



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Don't You Worry  
'Bout a Thing**  
Do Not Worry  
Matthew 6:25-34

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

When you're worried, trust God.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Be strong, all you who put your  
hope in the LORD. Never give up.  
Psalm 31:24, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Resilience—Getting back up when  
something gets you down

### 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.

Check out our Small Group Leader Conversation Guides to guide you through salvation conversations: <https://bit.ly/4daxSUg>

### 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: Even Better  
Application Activity: Trust God  
Memory Verse Activity: All of My Hope  
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

### HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

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



WEEK  
**TWO**  
JANUARY 2025

SMALL GROUP  
**K-1**

**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO CREATE

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



*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 a time when God calmed your worries. Thank God for providing for you and caring for you deeply. Ask God to help the kids in your group learn to cast all their anxieties on God, and trust God when they are worried. Ask God to help the kids in your group identify trusted adults they can talk to*

*about their feelings.*

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### 1. EARLY ARRIVER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container, Play-Doh®, and paper plates

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Warmly greet each kid by name as they arrive.
- Encourage any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a paper plate.
- Put a lump of Play-Doh® on each kid's paper plate.
- Invite kids to create their favorite animal using Play-Doh®.
- As kids create, ask them a few questions about what they made.
  - What do you know about your favorite animal?
  - What makes this animal your favorite?

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### MADE TO PLAY

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



## 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Birds of the Air" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide kids into groups of two or three.
- Give each group two sets of cards (so twenty cards total) from the "Birds of the Air" Activity Pages and place the cards

face down.

- Model how to arrange the cards face down in rows and columns.
- Instruct the groups to arrange the cards face down in rows or columns.
  - Don't worry if a grid is not "straight," kids will still be able to play!
- Direct kids to take turns flipping two cards to find matching pairs.
  - Explain to kids that if the cards match, they can keep them. If not, they turn them face down again.
- Declare the kids with the most pairs as the winners.
- Continue playing additional rounds as time and interest allow.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"What pictures did you find on your cards? (*Invite responses.*) I saw some birds on those cards too! What do you know about birds? (*Invite responses.*) What things are the same? What things are different? **[Transition] Well, come with me today as we discover what Jesus says about the birds of the air!**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area. If you like, guide kids to move like different birds as you go.

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**MADE TO CONNECT**

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



**3. ALL OF MY HOPE**

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles marked at Psalm 31, and “Psalm 31:24 Signs” Activity Pages

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Divide kids into groups of two or three.
- Give each group a Bible (marked at Psalm 31).
- Direct the groups to look up Psalm 31:24 using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

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***Finding verses with kindergartners:** Guide children to open the Bibles to the marked page. Point to the word Psalm at the top of the page as you say “Psalm” aloud. Then guide children to find the big number 31 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 31 for the little 24; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read the verse aloud. Then lead everyone to say the verse together.*

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***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 Psalms in the list under “Old Testament.” You can help by telling them that Psalms starts with the letters P-S. When the kids find Psalms, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Psalms. Help the kids find the page. When they find Psalms, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 31. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 24 in chapter 31.*

**MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE**

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- Read the verse aloud to your group. Then, invite the group to recite it aloud together.
- Show the signs from the “Psalm 31:24 Signs” Activity Page and use them to demonstrate the Memory Verse motions to the kids.
- Instruct the kids to say and sign the verse with their group in the following ways:
  - Perform it loudly.
  - Perform it quietly.
  - Perform it facing someone in the circle.
- Come up with other fun ways to help kids memorize the verse!
- Invite any groups who would like to perform the Memory Verse for the rest of the kids to do so.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

“When we tell God all about our worries, remember that God is big enough and strong enough to help! God loves you more than you could ever imagine. Our Memory Verse this month reminds us that when we put our hope in God, we don’t have to worry—we can put our hope in God! So **when you’re worried, trust God.**”



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:** "Birds of the Air" cards from the Opening Activity; *Optional: additional "Birds of the Air" Activity Pages*

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Spread out the cards for the kids to see.
- Invite each kid to point to their favorite bird.
- Guide kids to close their eyes and imagine they're watching their bird. Prompt their imaginations by asking:
  - Is the bird flying? Floating on the water? Sitting in a tree? Eating at a feeder?
- Instruct the kids to open their eyes.
- Guide kids to close their eyes again, this time encouraging them to imagine God watching the bird with them.
- Use the following paraphrase of today's Bible Story to invite kids to imagine God saying this:

"Don't worry. Don't worry about what you'll eat or drink today. Don't worry about what you're going to wear either. Think about the birds. They don't plant crops or store their food, but every day I feed them. And you are so much more precious to Me than birds are! And think about how wildflowers grow. They don't work or make their beautiful petals as clothes. Since I dress the plants that way, I will dress you so much better! So don't worry. Focus on Me. I love you more than you can imagine and I will take GOOD care of you!"

- Close the group time in prayer.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Dear God, thank You for Your amazing, incredible, more-than-we-can-imagine love. Thank You for loving us SO much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Help us remember that we don't need to worry because You will never stop loving us or taking care of us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share today's Bottom Line: **When you're worried, trust God.** Invite them to show an adult their worry launcher!

*Optional: Give each kid a set of twenty bird cards from the "Birds of the Air" Activity Pages. They can cut apart the cards and play the game with family or friends. Encourage them to remember how valuable they are to God as they play!*

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