

WEEK  
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LARGE GROUP  
**K-3**

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

You Got This  
Encourage One Another  
Hebrews 10:24-25

**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

Encourage one another.

### SMALL GROUP

**10**  
MIN

**SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction**  
Early Arriver  
Opening Activity

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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

### LARGE GROUP

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

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Live It Out—Discover how to love like Jesus

### BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

### SMALL GROUP

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**GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect**



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## LARGE GROUP

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.*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME INTRO*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP*

## OPENER

HOST: "Hello, everyone! My name is [your name] and I'm glad we're all here together at [name of your environment]. This is truly one my very favorite places to be because we have so much fun together.

"All summer long, we're talking about what it means to 'live it out' because we're learning how to live and love like Jesus! Jesus gave us the perfect example of show love to the people around us. His way is the very BEST way to live.

"Now, we've been playing some summer camp-type games over the past few weeks, and we've got another good one to play today. We have the red team on this side (*reference the red side of the room*), and the blue team on this side (*reference the blue side of the room*).

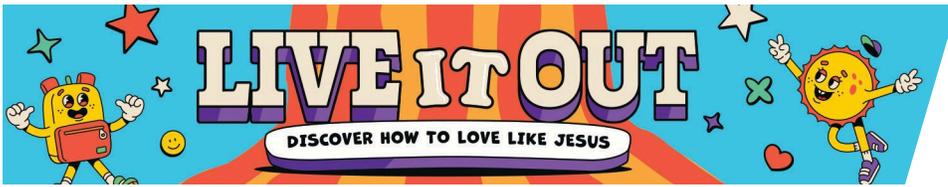
"For this game, I'll need three adults to play for each team.

*Choose three adult volunteers from each team to join you at the front of the room. Give them red and blue accessories to wear.*

*If you don't have three Small Group Leaders from each team, you could use members of the Worship Team or any other adults in your environment.*

*(To audience)* "Okay, friends. Have you ever seen a sack race, where someone stands inside a big sack and jumps along toward the finish line? (*Pause for responses.*) Well, this game is a lot like that. But this is a camp version—instead of sacks, we've got sleeping bags!

*Pull out the two sleeping bags (bonus if they're red and blue!). Give one to each team.*



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(To the volunteers) “The person from each team who has the sleeping bag can stand here behind this starting line.

*Show the first two contestants where to stand.*

“The other two contestants for each team can go out and stand on the two taped Xs out there on the track.

*Point to the taped X marks that are within the taped path on the perimeter of the room. Cue two leaders (one from each team) to stand on each X.*

“The person from each team who’s at the starting line will get inside the sleeping bag. When I say ‘GO,’ they’ll hop on the track toward their next teammate. So if you’re close to the track, make sure you sit back behind the tape line, okay? The next teammate will get inside the sleeping bag, then hop all the way to their final teammate. That final teammate will then get inside the sleeping bag and hop to the finish line.

Audience, your job is simple: to cheer for your leaders. Let’s hop to it! (To the first two contestants at the starting line) Contestants—on your mark, get set, GO!

**AUDIO: FUN, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

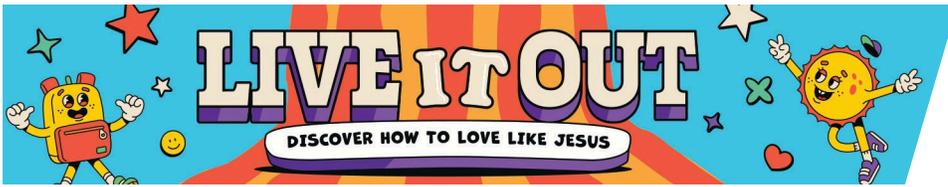
*Comment on the action as you cheer for the teams. Congratulate the team who makes it across the finish line first.*

*Collect the sleeping bags as you dismiss the contestants to their seats.*

“That. Was. EPIC! Let’s give our contestants a round of applause for giving their all!

(Pause.)

And now it’s time for us to sing, dance, and worship God together. Hop up on your feet, everyone!”



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## WORSHIP

*Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Let's go, RidgeKids! Who's ready to start our day with some high-energy worship? I want to see every hand clapping and every voice singing loud. This first song is called 'At the Top of My Lungs'—and that's how we're going to worship—LOUD and JOYFUL! Let's sing it out for our awesome God!"

*VIDEO: "AT THE TOP OF MY LUNGS" LIVE LYRICS*

"That was EPIC! You gave God some serious praise. Now we're going to slow down and listen with our hearts. This next song is a reminder of who God says you are—not what the world says, not what others say—what He says. You are chosen, not forgotten. Free, not bound. Loved, not alone. So take a moment, think about those words, and let's worship God with "Who You Say I Am."

*VIDEO: "WHO YOU SAY I AM" LIVE LYRICS VIDEO*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "That was powerful. Thank you for singing from the heart. Let's close our eyes, take a breath, and pray together."



