



WEEK
ONE
JUNE 2025

SMALL GROUP
2-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Will Follow

Live Like Jesus
Philippians 2:5

(Supporting: Philippians 2:1-8)

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Live like Jesus.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

As you deal with one
another, you should think
and act as Jesus did.

Philippians 2:5, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Live It Out—Discover how
to love like Jesus

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

Welcome/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: Choices
Application Activity: Beautiful World
Memory Verse Activity: Think, Act, Repeat
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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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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15 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment



Pray for your group before they arrive. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for being trustworthy and faithful in every situation. Thank God for sending Jesus as the perfect example of how to live! Ask God to help the kids in your group follow Jesus' example in their words and actions—no matter what challenges they face.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, and "Camp Cards" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome the kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Instruct the kids to join you in a seated circle as they arrive.
- Show the group one scene from the "Camp Cards" Activity Page.
- Encourage them to share their thoughts about the picture scenes using the following prompts.
 - "What do you see?"
 - "What do you think is happening here?"
 - "If you could, would you want to play in this scene?"
- Go through each card one by one and lead the kids in the above discussion.
- Once you've gone through all of the cards from the "Camp Cards" Activity Page, ask: "What do you think these cards have in common?" (*Welcome all answers! They are all camp activities.*)
- Share with kids that the cards are all scenes of camp environments!
- If time allows, lead the group in a discussion about their camp experiences. Ask questions like:
 - What kind of camp do you want to attend?
 - What type of camp(s) have you attended?
 - Was it fun? What did you learn?
 - Did you make new friends at camp?
 - How long was the camp?



PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to form groups of two.
 - If you have an uneven group of kids, jump in and play!
 - Direct the pairs to stand face to face.
- Instruct each group to select one kid as “the leader” and the other as “the mirror.”
- Explain the goal:
 - The “mirror” is to attempt to mimic any movement the “leader” makes.
- At your signal, prompt the leader to begin performing various movements.
 - To get the kids started thinking of various movements, mention that they can:
 - touch their toes
 - pretend to brush their hair
 - make a peace sign, etc.
- Direct the “mirror” to follow the motions of the “leader” closely and mimic them.
- After a few minutes, instruct the kids to switch roles.
- If time allows, encourage the kids to switch partners and play another round.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

“That was so fun! Great job mirroring your friends today. **[Transition]** You know, there’s Someone we should mirror every day who I can’t wait to hear about in today’s Bible Story. Let’s go find out who!”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

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



1. CHOICES

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Choice Cards" Activity Page, "Choices Questions and Answer Key" Activity Page, index cards, and coloring supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide kids into teams of four.
 - It's okay if there's a team of five!
- Give each team four index cards and coloring supplies.
- Direct each kid to pick one of the following images to draw on an index card for their team:
 - Draw a "tent" on one card.
 - Draw a "basketball" on one card.
 - Draw a "tree" on one card.
 - Draw a "water bottle" on one card.
- Give the kids about two minutes to draw their images.
 - *NOTE: These are sketches and shouldn't take much time to make.*
- Explain that you will ask a question from the "Choices Questions and Answer Key" Activity Page and give the teams four possible answers.
- Direct the kids to use their sketched index cards to answer the questions.
- After reading each question, share the possible answers by holding up the "Choice Card" Activity Page as you share the answer the image corresponds to.
- Give the teams a few seconds to discuss the correct answer.
- Instruct the teams to display the symbol on their index card that matches the correct answer.
- Award one point to every team who answers a question correctly.
- Encourage the teams to keep track of their point totals.
- Continue until all questions have been answered.
- The team with the most points, wins! Celebrate each team for their effort!

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"You did great working with your teammates to choose the right answers!"

"Jesus made some incredible choices. Jesus is God's Son, yet He still chose to live humbly and love others—even when it was hard. We can follow Jesus' example too. That's why it's so important to get to know Jesus by reading about Him in the Bible, talking to Him in prayer, and spending time with friends who love Him. Over time, as you stay connected to Jesus, God's Spirit works inside you, helping you think, act, and live like Him. You don't have to do it alone—God helps you love others and make a difference. Let's ask God to help us **live like Jesus** every day!"

