

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Encourage one another.

**PAUL ENCOURAGES
THE CHURCH**
JOHN 16:33;
GALATIANS 1:1-3, 5:13;
HEBREWS 10:24-25

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.

Cheering for Each Other
Letters of Love
Kind Words

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
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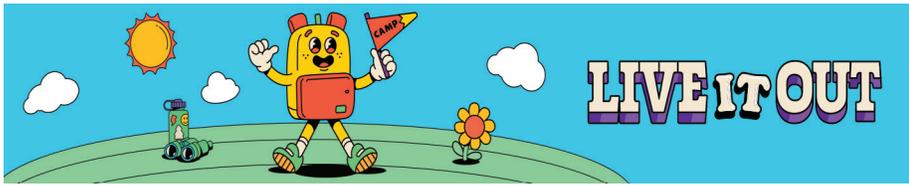
GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

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

Memory Verse Match-Up
Love Letters
Ripple
Cheering Train
Encouraging Words
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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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS 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. CHEERING FOR EACH OTHER

WHAT YOU NEED: Stickers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to line up in two lines on one side of the room. Stand on the other side of the room with the stickers.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Children will race to you by twos, moving in different ways (*hopping, crab-walking, skipping, etc.*). Encourage all the other children to cheer the racers on with phrases like: "Way to go!" "You can do it!" "You've got this!" When the children get to you, give them each a sticker and have them stand behind you. Call the next two children to race to you, encouraging everyone to cheer for them. Continue until all the children have had a chance to race and receive a sticker.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

MEMORY VERSE

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Today we're going to play a fun game called 'Sticker Race'! First, we need to make two lines on this side of the room. (*Help arrange children into two equal lines.*) Now I'm going to go and stand over here. When I say, "Go," I'll tell you how to race to me. When you get to me, you both get a sticker!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Are you ready to play? (*Pause.*) Great! While our two friends are racing, I want everyone else to cheer them on. You can say, 'Way to go!' 'You can do it!' or, 'You've got this!' Okay, racers, I want you to hop to me. Ready, set, go! (*Pause.*) Everyone, cheer our racers on! You've got this! Yay! You made it to me! Here's your sticker. (*Give each child a sticker.*) Come stand behind me and you can cheer for the racers, too! (*Continue with each child. Change the movement. Repeat as desired.*) Great job cheering for your friends! What great encouragers you are!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Our Bible Story today is about how a man named Paul encouraged others. Let's go hear about what Paul did to encourage others!"

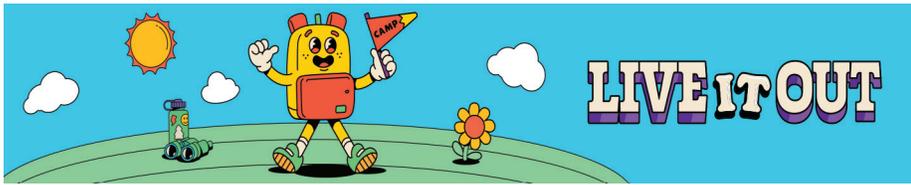
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TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by using a fun movement from the race and calling out encouraging comments to each child along the way.

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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible Story, Bottom Line, or Memory Verse by creating a craft



1. MEMORY VERSE MATCH-UP

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Match-Up" Activity Page, cardstock, envelopes, crayons, glue sticks, scissors, small basket, this month's music, and music player

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: Copy "Memory Verse Match-Up" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Place each set of cards in the envelopes, one per child. Put envelopes in the small basket. Review the Memory Verse and motions together.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children in a circle and pass the envelopes around as music plays. When the music stops, each child takes an envelope and takes out a word card. Next, they share the word they take out. Help them say their word aloud. Have the children glue their word onto the correct blank on their paper. Repeat steps until all cards have been taken out of the envelopes and glued on. Once the page is complete, encourage them to decorate it with crayons.

MEMORY VERSE

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

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, let's say our Memory Verse as we do the motions together. '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!"

KEY QUESTION

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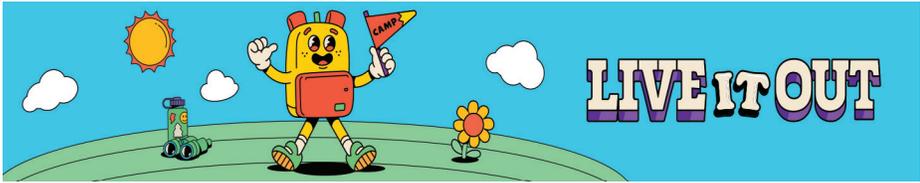
DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Come sit in a circle with me. (Pause.) Let's pass the basket with these envelopes. They have word cards in them that will help us complete our verse. When the music stops, open your envelope and let's figure out where your word goes on your page. (Start music.) Here comes the basket. (Pass the basket. After a bit, pause the music.) Everyone, take an envelope. (Pause.) Open your envelope and take one card out. Match it to the word in one of the boxes on your paper. (Help as needed.) Glue that card to the matching square on your paper. Pull another card from the envelope and match it. (Pause.) You made another match! Pull the last card from the envelope and glue it to its match. (Pause.) Great job matching the words. You just completed our Memory Verse. Let's read it out loud together. (Point to each word as you read it.) 'Think and act as Jesus did,' Philippians 2:5. I'll play the music while you decorate your paper. (Start music.) Paul encouraged others by writing letters (hold up the envelopes), and we're encouraging each other by helping with this verse! Look at your amazing Memory Verse pages!"

