Growth Group Questions

Healthy Relationships Part 4: Divorce

- 1. Divorce and remarriage have become common enough that virtually everyone has some exposure to them. If you are willing to share, what experience, either direct or indirect, do you have with them?
- 2. Read 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 and Jesus' words in Matthew 19:3-6. What is God's guiding principle for all married couples and why is every marriage worth fighting for?
 - a. Paul gives some bullet point solutions in the Corinthian verses to help couples work through their marital problems before divorce is even considered. Discuss how a couple could practically implement these solutions.
- 3. Read 1 Corinthians 7:12-17. According to these verses, how should a believer handle a marriage where his or her spouse is not a Christian? For further guidance read 1 Peter 3:1-7.
- 4. The Bible offers divorce as a concession instead of a command, even when dealing with the most difficult circumstances in marriage. What does this tell us about how we should think about divorce?
- 5. Read John 4:7-26. How does Jesus offer hope to both adults and children who have gone through a divorce? (share other verses that you have found helpful)



Keep the conversation with your kids going using these questions based on the Faith Kids' lesson.

1.	Can you think of a time when someone helped you when you felt afraid or wher
	you helped someone who was afraid?

- 2. Why did Paul have to travel around so much to tell others about Jesus? Why would some people get angry when Paul tried to tell them about Jesus?
- 3. How did the Holy Spirit empower Paul to keep sharing Jesus with others?
- 4. Do you think it's important to hang out with other followers of Jesus? Why or why not?
- 5. **Acts 18:9-10** One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." What does this passage teach you, especially when you feel alone or afraid?