



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

*NOTE: This version of the curriculum is designed especially for churches with fewer leaders and kids. You may want to use it if you have just one or two leaders and if you combine all your kids in both Large and Small Group time.*

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

All I Have to Give  
Lydia  
Acts 16:13-15

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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make a difference.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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wonderful. I praise you for that.  
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I know that very well.  
Psalm 139:14, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Uniqueness—Learning more  
about yourself so you can  
make a difference

### 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.

### SMALL GROUP

**10**  
MIN

**SOCIAL:** Providing Time for Fun Interaction  
Early Arriver  
Opening Activity

### LARGE GROUP

**30**  
MIN

**STORY:** Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways  
**WORSHIP:** Inviting People to Respond to God  
Opener  
Worship ("Ask, Seek, Knock" from *Hillsong Kids* and "Who You Say I Am" from *Hillsong Kids*)  
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: Color Theory  
Application Activity: Gift Bingo  
Memory Verse Activity: Uniquely You!  
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss



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## LARGE GROUP

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*

*Leader enters.*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME INTRO*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP*

## OPENER

LEADER: "Hello, my friends. We're going to stand to our feet and we're going to move around a little bit this morning. We're going to play a little game called Perfect Pairs. The goal of this game is to find someone else that you can pair up. Don't worry, you don't have to do anything with that person - just stand next to them.

Like a statue.

Or a pair of mimes.

Or trees.

Okay, the only rule though - you can't stand by the same person more than once!

Okay, let's go!

*OPTIONAL VIDEO: PERFECT PAIRS*



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## WORSHIP

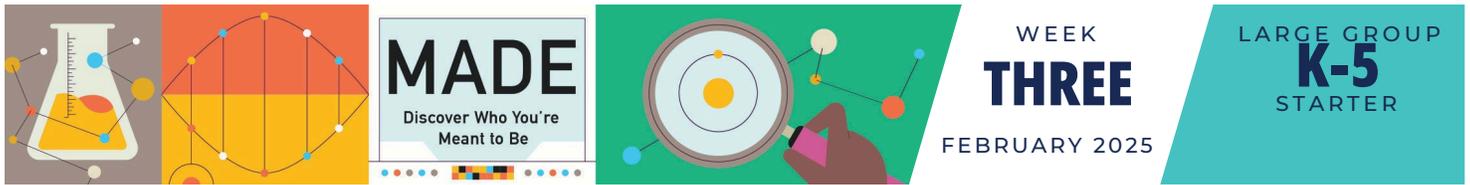
*Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Good morning friends! Welcome, It's so good to be here with you this morning. It's been such a great week, It's a beautiful new day! We Introduce this song a few weeks ago, and everyone seems to like It, so we're going to sing It again. Can you get your knocking hand ready? Okay, show me how you knock on the door - KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK! That's right, you've got It. When you're asking God for something, you're going to seek him, like you're looking for him... the Bible says we knock on that door to find him. Let's sing about that!

*VIDEO: "ASK, SEEK, KNOCK" LIVE LYRICS VIDEO*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Listen, the world wants to tell you things about you that aren't true. People at school are going to try to tell you who you are. Who you are Is determined by only one person, the one who created you. Forget what everyone else says and listen closely to who God says you are!

*VIDEO: "WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?" LIVE LYRICS VIDEO*



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## COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT (STORY)

*SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND*

*Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit. Communicator enters with a prop box for the Bible story. Whiteboard, markers, and eraser are set up as they enter.*

### INTRODUCTION

COMMUNICATOR: “Hey, friends! Glad to see you all here today. To kick us off, I brought a few pictures with me. Can you help me brainstorm a little? Sweet. Here’s the first one.

*SLIDE: FIREFIGHTER*

“So, obviously this is a firefighter. Anyone know a firefighter in real life? *(Invite responses.)* That’s awesome! Now, here’s where the brainstorm comes in. What skills do you need to be a firefighter? What are some of the characteristics you would hope a firefighter has?”

*Kids answer. Write some of their answers on the whiteboard. Use their answers as you debrief with them. Use the following as an example.*

“Great answers! Yes, firefighters need courage and grit. They need to know how to handle the equipment and know how to climb a ladder. They need to be strong to wear that heavy equipment and carry the hoses and air tanks with them into the fire. They probably need to have some CPR or life-saving procedures. I’m sure there are even more skills that would be important for firefighters to know to be great at their job.

“Let’s try a few more . . .

*Do the same for the following images, asking, “What skills/characteristics would be important for these jobs?” Erase the whiteboard between photos. Go through as many photos as you have time.*

*SLIDE: NURSE*

*SLIDE: CARPENTER*

*SLIDE: ATHLETE*

*SLIDE: COMPUTER PROGRAMMER*

“Excellent. Thanks for thinking through that with me! It’s always interesting to think through the unique skills people need to do activities that many of us might take for granted. I love how God made each of us special like that. Okay, let’s try one more . . .”

### TENSION

COMMUNICATOR: “Now, I don’t have a photo for this next one, but still, I need your help with the same sort of question: What skills do you need to be a follower of Jesus? Are there things you have to be able to do or things you need to know in order to be a Christian? Maybe this sounds like a trick question, but I’m actually serious. I mean, think about it. “We might have this idea we need to act a certain way or know certain things before we can start following Jesus.



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## BIBLE STORY

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### SETTING UP THE STORY

**LEADER:** “Today’s story comes from part of the New Testament called the book of Acts. (*Hold up Bible.*) In this book, we can read the story of the early church as word about Jesus began to spread. We can see how the church grew as new believers trusted Jesus and received the help of the Holy Spirit.