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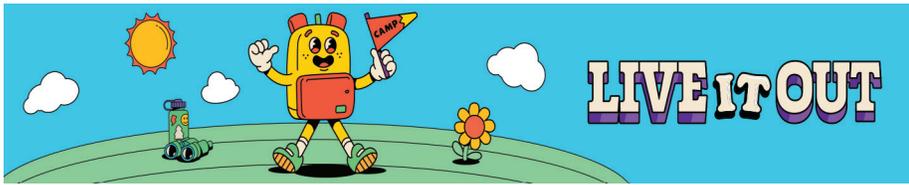
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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Let's say our verse one more time with the motions. 'Think (point to head) and act (walk in place) as Jesus did,' (tap finger to middle of each palm) Philippians 2:5. (Open hands like a book.) Just like Paul encouraged others to think and act like Jesus, we can do the same. **Who shows you how to love others? Jesus shows me how to love others!**"



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4. CHEERING TRAIN

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Painter's tape; cheer pom-poms, scarves, or strips of crepe paper; basket/bin; music player; and fun, upbeat music

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Create two parallel lines on the floor, spaced a few feet apart, with painter's tape. Place the pom-poms, scarves, or crepe paper strips in a basket at one end of the line. Explain that the "train track" is for cheering and encouraging others, just like Paul encouraged others in the Bible Story.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Let children know they are going to practice cheering for and encouraging each other, just like Paul encouraged others. Ask one child at a time to walk, hop, or dance down the middle of the "train track" while the others stand along the sides cheer for them using pom-poms, scarves, or crepe paper. Encourage the cheering children to use words like: "You're amazing!" "You can do it!" "Way to go!" Play upbeat music and start the cheering train! Rotate children until everyone has taken multiple turns.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we learned that Paul encouraged others to love and follow Jesus. He wrote letters to tell them, 'You're doing great!' and 'Keep going!' Encouraging others is one way we can show love like Jesus. Let's practice cheering for our friends with this fun activity! Come line up on these tape lines. We can pretend they are train tracks."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone, come grab an item from the basket as I come around. [Child's name], come stand at the end with me. When I play the music, I want you to walk/hop/dance through the 'train tracks' while everyone else will cheer for you. Ready? Here we go! Remember, encouraging words sound like: 'You're awesome!' or 'Way to go!' (Start music. Pause for child to move down the train tracks.) Great job! Stand on one of the lines and we'll have another friend move through. [Child's name], come join me and [movement] through! (Continue until each child has a turn to move through. Repeat as desired.) You did such a great job cheering and encouraging each other on the Cheering Train!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "When we cheer for our friends, we're showing love and encouraging them, just like Paul encouraged others in his letters from our Bible Story today. It feels good to encourage others, doesn't it? Encouraging others is one way we show love to them. **Who shows you how to love others? Jesus shows me how to love others!** Let's say that one more time, friends. **Who shows you how to love others? Jesus shows me how to love others!**"

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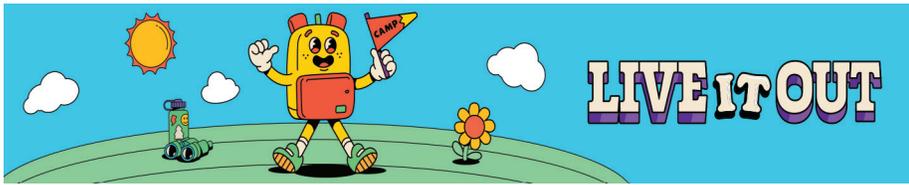
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MADE TO REFLECT

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, 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 cheer as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and Memory Verse Hand Motions, then encourage children to help you make a list in the journal of ways we can encourage one another.

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 cheer for each other all the way to our spot. You can clap for your friends or say, 'Yay!' or do both! Get ready to cheer for each other and follow me! (*Cheer and clap for the children as you lead them to your spot. Try and say each child's name as you cheer.*) Yay! We can love like Jesus! Okay, we're here. Let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

KEY QUESTION

Who shows you how to love others?

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

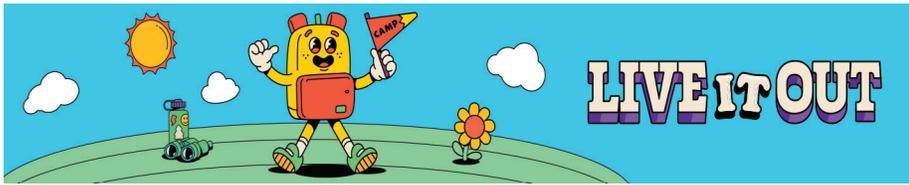
"Paul loved Jesus, and Paul wanted to love others the way Jesus showed him how to love others. One way Paul knew he could love like Jesus was by encouraging one another. What did Paul do to encourage others in our story today? (*Pause.*) You're right! Paul wrote letters to his friends and encouraged them to keep loving others the way Jesus showed them how to love others. Jesus showed Paul and his friends how to love others, and Jesus shows you and me how to love others, too! **Who shows you how to love others? Jesus shows me how to love others!**"

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"You got it! And the Bible verse we are learning will help us remember to 'think (*point to head*) and act (*walk in place*) as Jesus did,' (*tap finger to middle of each palm*) because 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.*) And 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 our 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.*)

"Yay! You did it! (*Clap.*) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Paul loved like Jesus and encouraged his friends with letters. What are some other ways we can encourage our friends and cheer for them? Let's make a list in our journal and then use the list when we pray. When I say your name, tell me one way you can encourage and cheer for someone, 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: "These are great ways we can encourage one another and love like Jesus! (*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. Thank You that Jesus encourages and cheers for us! Please help (*say each child's name*) encourage one another by doing things like (*read the list*) so they can love others the way Jesus shows us how to love others. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."