



WEEK
THREE
NOVEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP
K-1

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Willingly

God Loves a Cheerful Giver
2 Corinthians 9:7

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Give with a good attitude.

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

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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: Act It Out!
Application Activity: Props
Memory Verse Activity: Ship That Package!
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 MOVE

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



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to stand in the middle of your group space.
- Explain that you will be playing a game of "This or That," and when kids hear the two choices, instruct them to think about which they would be willing to give away or do for someone else.
- Point out that each side of the group space represents a different choice.
- Read the first set of items from the list below, and designate a side of the group space for each choice.
- Remind kids to think about which one they would rather give away (or do to help), and direct the kids to move to make their choice.
- After the kids have made a choice, instruct the kids to return to the middle of the group space.
- Pause after a few of the choices and ask the kids to explain why they chose this or that.
- Repeat for all of the items listed below—feel free to add your own!
 - Give away a video game controller or give away a smile
 - Hold the door for someone or give away your favorite hat
 - Give away your last cookie at lunch or give a friendly hello
 - Help your sibling clean their room or forgive your friend
 - Say, "Nice job!" or give away your favorite toy
 - Give away the game ball you received after your team's game or give a wave
 - Pray for a friend or give away your favorite treat
 - Give away your favorite plush animal or share a get well note with a sick friend
 - Tie a friend's shoe or give away your favorite candy
 - Let a sibling choose the movie-night movie or tell someone "Great job!"
 - Help a grown-up organize a closet or give away an encouraging word for your friend
- Gather kids in the middle of your group space at the end of the game.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"That was fun! Some of these things seemed easier to choose one or the other. Some would take more of our time or energy. It was interesting to see how we all made some different choices! **[Transition]** Today, we're going to discover **HOW we should give no matter what it is!**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing



3. SHIP THAT PACKAGE!

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles (marked at James 1:17a), "Thank You, God" box from Week 1 (or any empty box), paper, crayons, or pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up this month's Memory Verse, James 1:17a, using the Bible Navigation Tips below.

Finding verses with kindergartners: Guide children to open the Bibles to the marked page. Point to the word James at the top of the page as you say "James" aloud. Then guide children to find the big number 1 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 1 for the little 17; this is the verse number. Last, explain that the "a" at the end means that we're only memorizing the first part of the verse. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read the verse aloud. Then lead everyone to say the verse together.

Finding verses with 1st 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." You can help by telling them that James starts with the letters J-A. 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. And show them how the part of the verse that we're memorizing this month is only the first part of the verse.

- Read the verse aloud to the group.
- Invite any kids who would like to read, recite, or repeat the verse the chance to do so.
- Set out the "Thank You, God" box from Week 1 (or any empty box).
- Give each kid a half-sheet or a strip of paper.
- Set out the crayons or pencils.
- Invite the kids to think of something they're thankful for.
 - If kids were present for Week 1 and remember what they wrote or said, challenge them to think of something different to write or draw.
- Give the kids a few moments to draw or write their ideas.
 - Be prepared to help as needed.
- Once they're finished, instruct the kids to place their papers in the box.
- Invite the kids to stand up in a circle.
- Join the circle yourself, holding the "Thank You, God" box.

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(3. SHIP THAT PACKAGE!, CONTINUED)

- Grab the box and model how to cheerfully pass it to the kid on your left.
- Instruct the kids to each say the next word of the Memory Verse before passing the “Thank You, God” box to the next kid.
 - Remind kids of the words of the verse, as needed.
- Encourage the kids to give a smile to their neighbor as they pass the “Thank You, God” box.
- Continue this until each kid has a turn.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“Where does every good and perfect gift come from? (*Invite responses.*) What kind of gifts did you thank God for today? (*Invite responses.*) We have SO much to be thankful for. God has given us so many amazing things! It was so special to watch you give a smile to your neighbor as you passed around the “Thank You, God” box. When we **give with a good attitude**, big or small, God can use it to do BIG things—like help others see Jesus!”



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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: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Share with the kids that when we remember to pray for others, we can make someone's day by giving something away! Point out that this is what generosity means.
- Walk your group through a guided prayer time using the word J-O-Y.
 - Explain that "J" is for Jesus!
 - Start by thanking God for sending Jesus to show us amazing ways to give and how to help others.
 - Pause and allow the kids to do this quietly or out loud.
 - The "O" is for others!
 - We can pray for others by asking God to help them, or praying together with a friend.
 - Pause and allow the kids to do this quietly or out loud.
 - The "Y" is for yourself!
 - Remind the kids that God wants to help us.
 - For example, we can ask God to help us become more like Jesus and give cheerfully.
 - Pause and allow the kids to do this quietly or out loud.
- Close your group time in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for all of these friends here in our group. Thank You for sending Jesus to show us what generosity is. Please help us to be more and more like Him! Whether big or small, please help us to **give with a good attitude** even when we don't feel like it. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, remind the kids to give their friend the thank-you card this week, and to pray by using our prayer reminder: J-O-Y!

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