



WEEK
ONE
NOVEMBER 2024

LARGE
GROUP
K-5

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.

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 ("You Are" from *This Little Light*, and "All Your Love Inside" from *This Little Light*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
What's Our Part in the Story?
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
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GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect Bible
Story Review:
Application Activity:
Hidden Gifts
Memory Verse Activity:
Memory Verse Motions
Prayer Activity:



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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME INTRO

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everybody! It's so great to see all of you today! My name is [your name] and I'm glad you're here at [name of your environment]."

"Our theme this month is Special Delivery, so I thought we could get started by playing a really fun game that has to do with delivering packages! First, let's all get in one long line—starting here. *(Reference the pile of empty boxes.)*

Get the kids to line up across the room, single file. (Or, if your attendance is especially large, you could play the game with two or three parallel lines instead of just one.)

"Okay. Nice job, everyone. Here's how we play the game. We've got to get all of these packages from one side of the room to the other. But we can't just pass them down the line, right? We can be more creative than that! Here are a few ideas. You can pass the package OVER, like this . . .

Demonstrate by passing a box overhand, above your head, to someone.

" . . . UNDER, like this . . .

Demonstrate by passing a box underhand to someone.

" . . . or SIDE-TO-SIDE, like this.

Demonstrate by passing a box sideways to someone.

"Listen closely as we pass the packages, because I'll call out 'over,' 'under,' or 'side to side.' That's how you'll pass the packages until I call out the next direction! Make sense? We'll set a timer and see if you can deliver all of the packages from this side of the room to the other side in 60 seconds. You'll need to work as a Special Delivery team!



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Put all of the boxes back in the pile at the start of the line.

(To the first kid in line) “[Kid’s name], you can pick up a box, one at a time, and pass it to [next kid], and so on. Just keep picking up those boxes and passing them down!

“Is everyone ready? Let’s get started! We’ll start by passing the boxes . . . OVER. On your mark, get set, go!

AUDIO: FUN, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (60-SECOND VERSION)

If you’re not using an on-screen countdown, set a timer on your phone for 60 seconds.

Help the first kid in line if needed. They should keep picking up boxes continuously and passing them to the next kid in line, and so on. (They don’t need to wait until the first box makes it all the way down the line before starting another.)

As the kids play the game, randomly call out “over,” “under,” or “side to side” to change how they pass the boxes to each other. Change this up more frequently as the game goes on.

When the kids successfully drop the last box on the opposite side, congratulate them on winning the game. (If they can’t quite get it done in 60 seconds, give them another minute on the clock.)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

“We did it! Everybody give someone else a high-five! *(Pause for response.)* Let’s go ahead and stack those boxes against the wall so they’re out of the way. And stay on your feet, because after we get the boxes put up, it’ll be time for us to sing and worship God!”



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WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: "I'm so excited to sing, dance, and worship with all of you today. Singing together every week has been a refreshing experience. In this next song, It says several important things about God.

- God never shows up late
- God doesn't make mistakes
- God is always by our side
- God never changes
- God never lets go

These are just a few of the amazing things about out - let's sing to him and praise him for all of these things and MORE!

VIDEO: "SING YOUR PRAISE" LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO

Yes, Lord! You are so so good! With our voices we praise you! Amen!!!

Lets sing one more song. This time - again, we tell God THANK YOU for everything you've done.

VIDEO: "IM SO GRATEFUL" LIVE LYRICS VIDEO, OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE)

PRAY: God - you are amazing. Thank you for everything you've done! (make It your own) ... Amen!



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Hi, friends! Today we’re looking at an important idea in the Bible that comes from the book of James. Fun fact—James, the man who wrote this book, was actually Jesus’ half-brother!

“After Jesus died on the cross and returned to life, James came to believe that his brother, Jesus, really is the Son of God. James became a Jesus-follower and a leader of the early church in Jerusalem.

“The book of James in the Bible is actually a letter that James wrote to encourage a group of people to follow Jesus. Let’s pretend that we just got James’ letter in the mail today. Special delivery!

Open the mailbox and pull out the letter. Note: Each time someone takes an item out of the mailbox, the person backstage should wait a few moments, then open the back of the mailbox and put in the next item—in this case, the heart-shaped pillow.

“James wanted these believers to understand that it’s not only important to HAVE faith. It’s also important to put that faith into action. The things we believe should change the way we live our lives each day. And we can start by thinking about how much God has given us.

GOOD THINGS COME FROM GOD

STORYTELLER: “Listen to what James wrote here in James 1:17. This is our Memory Verse for this month, so let’s see if we can learn it and remember it together.

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

Open the letter and read James 1:17a (NirV) from it.

