



Get a Clue About
What to Do

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Living Hope
God So Loved the World
John 3:16-17

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.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God took care of
our greatest need.

SMALL GROUP

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SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction
Early Arriver
Opening Activity

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

None of you should look
out just for your own good.
Each of you should also look
out for the good of others.
Philippians 2:4, NIRV

LARGE GROUP

30
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STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways
WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God Opener

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Initiative—Seeing what needs
to be done and doing it

SMALL GROUP

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GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters with excitement. The Host also brings the "Get A Clue" Clue Card with them for the opening game.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME INTRO

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as they welcome everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited they are that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, there, friends! It's so great to be with you today! It's the start of a new series here in [Name of Environment], and I can't wait to jump in and get started. It's called . . .

SLIDE: THEME

"Eye Spy: Get a clue about what to do! Now, maybe you've seen *I-Spy* books or have played a game of *I-Spy* at school or on a long road trip. But this month, we're taking *I-Spy* to another level, starting with a challenge I'm calling 'Get a Clue!' I need two volunteers who think they have good detective skills.

SLIDE: "GET A CLUE!"

Host chooses two volunteers and brings them up to the front. Introduce them to the rest of the group.

"Here's how it works. In my hand I have a few 'Get a Clue' Clue Cards, each with five clues for an everyday object you see in the world and may need from time to time to accomplish a task. I'll read one clue at a time. Raise your hand



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if you think you know what it is. Guess correctly and you win that round. The sooner you get the clue, the more points you get. The person with the most points at the end wins! Any questions? Great, let's play!

Read through each card at a time, starting with clue 1 and going through clue 5. After each clue, offer the volunteers a chance to guess. If they get it correct, award the number of points 5 through 1 consecutively. (5 points for answering after the first clue, 4 points for the second, etc.) If neither can guess the object after all 5 clues, give the rest of the group a chance to guess. Go through as many cards as you have time.

The following clues are also on the "Get a Clue" Clue Cards available in the Large Group Assets PDF, see "What You Do" below.

Clue Card One:

ANSWER: Bottle of Water

Clue 1: Part of a cycle that never ends, rising and falling since the Earth began.

Clue 2: Carried in clouds, flow through valleys, and are stored deep underground.

Clue 3: Often sold in a clear container, but my true form can take many shapes.

Clue 4: Found in rivers, lakes, and streams, but today, I'm in your hand.

Clue 5: The label might say spring, sparkling, or purified, but the inside is always made from the same thing.

Clue Card Two:

ANSWER: A Pencil

Clue 1: This has a core but no heart, and it's used to create rather than destroy.

Clue 2: It's ability to be used shortens with every task.

Clue 3: It wears a wooden jacket and leaves a mark wherever it goes.

Clue 4: It's sharp at the start, dulls when it's used, and can be renewed with a twist or a shave.

Clue 5: It's often topped with a tiny companion to fix any mistakes.

Clue Card Three:

ANSWER: Cell Phone

Clue 1: It's a link to the world yet depends on invisible waves.

Clue 2: It's face shows infinite possibilities, but it's fragile if you drop it.

Clue 3: It holds the power of a computer but was once only used to talk.

Clue 4: It connect millions of people across the world, but it fits in a pocket.

Clue 5: It rings, buzzes, or beeps to get your attention, but it can stay silent on long airplane rides.

Clue Card Four:

ANSWER: Jacket

Clue 1: This protects you from sudden chills when seasons change.

Clue 2: This isn't best for snow nor for sand, but it's perfect in-between.

Clue 3: This has pockets for your hands and a zipper to keep the breeze out.

Clue 4: It's shield against the rain, but it's not as heavy as a coat.

Clue 5: This is only used part of the year, and it's often forgotten about in the summer.



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Clue Card Five:

ANSWER: Headphones

Clue 1: This lets you hear the world, but only the parts you choose.

Clue 2: This can always be heard but never speaks.

Clue 3: This connects to devices, wired or wireless, to deliver music and more.

Clue 4: These rest on or in your ears and create a bubble of personal sound.

Clue 5: These can be used for calls, tunes, or games—but only you can hear what they play.

After game, congratulate the winner.

“That was awesome! [Name of Winner], you’d make an incredible detective! You can both head back to your seats. Now, let’s all get ready to focus our attention on God and worship together!”



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WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Alright, friends! Are you ready to have some fun? We're starting with 'Oh Happy Day!' This song is all about the amazing joy we have because of Jesus! Let's stand up and celebrate with all our energy!"

VIDEO: "HAPPY DAY" LIVE LYRICS

"That was awesome! Now, let's sing a song that reminds us that God is our loving Father. It's called 'Good Good Father,' and it's all about how much He cares for us. He's perfect in every way! Let's sing about His perfect love."

VIDEO: "THE BATTLE BELONGS" LIVE LYRICS VIDEO

WORSHIP LEADER: "Thank you for worshipping with us today! Let's pray and thank God for his joy and his amazing love."



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Hello, friends! Today we’re taking a look at some REALLY famous verses from the Bible right here in the book of John. (*Hold up Bible.*) The book of John is one of the four books called the Gospels that tell stories about the life of Jesus.

“John, the man who wrote this book, was a fisherman . . . and so was his brother James. John and James were two of the first disciples who Jesus called to follow Him. Because John spent so much time with Jesus, he had an up-close look at everything Jesus said and did. John wrote about miracles, or ‘signs,’ that show us Who Jesus truly is.

