



WEEK
FIVE
JUNE 2025

SMALL GROUP
2-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Come Together
Accept One Another /
Peter and Cornelius
Romans 15:7
(Supporting: Acts 10)

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Accept one another.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

As you deal with one
another, you should think
and act as Jesus did.
Philippians 2:5, NIRV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Live It Out—Discover how
to love like Jesus

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
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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: Match Them
Application Activity: Invite Others
Memory Verse Activity: Beanbag Toss
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 STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

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



Pray for your group before they arrive. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for sending Jesus! Reflect on a time you didn't feel accepted by your peers or a group of people. Ask God to help your group see that everyone around them was made uniquely and for a purpose. Pray that God would help your group to treat others with love and respect, no matter their differences.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, and floor tape; *optional: plain paper, and markers*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids to your group with a high five or a fist bump.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Use floor tape to create a large Tic-Tac-Toe grid in your group area.
- Explain to the group that you will be playing a "Human Tic-Tac-Toe."
- Assign one team to be X's, and assign the other team to be O's.
- Designate a spot for each team line up on opposite sides of the Tic-Tac-Toe board using the floor tape.
- Explain how to play "Human Tic-Tac-Toe":
 - At your "Go!" a kid from each team is to travel one by one to find a place to stand on the Tic-Tac-Toe board.
 - When a kid stands in a place on the board:
 - Instruct the X Team to hold up an X by crossing their arms.
 - Instruct the O Team to hold up an O with their hands.
- Continue playing until all the spots in the grid are filled or a team wins.

NOTE: If you have fewer than ten kids, mark sheets of paper with Xs and Os for each team and allow players to go more than once. If you have more than ten kids, create a second grid or pair up kids.



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

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



1. MATCH THEM

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Matching Questions" Activity Page, "Matching Answer Cards" Activity Page, and timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Give each team six cards from the "Matching Answer Cards" Activity Page.
- Direct the teams to sit.
- Spread the cards out so the entire team can see them.
- Explain the goal of the game:
 - Each team is to work together to see if one of their cards is a match to the question asked by the leader before the time runs out.
- When you're ready, ask the first question from the "Matching Questions" Activity Page.
- Set the timer for 30 seconds and prompt the kids to find a matching answer.
- If a team thinks they have a match, instruct the team to hold their thumbs-up.
- If a team thinks they don't have a match, instruct the team to display a thumbs-down.
- Collect the selected card and announce the answer after the teams vote thumbs-up or thumbs-down.
- Assign points to both teams if they answered correctly using their thumbs.
- One-by-one, continue reading questions from the "Matching Questions" Activity Page and prompting each team to try and find a matching answer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job, friends! Peter thought he already knew the rules about who he should spend time with and who he should talk to about Jesus. He thought God's family was just for certain people—people like him. But God showed Peter something incredible, and he realized that God's love isn't just for one group of people. It's for everyone! When Peter went to Cornelius' house, he did something he had never done before—he talked to Cornelius and his family, even though they were different from him.

"And as Peter shared the good news about Jesus, something amazing happened. God's Holy Spirit came to Cornelius and his family, just like it had come to Peter and the other disciples. That's when Peter finally understood: Jesus came to save everyone, no matter where they're from, what they like, or what they look like! Let's work to **accept one another** each and every day."



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

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



3. BEANBAG TOSS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, storage containers (or laundry baskets), prepared bags with the cards from "Memory Verse" Activity Page in them, and beanbags

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set two storage containers (or laundry baskets) on the opposite sides of your group area. (So there is one laundry basket on one side of your group area, and another laundry basket on the other.)
- Next to each container, place a bag containing the "Memory Verse" Activity Page cards.
- Place two beanbags next to each container.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Give each team two Bibles.
- Direct the teams to look up Philippians 2:5 using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

***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.*

- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Invite each team to line up beside one of the baskets.
- Explain how to play:
 - A kid from each team is to take turns throwing one beanbag into the other team's container.
 - If a beanbag lands in the container, the thrower is to pull a Memory Verse card from the bag near the container.
 - The thrower is to place the card on the floor in front of their team to begin building the Memory Verse in order.
 - If the beanbag misses, the thrower is to go to the end of their team's line without retrieving a card.
 - The rest of the group must give the thrower a high five, whether they made it in or not!
 - The next kid in line is up next. Instruct them to retrieve the beanbags before they begin their turn.
- Repeat the process until all the verse cards are removed from the bag.
- Encourage each team to work together to put the verse in order.
- Once one team finishes, invite them to cheer on the other team as that team completes the verse.

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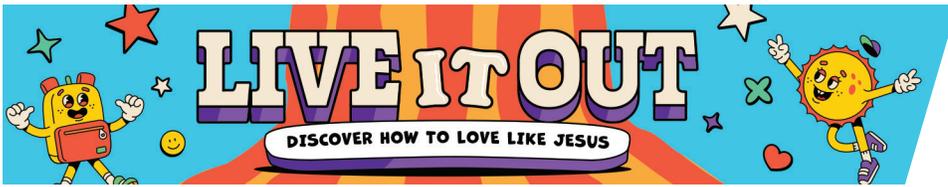
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(3. BEANBAG TOSS, CONTINUED)

WHAT YOU SAY:

“Awesome job collecting the Memory Verse! All month long, we’ve been discovering how to live like Jesus, and this verse encourages us to keep doing that. When we memorize verses from the Bible, God’s Word, it changes everything! Repeat this verse at home to remind yourself to think and act like Jesus—to look out for one another, to encourage one another, to make peace with one another, and to accept one another. Doing these things won’t always be easy, but we can practice every day—just like we practiced the verse today.

“Jesus didn’t just accept people like Him, He welcomed everyone—no matter who they were or where they came from. And because Jesus loves and accepts us, we can live it out by learning to **accept one another** 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: Stored "JPS Device" Activity Pages from Weeks 1-4, extra "JPS Device" Activity Pages, pens (or pencils), and coloring supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Give the kids the JPS pages with their names on them from the "JPS Activity Page" from the previous week.
- Give each new kid a blank "JPS Device" Activity Page.
- Give each kid a pen (or pencil) and direct them to write their names on the page, if they haven't already done so.
- Recite this week's Bottom Line: **"accept one another"** together.
- Introduce the "JPS" to the kids:
 - 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've added something to the screen that reminds us how Jesus shows us the way to live. This is our last week this month!"
- Direct the kids to find the word "Accept" on their JPS Device.
- Invite the kids to ask God to help them treat all people with respect.
- Explain to kids that they don't have to agree with everyone, but because we're all made in the image of God, we can treat those around us with respect!
- Set out the coloring supplies.
- In the "accept" circle on each of the kid's "JPS Device" Activity Page, instruct the kids to draw a symbol that will remind them to accept one another.
- Give any kids who would like to share their drawings with the group an opportunity to do so.
- Set the JPS Devices aside for kids to take home.
- Close your group in prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for all of my friends here today. Thank You for loving us and reminding us that Jesus is for everyone! We're so grateful that You invite us to be a part of Your family. Help us to think and act like Your Son, Jesus, by accepting others, no matter who they are or where they come from. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them their JPS Devices and explain how each destination shows a way they can live more like Jesus!