



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Everyone can be thankful for Jesus.

MARY POURS PERFUME ON JESUS
JOHN 12:1-8

MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive forever and ever!"

REVELATION 1:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who is alive?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is alive!

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

Stinky Situation
Beauty School
Smelly Creations 

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Happy Day" and "Nothing You Can't Do"
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Memory Verse with Motions
Look and Point
For Jesus
Place Setting Relay
Perfume in a Bottle 
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Memory Verse Card
Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)
Parent Cue App



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

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HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



1. STINKY SITUATION

WHAT YOU NEED: "Stinky Situation" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Stinky Situation" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Show the children the cards of stinky smells (*trash can, dirty feet, and skunk*) and good smells (*perfume jar, apple, bubble bath, cookies, and flower*). If it is a good smell, ask the children to give two thumbs up. If it is stinky smell, ask them to run to the other side of the room.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come over here. I have a fun game for us to play today. In my hand are smelly cards. Some are good-smelling things and others are bad-smelling things. If the card I show you has a good smell, then show me two thumbs up. (*Demonstrate.*) If the card I show you has a stinky smell, say, 'Eww,' and run to the other side of the room."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Are you ready? (*Pull the first card and watch their reactions.*) Oh, that was a stinky-smelling card. Eww! Run away! (*Pause.*) Okay, everyone come back and let's look at another card. (*Pull another and pause for reactions.*) Oh, yes, that is a good-smelling card! Two thumbs up! (*Pause.*) So good." (*Repeat as desired.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our true story from the Bible, we are going to learn about a time when a woman named Mary poured a bottle of perfume on someone very special. Perfume is something people put on to smell really nice. I can't wait to hear this story. Are you ready? Let's go!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by calling out "stinky" and telling children to hold their nose and "good" and letting them show two thumbs up as you walk.

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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



1. MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW] WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Teach the Memory Verse motions. Invite the children to do them with you several times.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive forever and ever!"

REVELATION 1:18, NIV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand with me, and let me tell you our brand-new Memory Verse! Ready to hear it? It goes like this. 'I am alive (*jump with arms up*) forever and ever!' (*Twirl with arms up.*) Revelation 1:18.' (*Open hands like a book.*)"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Now, let's learn the motions. The first part of our verse says: 'I am alive.' (*Jump with arms up.*) Put your arms straight up in the air like this, jump (*arms up and jump*) and say, 'I am alive.' (*With children*) 'I am alive.' (*Jump with arms up.*) Great job!"

"The next part of our verse says: 'Forever and ever!' (*Twirl with arms up.*) Arms up and do a spin or twirl like this (*arms up and spin around*), and say, 'Forever and ever.' (*With children*) 'Forever and ever.' (*Twirl with arms up.*) Wonderful! Now let's put that together. 'I am alive (*jump with arms up*) forever and ever!' (*Twirl with arms up.*) Great job!"

"Now the last part is: 'Revelation 1:18.' (*Open hands like a book.*) Put your hands together in front of you and open them like you are opening a book (*open hands like a book*), and say: 'Revelation 1:18.' (*With children*) Revelation 1:18. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job! I think we are ready to do it all together! Ready, friends? 'I am alive (*jump with arms up*) forever and ever!' (*Twirl with arms up.*) Revelation 1:18. (*Open hands like a book.*) Nice job. Let's do it again!" (*Repeat several times.*)"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "The Bible teaches us that Jesus went away and came back just like He said He would. **Jesus is alive!** That's right, friends! **Who is alive? Jesus is alive!** Let's say that one more time, friends. **Who is alive? Jesus is alive!**"

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MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



3. FOR JESUS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "For Jesus" Activity Page, 11x17-inch paper, 4-inch heart cutouts, washable markers, and baby wipes

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Enlarge and copy "For Jesus" on 11x17-inch paper, one per Small Group. Place the paper on the table with the heart cutouts and markers.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Point to the picture of Jesus. Encourage each child to draw a picture on a heart of something they would give or share with Jesus. Remind them of the examples from today's Bible Story of ways you can show love to others: give a hug, make a card, say "I love you," etc.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come find a spot here around the table."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Who do you see? (Pause.) Jesus! Yes. Every day can be a happy day because **Jesus is alive!** What could we give to Jesus to show our love for Him? (Pause.) Draw something on your heart that you could give to Jesus to show your love. Would you give Jesus a hug? Would you make him a card? Would you give Jesus your favorite toy? (Pause.) Great drawings! Now put your heart pictures next to Jesus. (Pause.) Wow! Look at all these ways we can show Jesus how much we love Him!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus wants to be our friend forever so we can show how much we love Him in lots of different ways like . . . (Read/describe the pictures in the drawings.) Mary showed how much she loved Jesus by pouring perfume on His feet in today's story. It was a happy day because **Jesus is alive! Who is alive? Jesus is alive!**"

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MADE TO REFLECT
an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

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BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Revelation 1:18. *Note:* Keep this card in your Bible all month long.

Encourage the children to make the sign for love (*arms crossed over chest*) as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

MEMORY VERSE

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REVELATION 1:18, NIV

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and Memory Verse Hand Motions. Encourage children to help you make a list in the journal of things that make us happy, and then add the two happiest things: **Jesus is alive**, and **Jesus wants to be my friend forever**.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It's Small Group time! Today we are going to make the sign for 'love' while we walk to our Small Group spot. Just cross your arms over your chest like this (*demonstrate*) and follow me! (*Cross your arms over your chest as you lead the children to your spot.*) Yay! Here we are! Let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is alive!

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

"In our Bible Story today, a woman named Mary poured very special perfume on Jesus' feet to show Him how much she loved Him. Mary was so happy because she got to be with Jesus and show Jesus that she loved Him. And soon, there would be another happy day—a happy day on Easter when we celebrate that **Jesus is alive! Who is alive? Jesus is alive!** Yay! (*Clap.*) **Jesus is alive!** And **Jesus is alive** forever and ever!"

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

"We are learning a new Bible verse that says, 'I am alive (*jump with arms up*) forever and ever!' (*Twirl with arms up.*) Revelation 1:18. (*Open hands like a book.*) Did you hear that? Jesus said, 'I am alive (*jump with arms up*) forever and ever!' (*Twirl with arms up.*) Revelation 1:18. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do! 'I am alive (*jump with arms up*) forever and ever!' (*Twirl with arms up.*) Revelation 1:18. (*Open*



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hands like a book.)

"Hearing you say that makes today an even happier happy day! Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) There are so many things that make us feel happy. That's why I thought we could make a list in our journal of things that make us feel happy! Then we can use the list when we pray. When I say your name, tell me one thing that makes you feel happy, and I will write it in our journal. (*Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "This is a very happy list! (*Hold up journal.*) I am going to add two more things—the two happiest things! One, **Jesus is alive** forever and ever! And two, **Jesus wants to be my friend forever** and Jesus wants to be your friend forever! Now our happy list has the happiest things on it! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

"Dear God, thank You for happy things, like (*read the list the children made*). And we want to say a special thank You for what makes every day a happy day. Thank You that **Jesus is alive** and that Jesus wants to be our friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."