“One of the leaders in the early church was a man named Paul. Before Paul put his faith in Jesus, he had been an important religious leader who tried to *stop* people from following Jesus. But one day, Paul saw a blinding light and heard the voice of Jesus . . . and everything changed! Paul became a leader in the early church. He traveled all over, telling people about Jesus and starting new churches in different cities and towns.

### BY THE RIVERSIDE

**LEADER:** “On Paul’s second long journey to tell people about Jesus, he and his friends visited a place called Philippi. At that time, Philippi was a busy city of the Roman Empire.

“Paul and his companions went out through the city gates and down to the river, looking for a place to pray. They found a group of women who had gathered there by the riverside. One of the women was named Lydia.

“Now, I thought it would be fun for us to imagine Lydia’s story as if she was posting on social media. Of course, there was no such thing as social media back then—or smartphones, or any kind of phones at all. But this will be a fun way to see how Lydia used her uniqueness to make a difference. Is that cool with you? (*Pause for responses.*) Great!

SLIDE: STORY SOCIAL SLIDE 1

“Here’s Lydia. It looks like her account is ‘ilovepurple.’ What does the caption say? (*Reading from the screen*) ‘Hi, I’m Lydia. I love purple!’

“So, like I was saying before, Paul found Lydia and a group of women down by the riverside. Let’s see what Lydia might have had to share about that.

SLIDE: STORY SOCIAL SLIDE 2

(*Reading from the screen*) “‘Always love our prayer time down by the river. Today we had some guests join us. More to come later.’

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

### LYDIA BELIEVES

**LEADER:** “There are some things you should know about Lydia. She came from a city called Thyatira, and she ran a successful business selling purple cloth. Lydia’s successful business had earned her great respect in Philippi.

“What do we have here?”



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*SLIDE: STORY SOCIAL SLIDE 3*

“Oh, it looks like some purple cloth that Lydia made.

*(Reading from the screen)* “‘Really pleased with how this one turned out.’

*SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND*

*(Hold up Bible.)* “We read in the book of Acts that Lydia was a ‘*worshiper of God*’ (Acts 16:14, NIV), although she hadn’t heard about Jesus yet. That day, Lydia and the women had gathered by the river when Paul and his friends arrived. “Paul shared the good news about Jesus, and God opened Lydia’s heart to understand!

*SLIDE: STORY SOCIAL SLIDE 4*

“What is she saying there?

*(Reading from the screen)* “‘I believe! God sent Jesus to be our Savior!’

*SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND*

## LYDIA'S HOME

LEADER: “Lydia was so excited that she got baptized. And her family did too!

“And listen to what Lydia said to Paul next.

*Open the Bible to Acts 16:15 (NIV) and read.*

*“Do you consider me a believer in the Lord?” she asked. “If you do, come and stay at my house.” (NIV)*

*SLIDE: STORY SOCIAL SLIDE 5*

“Or maybe this is what she would post . . . you know, if she could post.

*(Reading from the screen)* “‘Setting a few extra places tonight. Can’t wait to share more about our special guests.’

*SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND*

## WRAPPING UP THE STORY

LEADER: “Paul and his friends went to stay with Lydia. And that’s not all. A brand-new church began in Lydia’s home as the believers began to gather there!

“Lydia chose to share what God had given her. She used her skills and talents to be a successful businesswoman, but she didn’t use her success just for herself. She opened up her home so the church would be able to grow. She made a difference for Paul and his friends, and for all the new believers in her town.



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“In fact, when Paul and Silas were later thrown in prison for teaching about and following Jesus, Lydia welcomed them back into her home after they were released. And she continued to offer everything she had for the new church, even when Paul and Silas left to continue their journey.

“Lydia’s life shows us something important that we can put into practice. Here it is.

*SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE*

“Use your gifts to make a difference. Say that with me.”

LEADER AND KIDS: “Use your gifts to make a difference.”

*SLIDE: THEME*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP*

## WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

LEADER: “Like Lydia, every single one of us has been created by God with a unique story. YOU have something to offer that no one else does. You have the one-of-a-kind uniqueness that God gave you!

*SLIDE: VIRTUE*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE*

“Remember, uniqueness is about learning more about yourself so you can make a difference.

*SLIDE: THEME*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP*

“Maybe you’re good at staying cool, calm, and collected. If your friend gets hurt on the playground, you can help her stay calm and take some deep breaths . . . then go get a teacher to help.

“Or maybe you’re good at making people laugh. You can lift your family’s spirits in the middle of a stressful day.

“Or maybe you love to bake . . . and you give out your famous monster cookies to your friends or a teacher when they’re feeling sad. Those are all great ways that you can **[Basic Truth]** treat others the way you want to be treated.

“If you aren’t sure what your unique gifts are, start by thinking about what you have the most fun doing, or what comes easily to you. When you get to Small Group, you can talk about that with your friends for sure.

“As you grow up, you’ll continue to discover your unique gifts . . . and God can help you find creative ways to use them. Let’s pray and talk to God about that now.”



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## PRAYER

**LEADER:** “Dear God, thank You for making each of us unique so that we can make a difference in the world. We see how Lydia used what she had to help Paul and give the new church a place to grow. Please help each of us to figure out how You made us unique . . . and show us how we can use the gifts You’ve given us to make a difference for others. 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.

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**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE):** THEME LOOP