



WEEK
FOUR
NOVEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP
2-3

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> 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: The Greatest Love
Application Activity: Love in Action
Memory Verse Activity: Letter Together
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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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

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



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Reflect on the greatest gift, Jesus. Thank Jesus for putting love into action by giving His life for us to be in relationship with God. Consider how you have put love into action this month. Ask God to help kids develop eyes to see the needs of people around them, and pray for the kids in your group who may have questions or express interest in following Jesus.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, and puzzle(s)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the container.
- Set out a puzzle.
- Encourage kids to put the puzzle together.
 - For larger groups, set out more puzzles to create stations around the group space.
- As kids are working, ask: "What's something memorable that happened this past week?"

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3. LETTER TOGETHER

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, dry-erase board (or poster board), and dry-erase maker (or washable marker)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up James 1:17a, this month's Memory Verse, 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. Explain that the "a" means that we're only learning the first part of the verse. Help them find verse 17a in chapter 1.*

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- Invite a kid to read James 1:17a to the group.
- If kids were present to come up with motions for the Memory Verse during Week 1, invite them to review the motions with the group. Otherwise, invite kids to come up with some hand motions as they recite the verse.
- Write the first letter of each word from the Memory Verse on a dry-erase board or poster board.
- Instruct the kids to close their Bibles.
- Invite kids to take turns recalling one word from the Memory Verse one word at a time by looking at the first letter of each word.
 - Go around the circle, prompting each kid to recite a word.
 - Repeat the verse several times to review it.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"When we memorize Scripture, it can remind us of how God wants us to love! The Word of God is a great gift that has been given to us, and we can remember what's true whenever we need it—including the fact that every good and perfect gift is from God!"

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"Remember, **Jesus showed us how to give**, and because we've experienced the love of Jesus, we can share that love with others—in both big and small ways."



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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



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

WHAT YOU NEED: Poster board (or butcher paper), and coloring supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Set out the coloring supplies and a poster board (or a piece of butcher paper).
- Across the top of the paper, write: **"Jesus showed us how to give."**
- Invite the kids to draw pictures of ways that they can give to others (time, energy, friendship, help, hug, smile, etc.).
- Remind kids that we can give our gifts because Jesus first gave to us!
- Close your group time in prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for the gift of Jesus so we can see how You want us to show compassion and generosity to everyone. Thank You for the greatest act of love ever when Jesus gave up His life. Help us pay attention to the people around us so we can love others and be generous. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to show off all the ways that they can give to others as shown on the poster board or butcher paper.