



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus showed us how to give.

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 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> or 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: If You Help a Kid See Jesus . . .
Application Activity: Time, Talents, Treasures Charades
Memory Verse Activity: Just Like Jesus!
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

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



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

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GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Tennis balls (or ball pit balls, or similar), and heart stickers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to form two lines, facing each other, and sit down.
- Give some kids in each line a ball.
- Share that the kids holding a ball are going to take turns naming someone across from them who doesn't have a ball and roll their ball to them.
 - Before the first kid rolls the ball, direct them to compliment the kid they're rolling the ball to. Share suggestions like:
 - "I love how you listen to directions."
 - "I loved how you came in smiling this morning."
 - "You're really good at games.," etc.
 - *NOTE: If you have kids in the group who don't know each other very well, encourage them to say something kind instead; like:*
 - "I hope you have a great day!"
 - "God loves you so much."
 - "Have fun in Small Group today.," etc.
- Instruct one kid holding a ball to start the game by calling out someone's name, complimenting them, and rolling the ball to them.
- Direct the kid who received the ball to hold on to it.
- Give a heart sticker to the kid who received a compliment.
- Instruct the rest of the kids who are holding balls to take turns rolling their balls to kids who don't have a ball and heart sticker.
- Give heart stickers to the kids who received compliments.
- Direct the kids who are now holding balls to take turns doing the same. (Rolling their ball to someone without a heart sticker.)
- Repeat until all kids have received a compliment and a heart sticker.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job sharing, friends! You never know how you can make someone's day by giving some kind words away. What are some other things you could give away to help others? (Invite responses.) **[Transition]** Today we'll find out more about how we can know what to give."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



WEEK
FOUR
NOVEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP
K-1

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment



1. IF YOU HELP A KID SEE JESUS . . . [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible (marked at 1 John 3:16-18); heart-shaped pillow (or large, red construction paper heart); *Optional:* If You Give a Mouse a Cookie book by Laura Numeroff

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage the kids to sit in a circle.
- Join the circle yourself, holding the Bible, the book, and the heart-shaped pillow (or construction paper heart).
- Open the marked Bible to 1 John 3:16-18 and read it out loud to the group.
- Ask: "What are some ways we can show God's love to others by giving to them or helping them?"
- Hold up the book: *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*
- Ask: "Has anyone read this book?"
 - *Optional: If a lot of kids aren't familiar with the book, read parts of the book to explain how the book is set up.*
- Hold the heart pillow (or construction paper) out in front of you, and in the style of *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* say: "You can help a kid see Jesus, by tying their shoes when their arms are full of books."
- Pass the heart to the kid on your right.
- Encourage the kid to add an idea of what could happen next to show how helping that kid could lead to them to help others.
 - Repeat the opening phrase: "You can help a kid see Jesus, by tying their shoes when their arms are full of books."
 - Then, for example, the kid with the heart might say: "Then the kid who's holding books might go read one of the books to a younger kid."
- Direct the second kid in the circle to pass the heart to the kid to their right.
- Repeat the opening phrase, instruct the second kid to repeat what they added, then prompt the third kid to add something to continue the chain of giving/helping. For example, the dialog could go like:
 - Leader: "You can help a kid see Jesus, by tying their shoes when their arms are full of books."
 - Second kid: "Then the kid who's holding books might go read one of the books to a younger kid."
 - Third kid: "Then the little kid who got to hear a book could go share a new fun fact with his older brother."
- Keep the story going in this way.
 - *NOTE: If the story gets too complicated to add to, feel free to start a new one after a few additions.*
- Sum the story up when the heart comes back to you by going through what everyone added and noting all the ways we heard about people being generous and helping others along the way.



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(1. IF YOU HELP A KID SEE JESUS . . . , CONTINUED)

WHAT YOU SAY:

“Jesus showed us how to give. Jesus’ life is full of examples of how we can give our time, words, energy, and actions to show God’s love to others. Jesus even washed the disciples’ feet to help them see what it looks like to serve others. When we pay attention to what people around us need, we can make a difference in their lives and share Jesus’ love with them!”



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MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery



* 3. JUST LIKE JESUS!

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, cross bookmark, and heart stickers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Choose a kid to open the Bible to the marked place of James 1:17a.
- Read the Memory Verse to the group.
- Invite kids to recite the Memory Verse, or repeat it after you.
- As you hold up the bookmark, ask kids how the cross reminds us of Jesus' love. (*Guide kids to the response that Jesus gave up His life on the cross so anyone can have a close relationship with God.*)
- Place the cross bookmark back in the Bible at James 1:17a.
- Give each child a heart sticker to put on themselves.
- Pass the Bible to the kid on your left.
- Instruct that kid to open it to the bookmarked page, take the heart sticker off of themselves, place it on the cross bookmark, close the Bible, and pass it to the next kid in the circle.
 - *Optional: Challenge the kids to recite the verse each time they open the Bible.*
- Repeat until everyone has had the chance to transfer their sticker.
- When the Bible comes back around to you in the circle, read the Memory Verse again to the group.
- Hold up the cross bookmark and show the group all of the love represented on the cross.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Our Memory Verse reminds us of the many good things God has given us—especially Jesus! What other good things has God given you? (*Invite responses.*)"

"We can spread Jesus' love to others by giving generously. When we see someone in need, we can help them. **Jesus showed us how to give.** Jesus gave everything for us! Jesus gave up His life for us on the cross so we could begin a relationship with God that lasts forever."

NOTE: Be sensitive to kids who might have questions about following Jesus. Follow your church's policy for having conversations with kids about salvation. Involve families with this discussion or decisions as well.