

# WEEK 3 LEADER'S NOTES: ADVANCE PREP

**BASIC EXPERIENCE:** Print the HANDOUT - and provide PENS for everyone.

**ENHANCED EXPERIENCE:** Do the advance prep below.  
Break people up into smaller groups of 3-6 for this activity.

## PRINT IN ADVANCE:

- 1 HANDOUT per person
- 1 page of PAPER BLOCKS per person
- 1 set of Q&A (colorful paper) per GROUP

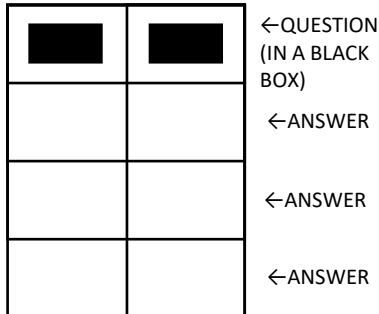
## SUPPLIES FOR EACH GROUP KIT:

- 4 plastic sandwich bags per group
- Scissors
- 1-2 rolls of Scotch® tape per group (try a dollar store)
- Hersheys Kisses or other candy
- PENS (notes) & MARKERS (blocks)

## PREPARE THE Q&A BAGS (MAKE 1 SET FOR EACH GROUP OF 3-6 PEOPLE)

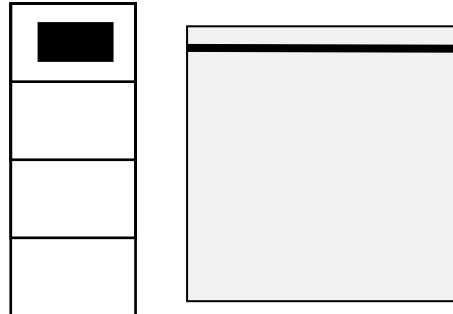
### Step 1

You will have 3 sheets of paper like this. The QUESTION is in a black box at the top. The plain boxes below are ANSWERS.



### Step 2

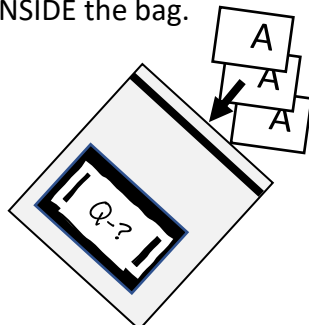
Page 1 has 2 sets of Q&A. Cut these apart. Pages 2-3 are whole sets. Put each Q&A set with a sandwich bag.



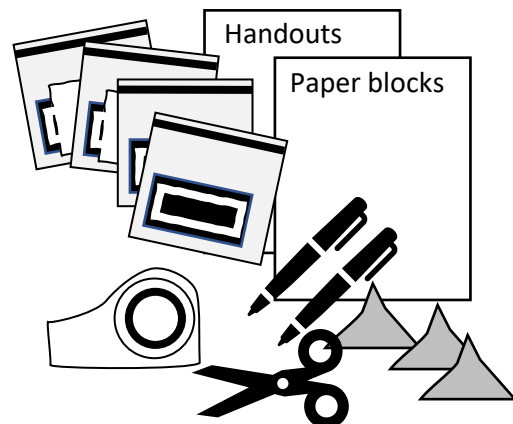
### Step 3

Working with one group of Q&A at a time:

- Cut the boxes apart.
- Tape the QUESTION to the OUTSIDE.
- Put the ANSWERS INSIDE the bag.



## FINISH THE GROUP KIT



## WEEK 3 – SUGGESTED MEETING PLAN

**Welcome everyone.**

**Play the Group 3 video:** Is God Still Good When Life Feels Bad?  
(10 minutes long - Available at [www.livingintheYES.com](http://www.livingintheYES.com))

**Break into groups for discussion.** (30 minutes)

OPTION A: Give everyone a handout & a pen so they can discuss the questions together.

OPTION B: Pass out the handouts, PLUS paper blocks, colorful Q&A, and supplies.

- Each group works through the handout together.
- The group literally “builds a wall” as they talk about life’s challenges.
  - Consider making up a few “sample blocks” in advance.
  - Markers work better than pens for writing on the blocks.
  - Use a candy to represent a person, standing in front of the wall.
- When the group gets to “What does GOD say?” they explode the plastic bags, in order.
  - Zip the bag shut.
  - Unzip one corner and blow the bag up like a balloon.
  - Hold it high in the air and pop it.
  - The answers will rain down. Take turns reading them out loud.
  - Have hand sanitizer available in case anyone is worried about germs.

**Gather together for general discussion & recap.** (10 minutes)

**Play the conclusion to the video.** (3 minutes)

**Pray for each other.** (5 minutes)

**LEADER’S NOTES:** Unanswered questions can cause people lifelong pain. The goal is not to get everyone to agree, or even to make someone tell their story if they are not ready to do so. We want to give people a chance to grapple with these tough questions, and to know that God cares about their pain.

If someone has been told “God did this to punish you,” that is NOT New Testament theology. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.) They will need extra compassion and comfort, and you might want to set aside ministry time afterwards for anyone who needs it.

This meeting could be a huge breakthrough for someone who has struggled with these questions. Everyone who comes can feel seen, heard, and valued as they share. If these things happen, this meeting will be a great success.