



WEEK
TWO
JULY 2025

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Pray for one another.

JESUS PRAYS
JOHN 17:1-26;
1 TIMOTHY 2:1-3

MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving
to each other."

EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV

KEY QUESTION

Who can do what Jesus says?

BOTTOM LINE

I can do what Jesus says.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.

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.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Simon Says
Love Here, There, Everywhere
Craft Stick People

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Love Like Jesus" and "Come On With Me"
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Pass the Love
Bag of Blocks
People to Pray For
Prayer Toss
Prayer Heart
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Memory Verse Card
Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)
Parent Cue App



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



1. SIMON SAYS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather children together in an open space of your activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Play a fun game of Simon Says.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, hello, friends! Come stand with me over here and spread out. I have a fun game for us to play today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We are going to play Simon Says. When I say, 'Simon says,' everyone will do what I say. But be careful and listen closely because, if I don't say, 'Simon says,' we won't do it. *(Pause.)* Are you ready? Simon says clap your hands. *(Clap.)* Simon says jump up and down. *(Jump up and down.)* Jump on one leg. I didn't say Simon says! Good job. *(Continue with fun actions like giving a friend a high five, turn around, sit down, wiggle, etc.)* You are great listeners, and you did what Simon says!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story today, we'll hear how we can do what Jesus says. Let's go hear all about it!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by continuing the game by saying "Simon says tiptoe. Simon says march. Simons says clap." *(Continue with different movements as you travel.)*

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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1. PASS THE LOVE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Spring-loaded clothespins, and paper hearts in a variety of colors

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Sit in a circle with the children. Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a clothespin and demonstrate how to open and close it. Practice with the children. Put the hearts in front of you. Clip one heart in your clothespin and explain that you will pass the heart around the circle from friend to friend.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

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EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit on the floor in a circle with me. Let's do the motions and say our new Memory Verse! Ready to hear it? It goes like this. 'Be kind and loving (*cross hands over chest*) to each other,' (*spread arms out*) Ephesians 4:32. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I have a game for us to play where we can spread the love. (*Give each child a clothespin.*) These are clothespins. If you press the bottom like this, (*demonstrate*) the top will open. Give it a try. (*Pause.*) Okay, now let's spread the love! I'm going to turn to the friend next to me, [*child's name*], and pass the [*color*] heart. [*Child's name*] will pinch the heart with their clothespin and when they have it, I will pinch my clothespin and let it go. Then [*child's name*] will turn to the friend next to them and we'll keep going and going until it makes it back to me. Let's practice. (*Pinch a heart in your clothespin and pass it to the friend next to you.*) Here it comes. (*Help guide the process with your words.*) Great job, everyone! Let's do it again with this [*color*] heart!" (*Repeat as desired.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "You helped each other play the game of passing the heart—passing the love—around our circle! Jesus loves everyone, and we can love everyone, too, because we can do what Jesus says. **Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says."**

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4. PRAYER TOSS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: A soft ball and a laundry basket

BIBLE STORY

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the laundry basket in an open space in your activity area. Gather the children in a line a few feet away from the basket.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the first child to think of someone they want to pray for, say their name out loud, and then toss the ball into the basket. Then they will go to the end of the line and let the next person take a turn. Celebrate each child as they toss and say a name.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story.

MEMORY VERSE

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends. Let's make a line near my basket for our fun game. In our story today, we learned that Jesus prayed for His friends, and He prayed for you and me, too! Today, we're going to play a fun game where we can pray for the people we care about and have fun at the same time!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "[Child's name], who are you praying for? *(Pause for answers.)* Awesome! Toss the ball, and let's see if you can make it in the basket! *(Pause.)* Nice try! Go get the ball and pass it to the next person. *(Pause.)* Next friend, it's your turn. [Child's name] who are you praying for? *(Pause for answers.)* Great! Toss the ball, and let's see if you can make it in the basket! *(Continue with each child. Repeat as desired.)* You all did such an amazing job thinking about all the people you can pray for!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus prayed for His friends. Jesus prayed for you and me and for everyone who would follow Him! We can do what Jesus says and pray for one another. **Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!** One more time. **Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!**"

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

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BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Ephesians 4:32. Keep this card in your Bible all month long.

Encourage the children to give themselves a big hug as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

MEMORY VERSE

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and Memory Verse Hand Motions. Then encourage children to help you make a list in the journal of people they can pray for today.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It's Small Group time! Today we are going to give ourselves a big hug while we walk to our Small Group spot. (*Hug yourself.*) Come on, everyone! Give yourself a hug and follow me! (*Hug yourself as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) Here we are! Let's sit down and talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

BOTTOM LINE

I can do what Jesus says.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) "Hugging is one way to show someone you love them. Jesus showed us another way to love people in our Bible Story today. Do you remember what Jesus did for His disciples and for everyone who will follow Him and be His friend forever? (*Pause.*) Jesus prayed for them! Do you know why Jesus prayed for them? (*Pause.*) Because Jesus loved them, and Jesus loves you, too! Now Jesus wants us to love like Him and pray for one another. We can do that because we can do what Jesus says! You can do what Jesus says and **I can do what Jesus says! Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!**"

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