18a (NIV)

