



WEEK
ONE
NOVEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP
2-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Good
Every Good and
Perfect Gift
James 1:17a

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God gives us good things.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Generosity—Making someone's day
by giving something away

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

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

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways **WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God**

Opener
Worship
Bible Story
Bottom Line
What's Our Part in the Story?
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Where's the Good Gift?
Application Activity: Hidden Gifts
Memory Verse Activity: Memory Verse Motions
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

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



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15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Large empty boxes, wrapping paper, scissors, tape, and timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide your group into three to four teams.
- Give each team one large box, wrapping paper, scissors, and tape.
- Challenge teams to work together to wrap their box in less than three minutes.
- Set a timer for three minutes.
- Direct the teams to start wrapping.
- Set the following rules:
 - The entire box must be covered with wrapping paper.
 - Declare a winner by celebrating the team that finishes first.
- Allow any teams who didn't get to finish wrapping their box some time to do so.
- Allow kids to walk around and view the other teams' gift boxes as time and interest allow.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Everyone did an incredible job decorating your gift boxes! It's so cool to see how different each gift looks—even though you had the same supplies. We've all likely been given different gifts throughout our lives. **[Transition]** Today we'll learn an amazing lesson from the Bible about Someone who has given each and every one of us the best gift of all!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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MADE TO CONNECT

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



3. MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up James 1:17a using the Bible Navigation

Tips below.

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***Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd graders:** Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find James in the list under "New Testament." When the kids find James, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find James. Help the kids find the page. When they find James, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 1. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 17 in chapter 1. Explain that the little "a" means we're memorizing the first part of the verse.*

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- After reading the verse a few times, invite kids to come up with motions for the verse.
- Challenge each kid to complete one of the following:
 - Recite the verse while the rest of the group does the motions.
 - Lead the motions while the rest of the group recites the verse.
 - Recite the verse and lead the motions while the rest of the group watches.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Our Memory Verse is one that we can come back to again and again. It's true! *Every good and perfect gift is from God (James 1:17a, NIV).* **God gives us good things**, and the greatest gift of all time is the gift of God's very own Son, Jesus!

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Generosity—Making someone's day by giving something away

"It doesn't matter who you are, where you live, or what you've done—Jesus loves you and is for you! Our relationship with Jesus will last forever!

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"And like this verse says, every good gift in our life is from God. And God's generosity will go on forever because of Jesus. God is going to make everything right in the end."



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Small box (mailbox, shoebox, tissue box, or similar), index cards, pens or pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set the small box in the front of your space. This will be the leader's "mailbox".
- Give each kid an index card and a pen or pencil.
- Instruct kids to write down a gift God has given them on their index card.
- Direct the kids to drop their "letter" into the leader's "mailbox" once finished.
- Use the "letters" to lead kids in thanking God for all the good gifts—big and small!

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You so much for the generosity You have shown us! Some gifts are big and some are small, but they are all meaningful. Thank You for *[read through kids' index cards]*. You give us good things. Help us see these good gifts in our lives every day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to show the motions from the Memory Verse activity.

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