“John even shared why he wrote all of these things down about Jesus:

Open the Bible to John 20:31 (NirV) and read.

. . . so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. (NirV) “That’s pretty cool, isn’t it? John wanted everyone to know about Jesus—including us today!

BORN AGAIN

STORYTELLER: “Jesus had just started to travel around, teaching and healing people.

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 1A (JESUS’ FACE)

“He turned water to wine at a wedding.

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 1B (JESUS WITH WATER)

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 1C (JESUS, WATER, WINE)

“Meanwhile, the religious leaders heard about these things that Jesus was doing.

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 2 (RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND QUESTION MARKS)

“They weren’t sure about Jesus, and they wanted to find out exactly Who He was.

“One of these religious leaders was a man named Nicodemus.

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 3A (NICODEMUS)

“Nicodemus truly wanted to learn the truth about Jesus. But he was nervous about what the other religious leaders might think. So he arranged to meet with Jesus at night.



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SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 3B (NICODEMUS AT NIGHT)

“Nicodemus said to Jesus:

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 3C (NICODEMUS AND JESUS UNDER STARS AND MOON)

Open the Bible to John 3:2 (NirV) and read.

“Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. We know that God is with you. If he weren’t, you couldn’t do the signs you are doing.” (NirV)

“And this is how Jesus replied.

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 3D (NICODEMUS AND JESUS, WITH BABY ICON)

Open the Bible to John 3:3 (NirV) and read.

“What I’m about to tell you is true. No one can see God’s kingdom unless they are born again.” (NirV)

“Nicodemus was confused by this. How could a person be born for a second time? But Jesus said:

Open the Bible to John 3:5 (NirV) and read.

“No one can enter God’s kingdom unless they are born with water and the Holy Spirit. (NirV)

“Nicodemus was still very surprised.

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 3E (NICODEMUS AND JESUS, WITH QUESTION MARK)

“He said, ‘How can this be?’ (John 3:9, NirV)

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

STORYTELLER: “As John wrote down this story (*hold up Bible*), he then explained why God sent Jesus for us. This is the really, really famous part of this passage! Here it is.

Open the Bible to John 3:16 (NirV) and read.

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. (NirV)

“Wow—amazing! Have you heard that verse before? Listen to it again.

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 4A (HEART)

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SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 4B (HEART AND WORLD)

... that he gave his one and only Son.

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 4C (HEART, WORLD, JESUS' FACE)

Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. (NirV)

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

TO SAVE THE WORLD

STORYTELLER: "Now listen to this next part.

Open the Bible to John 3:17 (NirV) and read.

God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world. He sent his Son to save the world through him. (NirV)

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 5A (WORLD)

"We can go back to the very beginning and see how God created the whole world and everything in it. God made people ... and God gave people the ability to make their own choices. Each of us, in our own way, have chosen to turn away from God. That's called sin.

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 5B (WORLD AND "SIN")

"But God had a good plan to make things right. God loved us enough to send Jesus to be our Savior.

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 5C (WORLD, "SIN," JESUS' FACE)

"Jesus, God's Son, shows us Who God is. Jesus came to Earth and experienced all the good and bad parts of being human. Jesus came to live on Earth to be WITH us. He showed us what God's kingdom is like and how to love God and love others.

SLIDE: STORY SLIDE 5D (WORLD, "SIN," JESUS' FACE, CROSS)

"When Jesus died on the cross, He took the consequences of the wrong things we've done. And then He came back to life! Jesus paid the price for our sin and made a way for us to have a relationship with God forever.

"We can believe and put our faith in Jesus as our Savior. And as we grow in our relationship with Jesus, we become more like Jesus with the way we live each day.

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "As Jesus explained to Nicodemus, we can be 'born again' by believing in Jesus and trusting Him as our Savior.



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“We all have a big need—a big problem—because of our sin.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“But **God took care of our greatest need.** Say that with me.”

STORYTELLER AND KIDS: “**God took care of our greatest need.**”

STORYTELLER: “Jesus offers an incredible life forever with God . . . and it’s open to everyone, everywhere, for all time!”

Host enters.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: “I think it’s so cool how Nicodemus came to Jesus to find out Who Jesus was for himself! And Nicodemus found that Jesus really is the One God sent to save us.”

STORYTELLER: “That’s right! *(To audience)* You see, God’s love for us is deeper than we can ever completely understand. Our greatest need is to have a close relationship with God . . . without sin being in the way. And that’s why God sent Jesus.”

HOST: “Because of what Jesus did on the cross for us, we can put our faith in Him as our Savior. And when we choose to believe in and follow Jesus, we have the promise of eternal life with God.”

STORYTELLER: “We also have the chance to grow in our relationship with Jesus here and now. We can show Who God is to the world around us. And part of that is showing initiative.”

HOST: *(To audience)* “Have you ever heard that word before—initiative?”

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

“Initiative is about seeing what needs to be done and doing it.”

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

STORYTELLER: “That starts with keeping our eyes open to see what the people around us need . . . and then taking the extra step to do something about it.”

HOST: “It means looking for ways to share the love God has given us with the people around us.”



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Optional: Host or Storyteller can briefly share about a time when someone took the initiative to share God's love with them.

HOST: "Let's pray and thank God for loving us and sending Jesus for us."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "Dear God, thank You for loving us so much You sent Jesus to be our Rescuer. Thank You for proving over and over and over again that *[Basic Truth]* we can trust You no matter what. God, please help us to keep our eyes open so that we can see what people need around us. And please show us how we can take a step to help. We want to share Your love with the people You've put in our loves. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP