

IDENTITY & SELF-ACCEPTANCE | WEEK 2

WELCOME & WHO YOU ARE

LEADERS GOAL

Help each student find friendship at K2K

EXPECTATIONS & BEHAVIOURS

Ensure students are aware of what the expectations are, why we follow them.

ACTIVITIES

Read Psalm 23

All about Me

3 Things in 5 Seconds

Matching Lines with Characters

PRAY

God is our friend and He loves us all the time

SUPPLIES

- Bristol board decorated like a Dr. Seuss Hat
- Markers
- Plastic egg/ball, one per small group, for All About Me Activity
- Before students arrive, hide the plastic egg somewhere in your small group room.
- 1 Handout per small group with script lines and characters' names printed on them for matching game
- Bible marked and open to Proverbs 17:17 NIV
- Create a welcoming space by greeting students by their name.

BOTTOM LINE

You belong, just as you are

AS STUDENTS ARRIVE

Ask students what they enjoyed or felt surprised by from K2K last week.
Finish adding their favourites, pets, and interests to the Dr. Seuss hat as students arrive.

STORY CONNECTION

When you began reading your script this past week, what characters were you drawn to or can relate to the most?

I think of Horton who meets Mayzie LaBird, and she asks him to sit on the egg in her nest. (Script, p47-48) Choose readers for Mayzie and Horton.

How was Horton a good friend to Mayzie? It takes a pretty special friend to help with this unusual request – an elephant sitting in a tree on an egg!



K2K BASICS & EXPECTATIONS

We are so excited to unpack much we are loved and taken care of by God as we go through this year. He wants to be our best friend. We know that K2K is an amazing place for friendships!

Who remembers from last week, what does K2K need to look like to be a safe space for all of us?

A full list of expectations can be found Backstage here: <https://k2kproductions.ca/rules-of-conduct>

- Encourage each other
- Demonstrate honesty
- Participate, play, and learn with cooperation and kindness. Be respectful.
- One person speaks at a time.
- Be punctual (includes regular program and additional rehearsals)
- Arrive into building 5 minutes in advance of start time. If arriving late, may be asked to wait to enter program or small group area to limit disruptions.
- Wear indoor shoes or dance shoes. Remove winter footwear and coat in Lobby before entering program.
- Script and water bottle only comes to program
- Use the washroom before program and only between rehearsals

We value this space so much that we set up boundaries to keep K2K a safe and special place for everyone. If you are not able to treat others, the furniture, this building, or your leaders with respect, you will receive a warning. After two warnings, we will pause what we're doing to speak with K2K Staff. At that time, you will be given a choice, and if the behaviour does not change, we may ask you to step back from attending K2K.

TRUTH & TREASURE

Psalms 23 reminds us that God is like a shepherd who stays close to His sheep. He cares for us as a true friend, loving us and guiding us just as we are. As a group, let's read it out loud to gain a better understanding of God's love for us.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters,
He refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the darkest valley
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.



DISCOVERY TIME

Game | Plastic Egg Sharing About Me

Preparation: Hide the plastic egg somewhere in your small group room.

Invite students to search for the hidden egg. Once found, that student shares a favourite food, movie, song, colour etc. that hasn't been written on the Dr. Seuss Hat. Then they toss the egg to another student to share. Keep passing the egg around for everyone to share.

Sharing suggestions: pop song on playlist, early riser or night owl, car want to drive someday, favourite personality trait, board game always wins, video game playing and what level at

Game | 3 Things In 5 Seconds

All students stand up in your circle. With each question, the student has 5 seconds to give 3 answers. If they can't give 3 answers in 5 seconds, they sit down. Play until 1 student is left standing.

Suggested Questions:

Name 3 things...in your fridge right now, under your bed, in your school backpack, you eat every day in your lunch.

Name 3...best friends, cousins' names, favourite video games/movies, best gifts ever received.

Game | Matching Lines With Characters

Each student gets the chance to match the script line with the character who said it. Use provided worksheet and markers to connect correct characters to lines.

Answers for Leader

Cats - Oh, the things you can think if you're willing to try.

Horton - I think that there must be someone on top of that small speck of dust.

Horton - I never noticed. You're amazing!

JoJo - Yopp!

JoJo - It's McElligot's Pool!

Mayzie - Seeing you gives me true delight. Just for once I've done something right.

Gertrude - And Horton, it took me seven weeks but I found your clover.

Gertrude - He's always been friendly and loyal and kind.

Wickersham 1- So you're still talkin' to dust?

Mrs. Mayor- The ceiling is peeling! You've flooded the den!

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for being a friend who loves at all times. Thank you for bringing us together in this space for friendships with amazing people. Help us to feel welcome, seen, and heard and to be kind, patient, and understanding with each other. We are excited for K2K, this show, and the friendships we are building. Amen.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Just like Horton was a friend to Mayzie LaBird by taking good care of her egg, look for a friend this week who needs encouragement or a listening ear.



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