



## SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

YOU SCARED?  
WEEK 3 I CAN'T DO IT ALONE

### Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the welcome question: **Talk about a mistake you made that turned out to be really funny.**

### Small Group Activity

#### You'll Need

Per Kid	2 Sheets of origami paper
Per Group	2 Origami Talking Dog activity supplement 1 Set of markers

#### After Activity

Kids Keep	Origami dog they made
You Keep	Origami Talking Dog activity supplements and markers (save both for later use)

#### Before Activity

1. **Watch** <http://go2.ic/OrigamiTalkingDog> to see how to fold the dog. (Don't let your kids watch it with you.)

#### To Do

1. **Keep** Origami Talking Dog activity supplement **closed** and **show** kids the picture of the dog on the front.
2. **Give** each kid 1 sheet of origami paper, and **ask** them to make the dog **without** instructions or help from you.
3. **Allow** kids to **try** or **complain** that they can't do it.

**Say:** That was too hard to do without help. God asks us to do things that are too hard, too. We can be afraid to try and give up, or we can pray to God and try with His help! Don't give up. Ask for my help, and we'll do it together!

4. **Give** each kid 1 more piece of origami paper, **show** the instructions, and **help** them.
5. **If time allows**, kids **decorate** their dogs with markers.

### Small Group Discussion

#### Say the point and Bible verse together.

When I'm afraid I'll fail, God will help me.

Isaiah 41:13 NIV

*"... the LORD your God ... says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."*

1. When you're afraid, who can you always ask for help? *God*

#### Choose a few review questions.

1. **What are some things you're afraid you'll mess up on if you try to do them?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What's something you're afraid to try again because you messed up the first time?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **When you ask for God's help to do something hard, how do you think He might help you?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: He may give you good ideas to help, He might give you people to help, He may give you strength to keep on trying, etc.*
4. **What's something God might ask us to do that's too hard to do without Him?** *Ideas: Standing up for what's right, talking about Jesus, standing up to bullying, etc.*

#### Choose an action step question.

1. **If you try and mess up, what can you do to be brave enough to try again?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What can you do to encourage someone else who wants to quit trying and give up?** *Answers will vary.*

#### Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

**Not sure what to pray? Pray this:** God, please remind us that even when we mess up, You'll help us when we try again. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Check Out

*Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.*

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **continue decorating** talking dogs.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.