



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
APRIL 2025

SMALL GROUP  
**K-1**

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### All I Ask

Jesus Appears to Thomas  
John 20:19-29

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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John 16:33b, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Hope—Believing that something  
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### BASIC TRUTH

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### 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: The Big Picture  
Application Activity: Got Questions?  
Memory Verse Activity: Words in Red  
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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**PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES**

### MADE TO PLAY

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



*Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Ask God to help you encourage kids who might be struggling with questions or doubts about their faith. Pray for kids to see that God is bigger than any question they could ever have. Ask God to help them feel safe to ask God questions and to know God’s love is steady—even in uncertainty!*

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### 1. EARLY ARRIVER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container, opaque plastic cups, and one small ball (or ping-pong ball) that fits under the cups

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids with a high five or a fist bump!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Set the three plastic cups upside down on a table or flat surface.
- Invite the kids to gather around the cups.
- Show the kids the small ball (or ping-pong ball).
- Place the ball under one of the cups.
- Slide the cups around on the table or flat surface and put the cups in a line.
- Allow kids to take turns guessing which cup the ball is under.
- Play a few rounds, hiding the ball under a cup and moving the cups around again for each round.
- If time allows, choose kids to take turns moving the cups and let another kid guess where the ball is.

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**MADE TO MOVE**

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



**2. GOT QUESTIONS?**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Got Questions?" Activity Page, prepared bowls (or buckets), and painter's tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Create a starting line and finish line with painter's tape.
- Direct the kids to line up behind the starting line.
- Place two prepared bowls (or buckets) and the "Got Questions?" Activity Page cards behind the finish line.
- Point out and read the index card signs on each bowl (or bucket).
- One at a time, invite a kid to travel to the finish line.
- Once each kid arrives, instruct them to draw a card from the pile of cards from the "Got Questions?" Activity Page and hand it to you.
- Read the question on the card out loud to the group.
- Instruct each kid to identify if the question on the card is okay to ask or not okay to ask.
  - HINT: ALL the questions are "Okay to Ask!" and are to be placed in the "Okay to Ask" bowl (or bucket)!
- After the kid identifies where the question goes, hand them the card, instruct them to quickly place the card in that bowl (or bucket), and return to the back of the line of kids at the starting line.
- Instruct the next kid in line to go through the same process.
- Once every kid gets a turn, point out that all the questions went into the "Okay to Ask" bucket.
- Gather your group to discuss.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Great job, friends! All of those questions are okay to ask. It's always okay to ask questions. We may not get answers to all of the questions we have, but we can still ask! Thomas had a lot of questions, and it was okay for him to ask them. I love that even when we do have questions we may not always get the answer to, we can still trust Jesus because God is bigger than any of our questions! In fact, **whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.**"



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### MADE TO CREATE

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



### \*3. WORDS IN RED

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible marked at John 16:33b, "Words in Red" Activity Page, and red coloring supplies; *Optional:* highlighter

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to join you in a seated circle.
- Hold the marked Bible.
- Show the kids how you open the Bible to the middle to get closer to the book of John in the New Testament.
- Select a kid to open the Bible to John 16:33b.
- *Optional:* Select a kid who would like to highlight the Memory Verse.
- Direct the kid to hand the Bible back to you.
- Read John 16:33b out loud several times to the group.
- Share with kids how John 16:33b are words that Jesus spoke!
- Give each kid a "Words in Red" Activity Page.
- Set out the red coloring supplies.
- Share with kids that in some Bibles, red is used to show where Jesus is speaking.
- Instruct the kids to trace the verse with the red coloring supplies.
- Invite the kids to write their names on the Activity Page.
  - Offer help as needed.
- Encourage the kids to take their "Words in Red" Activity Pages home and put them somewhere where they will see them every day.

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#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Is red anyone's favorite color here? In some Bibles, red letters are used to show where Jesus is speaking! As you get older it may help to have a Bible where the words Jesus spoke are printed in red. It doesn't change anything in the Bible, but it does help us see what Jesus said and sometimes that helps us answer our very own questions!

"It's okay if you don't have a Bible with Jesus' words written in red. Jesus' words are still there! And if you have more questions, guess what? Ask those questions to a Jesus-follower who you know and talk to God in prayer too! God is ready for your questions! And **whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.**"



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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: "H.O.P.E." Activity Page (from Week 1)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Display the "H.O.P.E." Activity Page letters in the center of the circle.
- Review each letter with the kids:
  - **'H'** stands for **"Help!"** Remind kids they can ask God for help whenever they need hope.
  - **'O'** stands for **"Others!"** Encourage kids to talk to other Jesus-followers for support when they need hope.
  - **'P'** stands for **"Put your confidence in Jesus!"** Explain that trusting God means knowing that God is always working—even in difficult times. Ask if anyone has examples from the past week of when they asked God for help, sought support from others, or put their confidence in Jesus.
- Finally, share that the **'E'** stands for **"Explore God's Word!"** Remind kids that reading the Bible helps them learn more about God and see how God is always working.
- Point out to the kids how the letters spell out "HOPE." When we need HOPE, we can do these four things.
- Close the group time in prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, thank You for my wonderful friends here today with beautiful, curious minds. Thank You for Your Son, Jesus, and the incredibly good news He brings for all of us. Please help us remember to keep our focus on You, especially when things are hard. Remind us all we can talk to You anytime and ask for help. Give us the confidence to put our trust in You every day! Encourage us to explore the Bible so we can know You better. Remind us that there is always hope In You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them their traced Memory Verse (John 16:33b) from the "Words in Red" Activity. Invite the kids to share with their grown-ups why the words are traced in red.