

CREW GUIDE

Untangling Truth
Week 3: Tangled Tension

Icebreaker Question

What's the most ridiculous thing you've ever gotten into a fight about?

The Verse

Ephesians 4:14-15 NLT

Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

Activity

Turn to back of page

Crew Discussion

YouVersion Bible Plan

Make sure students check out the Bible Plan associated with this series:

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Big Question

What's the hardest part about talking to someone you don't agree with?

Choose questions for your Crew.

1. What stood out to you the most from the message? What's one thing you learned?
2. What's the best piece of advice you can give someone to help them find common ground with someone they often disagree with?
3. What's your answer to today's Big Question? (Printed above)
4. Read Ephesians 4:14-15 NLT (printed on this guide). How does this verse tell us to speak the truth? How can living out this verse help untangle tensions between people?
5. When you see something that's unjust or unfair, you should speak out. What's something you want to speak out about? How can you speak out about that thing from a place of God's love instead of a place of human anger or even prideful self-righteousness?
6. Think about someone in your life that you often disagree with (but, to be as respectful as possible, keep their name to yourself). What is one specific way you can show love to them this week? Where could you find common ground with them?
7. Talk to students about what's on their minds and hearts and bring those things to God in prayer together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jumpstart - October 17th
Trunk or Treat - October 30th
Baptism - November 14th

ACTIVITY GUIDE

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Big Stuff, Tiny Book

A fun way for students to teach a valuable lesson through a tiny book.

Activity Objective

Create and design your own “How To” book.

You’ll Need

- Big Stuff, Tiny Book activity sheet (1 per student)
- Scissors (1 set per group)
- Crayon packet (1 per student)

Instructions

Say: We’re learning how to find common ground to untangle fighting! Today, you get to create your very own Loop Show style “Big Stuff, Tiny Book” to teach people how to do something of your own choosing.

1. **Give** each student a Big Stuff, Tiny Book activity sheet, a packet of crayons, and a pair of scissors.
2. **Show** students how to fold their sheet into their own Big Stuff, Tiny Book. **Note:** Use light gray guidelines to guide your folds, and always **keep the lines facing out** as you fold. The dotted line will be both a fold line and eventually where students will cut.

- Fold sheet in half lengthwise.



- Fold in half again.



- Fold in half again.



- Unfold the paper.



- Fold in half vertically and cut the dotted lines (shown with arrow) until you reach the center (shown with bullseye).



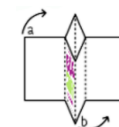
- Unfold. There will be a slit in the middle.



- Fold lengthwise and push the two ends together.



- Fold the left flap (marked with a) in back. Push the right flap inward. Fold the cover (marked with b) to the front.



- Press all folds together tightly to create the book.



Students decorate and fill in the books as they choose, and as time allows. **Note:** This week, students are learning how to find common ground when they’re in the middle of tangled tensions. **You can suggest that topic, but let them choose their own topic if they’d like!**