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## BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

*Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.*

### SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hellooooo! It's great to be here with all of you as we discover how to love like Jesus. Today we're talking about how we can show Jesus' love by encouraging one another.

"This is an idea that we can find here in the book of Hebrews.

*(Hold up Bible.)*

Really, the book of Hebrews is a letter—one of 21 letters in the New Testament. Some of the leaders of the early church wrote these letters to new Jesus-followers to help them understand how they should live and how they should treat others.

"The new Jesus-followers were facing trouble for what they believed, and it makes it hard to follow something when it costs you.

*(Hold up Bible.)*

The person wrote this letter to these new Jesus-followers to encourage them to stay strong and keep following Jesus.

*Open the Bible to Hebrews 10:24 (NirV) and read.*

### STIR UP ONE ANOTHER

STORYTELLER: "Here's part of the letter—from Hebrews chapter 10. Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works. (NirV)

"Let me read that first part again. *Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. (NirV)*

"When I think of 'stirring up,' I think of lemonade.

*Reference the lemonade mix; jug or pitcher of water; empty clear, plastic pitcher; large mixing/stirring spoon; the stack of plastic cups; and the food service gloves on the table.*

"Raise your hand if you've ever made lemonade like this before.

*(Pause for responses.)*

Great! Well, it's pretty simple. You pour the lemonade mix into the pitcher.

*(Demonstrate.)*

Then you add the water.

*(Demonstrate.)*

"Is that all you have to do, though? How would this taste if I poured a cup of it right now? *Pour little bit of "lemonade" into the clear, plastic cup and take a sip.*

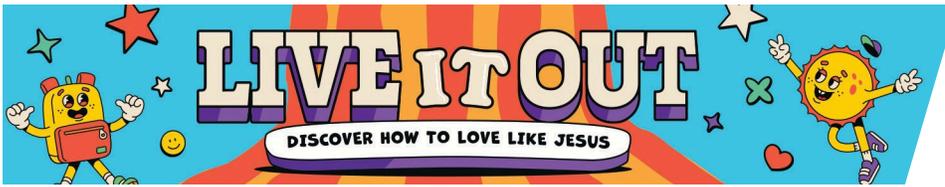
"Hm-mm-mm. That's not quite right. What else do I have to do to the lemonade to make it taste good?

*(Pause for responses.)*

Yes—that's it! I have to stir it up.

*Open the Bible to Hebrews 10:24 (NirV) and read.*

*(Demonstrate again.)*



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*“That reminds me of what we just read in the book of Hebrews: Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. (NirV)*

*Stir the pitcher until the lemonade is mixed well. Put the cup that you drank from aside.*

“Did you know that you can help your friends and the people around you to choose love? That’s what it means here to ‘stir up’ each other. The best way to do that is by showing love yourself.

## GOOD WORKS

STORYTELLER: “Let’s go back and listen to the next part of that verse.

*Open the Bible to Hebrews 10:24 (NirV) and read.*

*Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works. (NirV)*

“Good works! That just means doing good things—things that show God’s love to others.

*Pick up the playground ball and toss it in the air.*

“For example, you might make an effort to include a new student when you’re playing at recess. If you do that, you’ll make it easier for other kids to show that type of kindness too. They’ll see the love you’ve shown . . . and that will ‘stir them up’ to show love too.

*Stir the pitcher of lemonade again, then pour a little more lemonade into a new plastic cup, and take a sip.*

“Mmmmm—that’s much better!

*Pick up the duster.*

“Or maybe you notice that your grandma is really stressed out and keeps saying she needs to clean up . . . but she doesn’t have time to do it. You could offer to dust the furniture for her. Maybe that could ‘stir up’ your brother or sister to want to vacuum for her too!

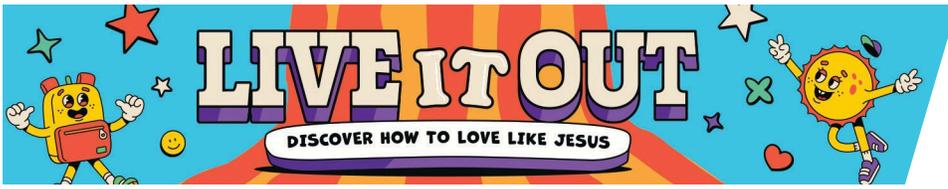
*Stir the pitcher of lemonade again, then pour a little more lemonade into the plastic cup, and take a sip.*

“Wow—even better!

*Put your hand by your mouth like you’re talking about someone secretly, and whisper.*

“Or maybe you hear some kids saying something mean about someone else at school. *(Normal voice; hand back down)* You speak up for that person and say, ‘You know what? You should get to know him better, because he’s really cool.’ If you choose words that bring healing, you show other people that they can make that same choice too. You ‘stir them up’ to show love!

*Stir the pitcher of lemonade again, then pour a little more lemonade into the plastic cup, and take a sip.*



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“MMMMM! Now THAT is some delicious lemonade. It can be pretty sweet when we decide to encourage each other and stir each other up to show love.

