



WEEK
FOUR
NOVEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Show Me How to Live
Love in Action
1 John 3:16-18

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When has someone been generous to you?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus showed us how to give.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Every good and perfect gift is from God.
James 1:17a, NlrV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Generosity—Making someone's day by giving something away

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

PRELUDE: Setting the Tone for the Experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Check out our Pinterest page here <https://bit.ly/447HSZi> for a visual on some of the activities.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Just for Fun
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

Welcome/Opener
Worship
Bible Story (Communicator Script)
Key Question
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions
Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



Before kids arrive, pray for a moment or two, asking God to be present with you and your kids as you connect, play, and process what it means to show others love in how we give of ourselves. Ask the Holy Spirit for His creativity as you talk about ways that the students can show love to their neighbors.

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1. JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, drawing paper, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids as they arrive.
- Invite anyone who brought an offering to place their offering in the offering container.
- Invite kids to take turns sharing about gifts they have been given that they are thankful for.
 - Kids can either illustrate their ideas, act it out, or give clues as to what their gift was.



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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- When has someone been generous to you?
- When someone is generous to you, does it inspire you to be generous to others? Why or why not?
- What has Jesus given to us?
- How should our lives be affected by what Jesus gave?
- Is it easy to follow Jesus' example?

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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Dough or modeling clay

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to form a close circle.
- Ask kids how we can learn more about Jesus' life. *(By reading about Jesus in the Bible.)*

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- Explain that we can look to Jesus' life for reminders on how to live, including how we can pray. One way we can do that is by spending time with others who pray.
- Invite kids to take turns forming the dough or clay and leading the following prayers:

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1. Mold the dough into a perfect ball.
 - Explain to the group that the ball represents the earth. We can thank God for all that He has given us through creation.
 - Invite someone who wants to pray out loud, thanking God for creation.
2. Mold the dough into a cross.
 - Explain that we can thank God for sending Jesus to give up His life on the cross as the greatest act of love ever.
 - Invite someone who wants to pray out loud, thanking God for sending Jesus.
3. Mold the dough into a heart.
 - Explain that we can thank God for giving us the people in our lives that we love.
 - Invite someone who wants to pray out loud, thanking God for putting people in our lives.
4. Mold the dough into a letter, "M."
 - Explain that the "M" stands for "Me." Invite kids to reflect on what God has done for them.
 - Invite someone who wants to pray out loud to say a final prayer for the entire group.

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NOTE: Be sensitive to kids who might have questions about Jesus or what it means to follow Him. Follow your church's policy for having conversations with kids about Salvation. Involve families in this discussion or with any decisions as well.

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