[Make It Personal] (Share with the group what helps you live more like Jesus. Maybe after praying each morning, you are more patient and kind with your friends and family. Or maybe talking to a friend who loves Jesus brings you joy and reminds you to trust God no matter what.)



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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

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25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



3. THINK, ACT, REPEAT

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the kids into groups of two or three.
- Give each group a Bible.
- Guide the kids to look up Philippians 2:5 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 5 in chapter 2.

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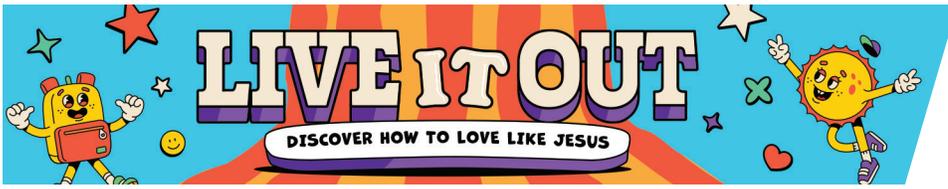
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Gather your entire group together and invite them to stand up.
- Model the following Memory Verse motions to the kids:
- In the NIV:
 - As you deal with one another, (Point to the kids around you.)
 - you should think (Tap your forehead.)
 - and act (Take a big step forward.)
 - as Jesus did. (Stretch your arms like Jesus on the cross.)
 - Philippians 2:5 (Open hands like a book.)
- In the NIV:
 - In your relationships with one another, (Point to the kids around you.)
 - have the same mindset (Tap your forehead.)
 - as Christ Jesus. (Stretch your arms like Jesus on the cross.)
 - Philippians 2:5 (Open hands like a book.)
- Repeat the motions again and invite the kids to perform them with you.
- Practice the Memory Verse motions together several times.
- Divide the kids into two groups.
- Instruct the groups to stand facing each other.
- Assign each group part of the Memory Verse and motions.
 - For NIV:
 - Group 1 says: In your relationships with one another,
 - Group 2 says: have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.
 - For NIV:
 - Group 1 says: As you deal with one another,
 - Group 2 says: you should think and act as Jesus did.

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(3. THINK, ACT, REPEAT, CONTINUED)

- Lead the kids in reciting the verse again by performing their group's part.
- *Optional: Challenge the groups to say their part of the verse in a whisper, loudly, slowly, or quickly.*

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job with the Memory Verse motions, everyone! This verse was written by Paul, a follower of Jesus, who wrote letters to help others know how to **live like Jesus**. Paul was telling us that we should think and act like Jesus—being humble, kind, and caring about others more than ourselves. Jesus, God's Son, came to Earth and modeled what it looks like to love and serve others. Now, we get to read all about Him in the Bible! When we choose to follow Jesus, we can follow His example too. Friends, let's **live like Jesus** in everything we do so others can know Jesus through our actions."



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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: "JPS Device" Activity Page, pens (or pencils), and coloring supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Give each kid a "JPS Device" Activity Page and a pen (or pencil).
- Direct the kids to write their names on their "JPS Device" Activity Page.
- Set the coloring supplies in the center of the circle.
- Ask:
 - "Have you ever seen an adult use GPS directions to get from one place to another?"
- Say, "No matter where you go, a GPS helps us find our way."
- Say, "This screen is your JPS—'Jesus Positioning System!' Each week this month, we'll add something to the screen that reminds us how Jesus shows us the way to live."
- This week, instruct kids to only color the "Jesus Positioning System" letters on their page.
- Once everyone is finished, collect and store the JPS pages for next week.
- Remind kids that prayer is a conversation they can have with God anytime, anywhere!
- Close the group in prayer.

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NOTE: Kids will use their "JPS Device" Activity Page all month long. Collect them and set them aside for Week 2.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for giving us Your Son, Jesus, to show us how to live. Help us listen to the directions You give us so we can live, love, and make a difference in the world around us—like Jesus did! Thank You for always guiding us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them the coffee filter and share how they can make the world a beautiful place when they **live like Jesus**. Encourage the kids to practice the Memory Verse motions at home this week!