“And really, a good work is any action that shows God’s love to others. So, if YOU have an idea for a good work, talk to an adult you trust and invite others to get involved. Maybe you want to help your neighbor by taking their dog for a walk, or helping to pull the weeds out of their flower beds. Maybe you want to make a beautiful drawing for someone who’s having a hard time.

Share your ideas and invite others to join with you!

### ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

STORYTELLER: “And that brings us to the next part of this verse from Hebrews.

*Open the Bible to Hebrews 10:25 (NirV) and read.*

*And let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us encourage one another with words of hope. (NirV)*

*(Reference the pitcher)*

“Now that we’ve got this lemonade tasting just right, I think the best thing to do is to share it!

*Pick up the stack of cups. Put on the food service gloves. (This is a chance to model putting safety first!) Set out the cups and start to fill them with lemonade.*

“Here’s one of the very best ways that we can encourage each other and stir each other up to love. It’s being WITH each other. That’s why we come here to church, and to [name of your environment]. We learn about God together. We learn how God wants us to live. And we encourage each other to show God’s love every day.

“I love coming here to [name of your environment] because I get to spend time with all of you, and I also get to spend time with other volunteers like [volunteers’ names].

*(Calling backstage) Come on out, friends!*

*This is a great opportunity to bring out different volunteers who the kids might recognize—like the Host, Worship Leaders, tech volunteers, welcome team/greeters, etc.*

“As we serve together, we encourage each other—just like you do with your leader and your other friends in your small group. *(To the other volunteers)*

“Here, friends—would you like some lemonade? I stirred it up myself.

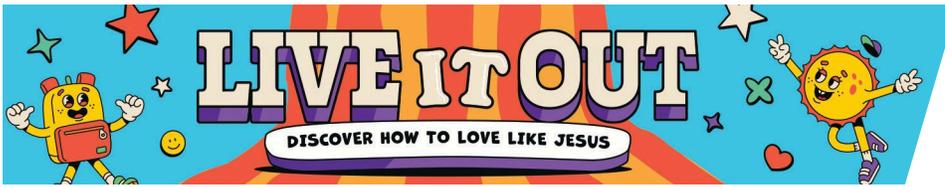
*Hand the cups of lemonade to the other volunteers. They exit.*

*(To audience)* “Think about other people in your life who follow Jesus. How could you encourage them? How could they encourage you?

“It really comes down to spending time together. You can do that by coming here to church. You can spend time with friends who love Jesus at school, or in your neighborhood, or in your activities that you do outside of school. You can even pray and ask God to bring people to your life who follow Jesus. When you spend time with others who love Jesus, you can do what we just read in the book of Hebrews.

*(Hold up Bible.)*

You can encourage each other with words of hope.



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*Move to the front of the stage as you wrap up. Bring a cup of lemonade with you.*

## WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Remember, we can show the love of Jesus by encouraging one other.

*(Hold up the cup of lemonade.)*

We can 'stir up' Jesus' love in our hearts so that we want to show love to others.

"There's a lot of hurt and brokenness in the world. But we can bring hope when we encourage each other and allow God to work through us to change the world around us.

"This is what we need to remember today:

*SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE*

"Encourage one another. Say that with me."

STORYTELLER AND KIDS: "Encourage one another."

*SLIDE: THEME*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP*

*Host enters, sipping a cup of lemonade.*

## WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: "Wow. I love that idea! We can love like Jesus by encouraging the people around us."

STORYTELLER: "Yes. And that especially goes for the people we know who love Jesus. We can encourage them to love like Jesus . . . while they encourage US to love like Jesus. See how that works?"

HOST: "It's really cool how God made us to work together and encourage each other. We can bring hope because of our faith in Jesus. And that can make a big difference for the people around us."

*SLIDE: VIRTUE*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE*

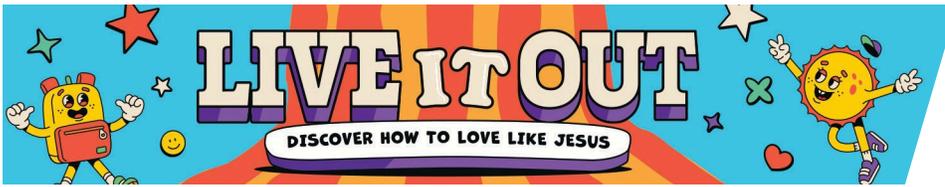
"With Jesus, we can help change the world!"

*SLIDE: THEME*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP*

STORYTELLER: "I'm so glad that we have this time here at [name of your environment] to come together and encourage each other. In just a minute, you'll get to spend time in your small group and do that some more. But first, let's pray and ask God to help us live this out."



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## PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "Dear God, thank You for this reminder today that we can 'stir each other up' to share Your love. Please show us how we can bring hope to the people around us with our encouraging words and actions. Remind us, God, to *[Basic Truth]* treat others the way we want to be treated. Help us encourage each other to do good things for other people and show the love of Jesus in everything we do. 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*

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