



WEEK  
**TWO**  
MARCH 2025

SMALL GROUP  
**K-1**

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**You Raise Me Up**  
Joshua Wins the Battle  
Over the Amalekites  
Exodus 17:8-13

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Work together to  
help someone succeed.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Cooperation—Working together  
to do more than you can do alone

### 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: Casting Call  
Application Activity: Words to Help  
Memory Verse Activity: Ordered Cooperation  
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

### 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 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. Thank God for the kids' opportunities to support and celebrate one another. Ask God to guide the kids to see how they can work together to encourage and help someone succeed.*

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## 1. EARLY ARRIVER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Greet each kid by name with a high five or a fun handshake!
- Encourage kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Instruct the kids to pair up and face each other.
- Direct each pair to select a leader.
- Call out a movement from the list below for the leader to do.
- Instruct the partner to mirror each movement the leader makes as they face their partner.
- For example, if the leader waves their right hand, instruct the partner to "mirror" them and wave their left hand.
- Suggested movements:
  - Give an air high five.
  - Scratch your head.
  - Pat your tummy.
  - March in place.
  - Dab or floss.
  - Wiggle your nose.
  - Tug one ear, then the other.
  - Clap your hands.
  - Say your name.
  - Leader's choice
- Instruct the kids to switch roles within the pairs.
- Play another round, but call out the suggested movements in a different order.
- Play as long as time allows.



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15 MINUTES

### MADE TO MOVE

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



## 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Parachute (or large sheet), and ping-pong balls

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Lay the parachute (or large sheet) on the floor.
- Instruct the kids to gather evenly around the edge.
- When you say "Go!" instruct the kids to grab the parachute (or large sheet) with both hands and begin to shake it.
- Once everyone is standing and shaking the parachute (or large sheet), drop a few ping-pong balls onto the center of the parachute.
- Encourage the kids to work together to keep the ping-pong balls on the parachute (or large sheet) while shaking it up and down.
  - If your parachute has a hole in the middle, challenge the kids to work together to keep the ping-pong balls from falling into the hole.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"That was SO much fun! You all did an awesome job keeping the ping-pong balls on the parachute. Did your arms get tired? (*Invite responses.*) **[Transition] It's always so great to see you working together. Today, we'll hear about a group of people who worked together to help each other in a big way. Come with me!**"

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Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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25 MINUTES

### MADE TO CREATE

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



### \*2. WORDS TO HELP

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Butcher paper, and markers; *Optional:* painter's tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Lay the butcher paper on the floor and gather the kids

around it.

- Put the markers on the paper.
- Give the kids a few moments to think of encouraging words or phrases they can say to help someone.
- Write the phrases in big letters on the paper. (There are some suggestions and prompts below.)
- Invite the kids to use the markers to color around the words however they want.
- Encouraging Phrase Ideas:
  - "You Can Do It!"
  - "Keep Going!"
  - "Don't Give Up!"
  - "Way to Go!"
  - "You've Got This!"
  - "Good Job!"
  - "You're Working Hard."
- *Optional: If possible, hang the butcher paper banner in your space using painter's tape for grown-ups to see at pick up.*

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Great job, everyone! The Bible tells us to choose words that help others. When we say encouraging things, it makes people feel good and helps them not give up. When you see someone struggling this week, use words that cheer them up. You can even pray for a friend or sibling who feels discouraged.

"When we follow God's Son, Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to live in us! You can ask God to show you ways to help others and the patience to cooperate with them! This week, let's find more ways to **work together to help someone succeed.**"



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## 3. ORDERED COOPERATION

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles (marked at Ecclesiastes 4:9 for kindergartners), "Ecclesiastes 4:9 Cards" Activity Page, and painter's tape

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to get into pairs.
- Give each pair a Bible.
- Guide the kids to look up Ecclesiastes 4:9 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 Ecclesiastes at the top of the page as you say "Ecclesiastes" aloud. Then, guide children to find the big number 4 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 4 for the little 9; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it 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 Ecclesiastes in the list under "Old Testament." You can help by telling them that Ecclesiastes starts with the letters E-C. When the kids find Ecclesiastes, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Ecclesiastes. Help the kids find the page. When they find Ecclesiastes, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 4. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 9 in chapter 4.

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- Read the verse aloud together and collect the Bibles.
- Divide your group into two teams.
- Create a starting line for each team using painter's tape.
- Instruct each team to line up behind their designated starting line.
- Shuffle each set of cards from the "Ecclesiastes 4:9" Activity Page, keeping each set separate.
- Place a set of cards face down in a pile at the spot that will be the designated finish line for each team.
  - Be sure to place the piles equidistant from the starting line for both teams.
- Explain the game:
  - When you say, "Go!" a kid from each team is to race to the finish line, grab a card, and bring it back to their team.
  - Once that kid returns, the next kid is to go, repeating the same steps until all cards are collected.

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### (3. ORDERED COOPERATION, CONTINUED)

- The teams are to work together to put the words in Memory Verse order.
- Point out the numbers on the cards to help pre-readers.
- When a team finishes, instruct them to sit down and raise their hands to signal they're done.
- Repeat the verse aloud together as a group!

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great cooperation, friends! You worked together to collect all the words and put them in order. This month's verse reminds us how important it is to cooperate! Two people are better than one because we can do **WAY** more together than alone. God's Word teaches us the best way to live! Reading God's Word reminds us to cooperate and **work together to help someone succeed.**"



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



### 4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Invite the kids to get into pairs.
- Share with the kids that we can cooperate by praying for one another.
- Invite kids to share a prayer request with their partner and pray for each other silently or aloud.
- After a few moments, gather everyone together.
- Close the group time in prayer.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

“God, thank You for our friends! It’s so good to pray for each other and know that You hear us. Thank You for every friend who shared and every friend who prayed. Help us to remember to work together and pray for one another this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, allow kids to show off the encouraging words banner and talk about how we can cooperate and **work together to help someone succeed.**

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