



Get a Clue About  
What to Do

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Living Hope**  
God So Loved the World  
John 3:16-17

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God took care of  
our greatest need.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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out just for your own good.  
Each of you should also look  
out for the good of others.  
Philippians 2:4, NIRV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Initiative—Seeing what needs  
to be done and doing it

### 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

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: Eye Spy  
Application Activity: Trust and Believe  
Memory Verse Activity: Make the First Move  
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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## MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery



Before kids arrive, take a moment to pray for them. Pray for those who may visit your group for the first time. Reflect on how you came to know Jesus and how knowing Jesus has changed your life. Pray that the kids would come to understand how much God loves them, and that God provided for their greatest need through Jesus. Ask God to soften their hearts to receive this truth and help them trust God's love.

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## 1. EARLY ARRIVER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container, "Seek and Find" Activity Page, "Seek and Find Answer Key" Activity Page, and magnifying glasses

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome each kid by name as they arrive.
- Introduce yourself to any kids visiting your group for the first time!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a "Seek and Find" Activity Page and a magnifying glass.
- Using the magnifying glass, encourage the kids to search for images listed in the word bank.
- *NOTE: Consider partnering kids up to share magnifying glasses based on how many you have.*
- Walk around and dialog with the kids about what they've found.
- After the kids finish searching, use the "Seek and Find Answer Key" to review the hidden images with them.

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**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:** Prepared inflated balloons in a bag (or bin)

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Divide the kids into groups of two.
  - If there's an uneven number of kids, jump in and play!
- Give each pair of kids an inflated balloon.
- Direct the pairs to spread out.
- Guide kids in a series of challenges with the balloon:
  - Tap the balloon back and forth \_\_\_ times without dropping it. (5, 10, 20)
  - How high can you tap the balloon?
  - Tap the balloon, spin in a circle, and tap it again before it touches the ground.
  - Tap the balloon while standing on one leg.
  - Tap the balloon with your feet.
- Play as long as time and interest allow.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"That was so much fun! Did you notice something? We could see the balloons floating up and down but never 'saw' the air holding them up. Even though we can't see air, we believe it's there because it makes the balloons move. **[Transition]** What you believe changes everything. Today, we'll hear a true story from the Bible about Someone who took the initiative to rescue us. Let's go!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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## MADE TO CONNECT

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



## 3. MAKE THE FIRST MOVE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, and “Make the First Move” Activity Page

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the kids into four groups.
- Give each group two Bibles.
- Lead the kids to find Philippians 2:4 using the Bible Navigation Tips below.

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***Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd 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 Philippians in the list under “New Testament.” When the kids find Philippians, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Philippians. Help the kids find the page. When they find Philippians, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 2. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 4 in chapter 2.*

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- Encourage the groups to repeat the verse aloud together.
- Give each group one of the four cards from the “Make the First Move” Activity Page that outlines a part of the Memory Verse and motions to go along with it.
- Give the groups time to work together to practice and memorize their part of the Memory Verse.
- Once the time is up, gather your entire group together.
- Invite each group to teach their portion of the Memory Verse to the rest of the kids.
- Then, practice repeating the verse and motions together several times.

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### WHAT YOU SAY:

“Way to go, everyone! I’m so glad we have the Bible. We can learn so much truth from it that can help us love God and others. Memorizing the verses in the Bible is a great way to keep important truths handy when you need them most. God showed initiative by making the first move and making a way to restore our relationship with God through Jesus. Friends, **God took care of our greatest need!** When we remember this month’s Memory Verse, it reminds us to keep our eyes open for the people around us and their needs too.”

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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:** Prepared "Salvation Cards" Activity Page, and prepared ribbon (or yarn)

*NOTE: Consider using the [SGL Salvation Conversation Guide](#) to engage in conversation about what it means to believe in Jesus.*

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#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Give each kid a set of cards from the "Salvation Cards" Activity Page.
- Explain to the kids that God took care of our greatest need through Jesus.
- Walk through John 3:16 with the kids using the cards and pausing for discussion.
  - God loved: God loves us SO much, more than we could ever fully understand.
  - God gave: God knew our sins, the wrong things we do that hurt God and others, would keep us from being with God forever. So, God gave us what we needed most: a Rescuer named Jesus!
  - Whoever believes: We can choose to believe in Jesus, ask Him to forgive us for the wrong things we've done, and try to live the way He shows us.
  - Lives forever: When we believe in Jesus, we get to live with God FOREVER in heaven!
- *NOTE: Be sensitive to kids who might have questions about following Jesus. Follow your church's policy for having conversations with kids about salvation. Involve families in this discussion or decisions as well.*
- Give each kid a piece of ribbon (or yarn).
- Direct the kids to string the ribbon (or yarn) through the punched hole on the cards in verse order.
- Share with kids that prayer is a conversation they get to have with God anytime, anywhere!
- Explain to kids that this month, the group will pray using the 'secret code,' "TACO":
  - **T = Thanks**
  - A = Adoration
  - C = Choices
  - O = Others
- This week, focus on giving thanks to God.
- Encourage kids to focus on thanking God this week for meeting our greatest need by sending Jesus.
- Give the kids a few moments to pray silently or aloud.
- Close the group in prayer.

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### (\* 4. PRAY AND DISMISS, CONTINUED)

could ever fully understand. Thank You for making us in Your image and taking the first step to restore our relationship with You by sending Jesus. You took care of our greatest need, and we are SO grateful! Help us to believe and trust in Jesus. Help us share Your love with others by seeing the needs of others and doing something about them. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to share their Salvation Cards from the Pray and Dismiss Activity! Encourage kids to share the Memory Verse motions and teach it to the adults too. Ask kids to share with grown-ups what it might look like for them to take initiative this week.