Every good and perfect gift is from God. (NirV)

STORYTELLER: “Can you say that with me?”

STORYTELLER AND KIDS: *Every good and perfect gift is from God. (NirV)*

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

STORYTELLER: “Great job! Have you ever thought about that before—that every good thing comes from God? Whatever is good in your life . . . from the littlest thing to the most amazing thing . . . is a gift from God to you.

“It can be easy for us to look around and see what someone else has. We might feel like they have more than us . . . or that things are better for them because of the good things they have. When we feel that way, it’s important for us to stay focused on the good things God has given us.



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GOOD GIFT EXAMPLES

STORYTELLER: "I've got a few examples of those good gifts to show you. Who would like to come up and open our Special Delivery mailbox to see what's in there now?"

Bring up a kid to open the mailbox and pull out the heart-shaped pillow.

(To the kid) "What do you have there, [kid's name]? *(Pause for response.)* Yes—a heart. We all have people who love us and take care of us . . . and those people are a gift from God!

(To the kid) "You can stay there for a minute, [kid's name]. *(To audience)* Who wants to open up the mailbox and see what's in there now?"

Keep the first kid on stage. Bring up another kid to open the mailbox and pull out the planet Earth ball.

(To the kid) "[Kid's name], what do you have? *(Pause for response.)* Yes—the world. God made everything we see around us. The world God made is so amazingly beautiful . . . and it's definitely a gift from God to us.

(To audience) "Let's look at one more. Who wants to come up and open the mailbox?"

Keep the other kids on stage. Bring up another kid to open the mailbox and pull out the Bible.

(To the kid) "What did you find, [kid's name]? Yes—the Bible. God has given us the Bible so we can see what God is like . . . so we can read God's Story . . . so we can see how Jesus lived . . . and so we can see how God wants US to live today.

We can ask an adult to help us read the Bible and find God's wisdom. That's a HUGE gift!

(Referencing the three kids and their props) "These are just some of God's gifts to us. And remember, EVERYTHING good in our lives is a gift from God! If we have a place to stay, that's a gift from God. If we have food to eat, that's a gift from God. If we have friends . . . if we have pets . . . if we have favorite activities or things we love to do . . . ALL of those things are gifts from God. God has given us LIFE, and every single breath we take.

(To the three kids) "Thanks, friends. You can leave those props and have a seat.

Collect the props as the kids go back to their seats.

THE BEST GIFT

STORYTELLER: "Remember what James wrote in his letter:

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

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“That includes the biggest and BEST gift of all time. Do you know what that gift was? I’ll give you a hint. It’s the gift that we celebrate every Christmas and Easter.

Open the mailbox and pull out the cross.

“The very best gift of all time is the gift of God’s very own Son, Jesus. No matter who you are, where you are, or what you’ve done, Jesus LOVES you. When Jesus died on the cross, He paid the price for our sins—the wrong things we’ve done. Jesus made a way for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. “Because God sent Jesus to be our Savior, we know that *[Basic Truth]* we can trust God no matter what. Whatever might be happening in our lives right now, we can believe that God will make everything right in the end.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Every good thing in our lives is a gift from God. That’s true about the people we love . . . the things we have . . . and the things we love to do. God has also given us the Bible so we can read God’s Story and choose to follow Jesus. And God has given us Jesus to be our Savior and our Friend forever. “If we put our focus on those good gifts from God, we can choose to be grateful. We can live our lives by remembering how good and generous God has been to us.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“God gives us good things. Say that with me.”

STORYTELLER AND KIDS: “God gives us good things.”

Host enters.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WHAT’S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: “There are so many things in my life that are gifts from God!

Host: Talk briefly about some people and things in your life that you’re thankful for.

STORYTELLER: “That’s great, [Host’s name]. It feels good to stop and take a minute to think about how good God is to us.”

HOST: “And those good things are all reminders of God’s generosity! Generosity is kind of a big word, but this is what it means.”

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE



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SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

STORYTELLER: “Sometimes it’s easy to think about what we DON’T have rather than what we DO have. That’s when we need to remember and pay attention to all the amazing things that God has generously given to us.”

HOST: “Yes! And the more we start to notice God’s generosity to us, the more we can begin to share God’s good gifts with the people AROUND us.

STORYTELLER: “Why don’t we pray and ask God to help us see the good gifts in our lives?”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: “Dear God, thank You for reminding us that everything good comes from You. You’ve given us life! You’ve put people in our lives who love us and care for us. You’ve created this amazing world that we get to live in and enjoy. Thank You, God, for giving us Your Word, the Bible. Thank You for giving us Jesus. Thank You for being so generous to us. Help us to remember that *[Basic Truth]* I can trust God no matter what. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

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