



WEEK
ONE
JUNE 2025

SMALL GROUP
K-1

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

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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

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: Think and Act Like Jesus
Application Activity: LLJ
Memory Verse Activity: Love Like Jesus Memory Verse Motions
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 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

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Encourage any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Invite the kids to share something funny about their week.
- Once several kids have arrived, invite the kids to join you in a seated circle.
- Explain that you're going to play a game called The Name Game.
 - One at a time, you are going to share a category, and an example of something in that chosen category.
 - For example: if the category is "animals," you might say, "frogs."
 - The kid to your left in the circle is to go next by sharing something in the same category.
- Call out one of the categories below and an example to start the game.
- Continue in the same way until everyone has answered.
- Play as many rounds as time and interest allow.
- Categories:
 - animals
 - sports
 - breakfast foods
 - fruits
 - things you put in your backpack
 - friends
 - things in nature
 - holidays



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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: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids and invite them to spread out in front of you.
- Explain to the kids that they will play a game called

Copycat where they are to copy what you do.

- Perform a simple movement.
- Instruct the kids to copy what you do.
- Movement suggestions:
 - March
 - Jumping jacks
 - Spin around
 - Walk around the group area, etc.
- Change up your movements and encourage the kids to copy you.
- Choose a kid who follows your movements closely to become the leader.
- Encourage them to perform simple movements for the other kids to copy.
- Movement suggestions:
 - Animals—snake, bird, kangaroo, elephants
 - Movement—jumps, hops, skips, turns
 - Speed—fast, slow, high, low
- At your signal, instruct the leader to pause.
- Thank the kid for leading.
- Choose another kid to have a turn leading.
- Continue until every kid gets a turn to be the leader.

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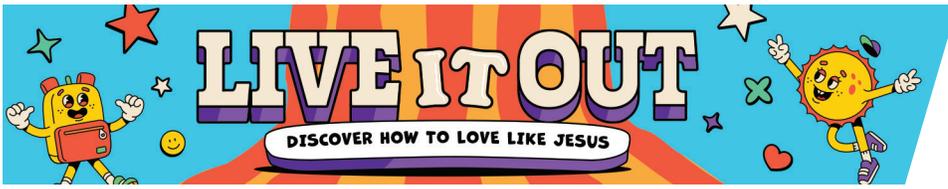
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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Excellent job, friends! I love the ideas you came up with to lead our group in a fun way. **[Transition]** You all did a fantastic job copying and following the leader in this game. Did you know there's Someone who sets the best example for all of us to follow every day? We'll hear more about 'WHO' that is today. Come with me!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

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



1. THINK AND ACT LIKE JESUS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible marked at Philippians 2:1-8, and "Think and Act Scenes" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Select a kid to open the marked Bible to Philippians 2:1-8.
- Read the verses aloud to the group.
 - *NOTE: Depending on their reading ability, consider inviting older 1st graders to read the verses, one verse per kid, aloud to the group.*
- After you read through the verses, one by one, ask the questions below:
 - "Who is Jesus?" (*Invite responses, like: Jesus is God's Son, with every bit of God's power!*)
 - Read Philippians 2:7 aloud again: "How does this verse describe Jesus?" (*as a servant*)
 - "What does it mean to think and act as Jesus did?" (*Invite responses, like: it means thinking about what Jesus would think and doing what Jesus would do; Jesus was equal with God, but He didn't take advantage of that; Jesus put others ahead of His needs and wants.*)
 - "How can we get to know Jesus?" (*Invite responses, like: we can spend time with Jesus and discover the amazing things He did by reading the Bible; we can sit quietly, breathe deep, and ask Jesus to be with us; we can gather with friends and talk about Jesus!*)
- Divide the kids into three groups.
- Give each group one picture from the "Think and Act Scenes" Activity Pages.
- Say, "'Live It Out' is all about discovering how to live like Jesus."
- Direct the groups to discuss what's happening in their picture.
- Prompt the groups to discuss how they could 'Live It Out' in that scenario.
- Gather the entire group together.
- Invite each group to share their solution to their scenario.
- Ask: "How could you 'Live It Out' in the scenario on the picture?"
- Discuss how each group's solutions align with how Jesus chose to serve others.

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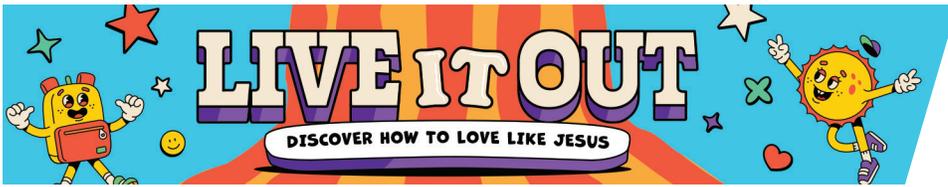
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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Before we can think and act like Jesus, we need to know Jesus! And that's one big reason we come to Small Group each week. The more we learn about how Jesus lived, loved, and cared for others, the more we can discover how He wants US to live, love, and care for others.

