



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Look Up Child

Keep Looking to Jesus
Hebrews 12:1-3

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When is it hard to focus on Jesus?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"In this world you will have trouble. But, be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world."

John 16:33b, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Hope—Believing that something good can come out of something bad

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

Just for Fun
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

Welcome/Opener
Worship
Bible Story (Communicator Script)
Key Question
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions
Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

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



PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for your kids who you know are currently going through difficulty. Pray that they would be encouraged after being with you and their friends today and knowing that Jesus is cheering them on too!

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1. JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, "Mosaic Charades" Activity Page, timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids with a smile as they arrive!
- Invite kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Make sure the card pieces from the "Mosaic Charades" Activity Page are separated.
- When enough kids arrive, explain charades but with a twist:
 - When the game begins, hand three kids each a piece of the same card.
 - The goal is for the selected kids to identify what's on their card and act out what they think it is to the group without speaking.
 - Give the group 60 seconds to guess the charade.
 - Once the group has a chance to guess, invite the three kids to bring their card pieces together to reveal the charade.
- The cards will feature spring-themed actions like "jumping in puddles," "planting flowers," or "splashing in rain."
- **Mosaic Charades Answers:**
 - Splashing in the rain
 - Flying a kite
 - Riding a bike
 - Watering plants
 - Chasing butterflies
 - Having a picnic
 - Climbing a tree
 - Blowing bubbles
 - Feeding ducks at a pond
 - Playing baseball or catch
- Set a 60-second timer for each round.
- Continue taking turns until every kid has had a chance to act out several charades.



MADE TO CREATE

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



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2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: White construction paper, "Cloud of Witnesses" Activity Page, scissors, glue, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a piece of white construction paper, scissors, a "Cloud of Witnesses" Activity Page, and a glue stick.
- Ask:
 - "What does it mean that we have a huge cloud of witnesses all around us?"
- Direct the kids to use scissors to cut a large cloud from the white construction paper.
- Point out the Bible characters on the "Cloud of Witnesses" Activity Page and see if the kids can identify what they are known for.
- Make markers available for the kids.
- Explain to the kids that they will fill their cloud cut out with people who encourage them to keep focusing on Jesus!
 - Kids can cut out the Bible characters that encourage them.
 - Kids can use markers to draw or write the name of a family member, teacher, influencer, or friend.
- Once the kids' clouds are filled, invite them to share who they added to it if they feel comfortable.



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. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- When is it hard to focus on Jesus?
- What can you do when you're having trouble focusing on Jesus?
- When you think about having a cloud of witnesses cheering you on, how does that make you feel?
- Who can you cheer on and encourage this week?

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Cotton balls and a jar

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids together in a circle.
- Place the jar in the center of the circle.
- Explain that distractions can keep us from focusing on Jesus and what matters most. Everyone has distractions from time to time.
- Hand each kid a cotton ball and explain that it represents a distraction they might be facing.
- Encourage the kids to think about personal distractions—things that keep them from focusing on Jesus or working together with others.
 - For example, kids might worry about what other people think of them or spend too much time on video games, etc.
- Give the kids a few moments to pray silently or aloud, asking God to remove their distractions.
- As kids finish praying, invite them to place their cotton balls into the jar.
- Close your group in prayer and encourage them to keep looking to Jesus!

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