

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

Live in peace with one another.

**BARNABAS MAKES PEACE**  
**MATTHEW 5:9;**  
**ACTS 9:26-28, 31;**  
**ROMANS 12:18**

### MEMORY VERSE

"Think and act as Jesus did."

**PHILIPPIANS 2:5, NIRV**

### KEY QUESTION

Who shows you  
how to love others?

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus shows me  
how to love others.

### 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.*

Flip the Face  
Pom-Pom Friendship Soup  
Peace Pinwheel

### LARGE GROUP

**20**  
MIN

#### **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

#### **STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways**

"Live It Out" and "Be a Light"  
Bible Story  
Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN

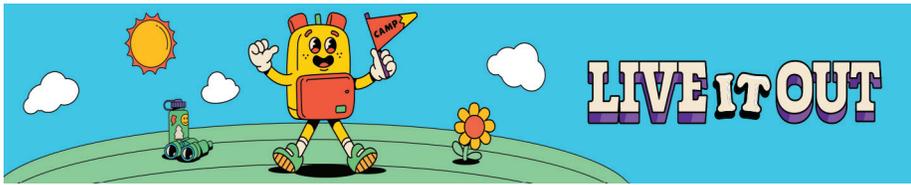
#### **GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect**

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

Memory Verse Connections  
Peace Puppets  
Make That Face  
Find a Friend with Barnabas  
Love Bookmark  
Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



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PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts



### 3. PEACE PINWHEEL

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Pinwheel and a heart sticker; *Optional: Pinwheels with a heart sticker for each child*

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Place the heart sticker on the back of the pinwheel. Demonstrate how to hold the pinwheel and blow into it. Watch as the pinwheel spins with your

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breath.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Give each child a turn to hold the pinwheel and blow into it. Repeat as desired.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Introduce the Bible Story.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, come sit with me. I have this really cool toy. (*Hold up the pinwheel.*) This toy is called a pinwheel. Let me show you what I can make it do. (*Breathe in, then blow into the pinwheel.*) Isn't that a cool toy?"

### MEMORY VERSE

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**PHILIPPIANS 2:5, NIRV**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Sometimes we get scared, or angry, or even super-excited and these feelings get really big. And sometimes we need to breathe, get calm, and make peace. Blowing into a pinwheel can help you do that. Let's all take a turn. [Child's name], hold the pinwheel in front of your face like this, (*position the pinwheel*) breathe in, then blow out, and watch. (*Pause.*) Wow! You did it! Now [child's name], you take a turn. (*Continue with each child.*) Wow friends, that was great!"

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**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Look, did you see there was a heart on the pinwheel? What do hearts remind us of? (*Pause.*) Love! That's right! Today we're going to hear a story about a man named Barnabas who loved like Jesus and helped make peace with some people. Let's go hear more about it!"

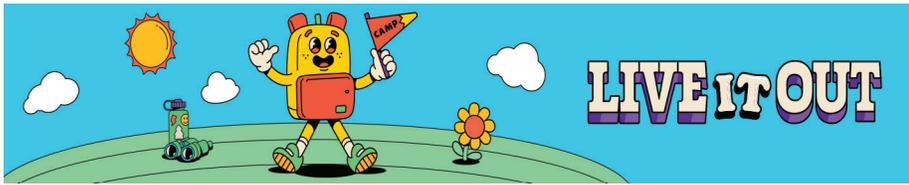
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**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by carrying the pinwheel and asking the children to walk when the pinwheel spins and stop when the pinwheel stops.

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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 CONNECTIONS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Ball of yarn and an additional helper

*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:** Have children sit in a circle. Review the Memory Verse with the motions.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Call out a child's name, and roll a ball of yarn to them. Encourage child to say the verse with you as they hold the ball of yarn. Ask that child to hold the loose part of the yarn with one hand and roll the ball back to you with the other. *Note: You may suggest child placing their foot on the loose part of the yarn instead of holding on with one hand. Continue with each child until everyone is connected with the yarn.*

### MEMORY VERSE

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**PHILIPPIANS 2:5, NIRV**

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

### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Hey, friends! Come sit in a circle with me. Let's review our Memory Verse. Will you do the motions as you say it with me? *(Pause for answers.)* Great! Ready? 'Think *(point to head)* and act *(walk in place)* as Jesus did,' *(tap finger to middle of each palm)* Philippians 2:5. *(Open hands like a book.)* Great job!"

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**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "I thought we could use this ball of yarn to help us say our verse today. I'm going to call your name, then roll the ball of yarn to you. When you catch it, I want you to say the verse. Then, with one hand, hold the loose yarn, and with the other hand, roll the ball back to me. Ready? Let's practice.

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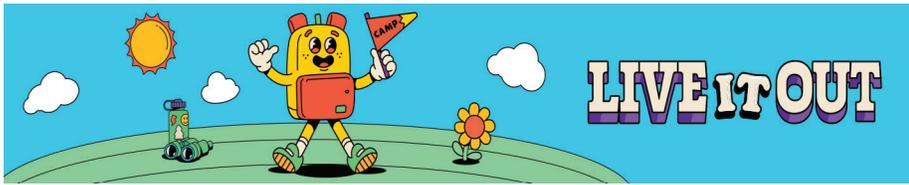
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"[Helper's name], I'm going to roll the ball of yarn to you. *(Hold the loose end, then roll the yarn ball.)* Now say the verse. *(Pause.)* Great! [Helper's name], hold the loose part of the yarn with one hand, and roll the ball back to me with the other hand. *(Pause.)* Everybody ready? [Child's name], here it comes! *(Hold the loose yarn and roll the ball.)* Yay! Say the verse. *(Pause.)* Great! [Child's name], hold the loose part of the yarn with one hand, and roll the ball back to me with the other hand. *(Continue with each child.)* Look! We're all connected. That was really fun."

### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "The Bible teaches us that we can love others just like Jesus, because Jesus loves everyone. **Who shows you how to love others? Jesus shows me how to love others."**



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### MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



### 3. MAKE THAT FACE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Inflatable beach ball and a permanent marker

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Draw six different emoji faces (*happy, sad, surprised, excited, angry, laughing*) on the different sections of the ball. Sit in a circle with the children. Encourage children to catch the ball, and make the face they see so everyone can make the same face.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Roll the ball to one child at a time, encourage them to make the face they see, and everyone copy the face. Child will roll the ball back and continue until each child has a turn. Repeat as desired.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bible Story and Bottom Line.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

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**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Ready? [Child's name], here comes the ball! (*Roll the ball.*) Make the same face you see on the ball. (*Pause.*) Whoa! That's a [emotion] face! Everybody make the same face that [child's name] is making. (*Pause.*) Great job! Roll the ball back to me. (*Pause.*) Okay [child's name], I'm rolling the ball to you this time. (*Continue with each child.*) This time, I'm just going to turn the ball to each face, and we can make it together. (*Turn the ball to the happy face.*) It's the happy face—show me your happy face. (*Pause.*) Great! (*Turn the ball to the sad face.*) Next one is the sad face—show me your sad face. (*Continue with each emotion.*) That was super-fun making all the faces!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "In our Bible Story, we learned that the disciples were afraid of Paul at first. Show me your afraid face. (*Pause.*) But Paul had met Jesus and that changed him. Show me your surprised face. (*Pause.*) Barnabas told everyone that Paul had changed. Show me your excited face. (*Pause.*) Barnabas loved like Jesus and helped make peace with everyone. Show me your happy face. (*Pause.*) Great job! We can help make peace just like Barnabas and when we do, we are loving others the way Jesus shows us how to love. **Who shows you how to love others? Jesus shows me how to love others!"**

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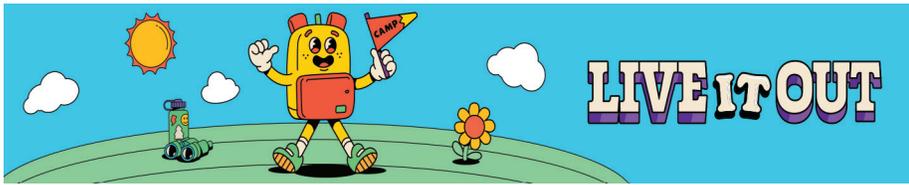
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**MADE TO REFLECT**  
an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



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

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

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**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Philippians 2:5. Keep this card in your Bible all month.

Encourage the children to hug themselves as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

**MEMORY VERSE**

"Think and act as Jesus did."

**PHILIPPIANS 2:5, NIRV**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bible Story and Memory Verse Hand Motions. Then, encourage the children to help you make a list in the journal of ways you can live in peace with others.

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

**KEY QUESTION**

Who shows you how to love others?

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "It's Small Group time! Today we are going to give ourselves a big hug all the way to our Small Group spot. Hug yourself and follow me! (*Hug yourself as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) We're here! Give yourself one last big hug, and then let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

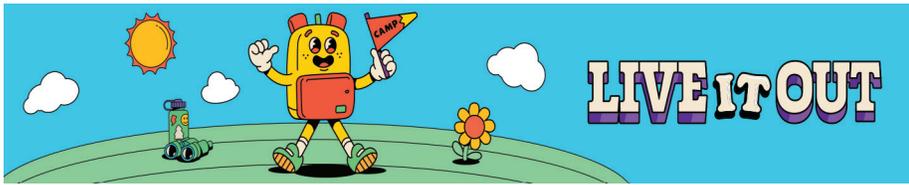
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**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) "In our Bible Story today, Barnabas, Paul, and Barnabas' other friends loved (*hug yourself*) Jesus. Barnabas loved (*hug yourself*) his friends by helping them live in peace with each other and love (*hug yourself*) one another. Where do you think Barnabas learned how to love others? (*Pause.*) Yes! Jesus! Jesus shows us how to love others. **Who shows you how to love others? Jesus shows me how to love others!**

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"We are learning a new Bible verse about loving like Jesus. It says: 'Think (*point to head*) and act (*walk in place*) as Jesus did,' (*tap finger to middle of each palm*) Philippians 2:5. (*Open hands like a book.*) When we 'think (*point to head*) and act (*walk in place*) as Jesus did,' we love people the way Jesus loves people. Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do! 'Think (*point to head*) and act (*walk in place*) as Jesus did,' (*tap finger to middle of each palm*) Philippians 2:5. (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Way to go! (*Give high fives.*) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Barnabas loved like Jesus and helped his friends live in peace with Paul, and then everyone was friends and loved Jesus together! Let's make a list of ways we can live in peace with one another, and then we can use the list when we pray. When I say your name, tell me one way you can live in peace with others, 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. Suggestions: Ask people to play with you instead of leaving people out. Share your toys instead of keeping them to yourself. Say kind words instead of arguing. Tell the truth instead of lying. Do what your parents tell you to do instead of complaining.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "These are great ways we can live in peace with one another! (*Hold up the journal.*) 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 sending Jesus to show us how to love others. Please help (*say each child's name*) live in peace with one another by doing things like (*read the list*). We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."