"Jesus humbled Himself. What that means is He put others first. He chose to love and serve others—especially those who were overlooked. He was humble and obeyed God completely, even though it led to His death. Jesus loved us so much that He gave up His own life to take the consequences of our sins. (Our sins are the things we've done that are outside of what God wants for us.) Jesus paid for our sins to make it possible for our relationship with God to be restored! Living



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(1. THINK AND ACT LIKE JESUS, CONTINUED)

like Jesus can seem impossible, but it takes a lifetime. Just keep going! Keep helping, loving, and serving others. **Live like Jesus.**"

[Make It Personal] (Share an age-appropriate time you 'Lived It Out' as a kid. Maybe you encouraged a friend with a Bible verse or forgave someone who hurt you. Maybe you cared for a friend going through a tough time. Remind your group that every time you choose to serve others, you **live like Jesus.**)

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 with this discussion or decisions as well.



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3. LOVE LIKE JESUS MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles (marked at Philippians 2:5 for kindergartners)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Direct the kids to form groups of two.
 - It's okay if there is a group of three!
- Give each group a Bible.
- Use the Bible Navigation Tips below to lead the kids in looking up Philippians 2:5.

Finding verses with kindergartners: Guide kids to open the Bibles to the marked page. Point to the word *Philippians* at the top of the page as you say "Philippians" aloud. Then guide kids to find the big number 2 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 2 for the little 5; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read the verse aloud. Then lead everyone to say the verse together.

Finding verses with 1st 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." You can help by telling them that *Philippians* starts with the letters P-H. 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.
- Say: "Share one way you can think and act like Jesus this week."
- Continue the conversation until everyone who would like to share has done so.
- Invite the kids to stand up.
- Teach the kids the following motions to the Memory Verse.
 - For the NIV, the motions are:
 - As you (*thumbs to chest*)
 - deal with one another, (*point fingers at everyone around you*)
 - you should think (*pointer fingers to temple*)
 - and act (*march*)
 - as Jesus did. (*point to heaven*)
 - Philippians 2:5 (*open hands like a book*)
 - For the NIV, the motions are:
 - In your (*thumbs to chest*)
 - relationships with one another, (*point fingers at everyone around you*)
 - have the same mindset (*pointer fingers to temple*)
 - as Christ Jesus. (*point to heaven*)
 - Philippians 2:5 (*open hands like a book*)
- Practice the verse and motions together several times.

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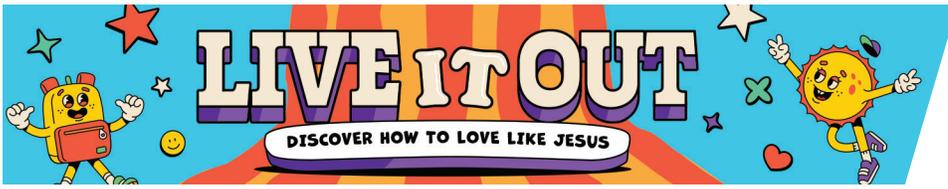
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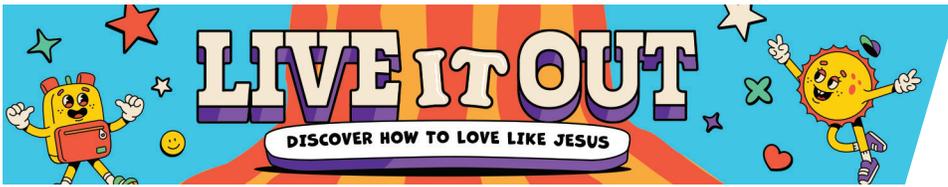
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(3. LOVE LIKE JESUS MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS, CONTINUED)

WHAT YOU SAY:

“What an incredible Memory Verse! I love that we can memorize truths from the Bible, God’s Word. We should think and act like Jesus would anytime as we talk to one another—even when we disagree.

“Who are some ‘one another’s’ around you? Can you name the people you see every day? *(Invite responses.)* Yes, that’s right! Whether it’s your siblings, a teacher, or someone on your sports team—we can think and act toward them with love, peace, and kindness. And, whenever we care for those around us, we show them who Jesus is. We get to share God’s love with those around us when we **live like Jesus.**”



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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: Option 1: slap bracelets from “LLJ” Activity; Option 2: “Live Like Jesus” Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:
Option 1:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a tight circle.
- If you did the “LLJ” Activity, give each kid the bracelet they made and invite them to put it on.
- Direct the kids to put their arms with the bracelet in the center of the circle as you pray that they would **live like Jesus** everywhere they go this week.

Option 2:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Explain to the kids that they will look at some images of Jesus from the “Live Like Jesus” Activity Page.
- One at a time, show an image from the “Live Like Jesus” Activity Page, and invite kids to share what Jesus is doing in each scene. Answers are:
 - Jesus feeding the 5,000.
 - Jesus teaching.
 - Jesus praying.
 - Jesus stopped to hang out with Zacchaeus, a tax collector who wasn’t well-liked.
- Say: “We learn to ‘Live It Out’ by following Jesus’ example!”
- Invite kids to share how they want to live more like Jesus this week.
- Close your group in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to show us how to live, love, and care for others. We are SO grateful we can follow His example! We want to be more like Jesus and to treat others the way He treated them. Because You love us so much, Jesus came to give up His life for us and restore our relationship with You again! Help us to **live like Jesus** everywhere we go. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their “LLJ” bracelets as a reminder to **live like Jesus**.

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