



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Care for one another.

GOOD SAMARITAN
LUKE 10:25-37;
GALATIANS 6:2

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

Help a Friend
Good Little Samaritans
Campfire Stories

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Love Like Jesus" and "Live it Out"
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Memory Verse Toss
Story Box
Packing List
Hurt Man Helper
Painting with Care
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



WEEK
THREE
JULY 2025

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



2. GOOD LITTLE SAMARITANS

WHAT YOU NEED: Gauze wrap or white crepe paper streamers, plush friends, and scissors

BIBLE STORY

Care for one another.

GOOD SAMARITAN
LUKE 10:25-37;
GALATIANS 6:2

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Cut 18 to 24-inch length of gauze or streamers, three per child. Place the gauze/streamers and plush friends on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to bandage the plush friends using the gauze or crepe paper. Reset and repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving to each other."

EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit with me at the table. I need your help today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Can you tell me what happens if we get a boo-boo on our knee or arm? (*Pause for responses.*) Yes! We need a bandage. And sometimes we may need a hug. (*Hug yourself.*) Our plush friends are sad because they have boo-boos. Can you be kind and loving and help them feel better? You can use these (*hold up a strip of gauze or streamer*) to bandage their boo-boos. Then, give them a hug! Find a friend to help. (*Pause.*) Look at all the friends you cared for today. What an awesome job you did!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today we're going to hear a true story from the Bible that teaches us how we can care for others. Let's go hear about that!"

BOTTOM LINE

I can do what Jesus says.

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by helping in different pretend scenarios. "Oh no, someone fell off their bike—let's stop to help them up. (*Act it out.*) Oh no, this puppy is hungry—let's stop to give him food. (*Act it out.*) Oh, this person has a boo-boo—let's give them a bandage." (*Act it out.*)

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



WEEK
THREE
JULY 2025

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



1. MEMORY VERSE TOSS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Heart-shaped pillow

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.

BIBLE STORY

Care for one another.

GOOD SAMARITAN
LUKE 10:25-37;
GALATIANS 6:2

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Ask children to sit in a circle with you. Review the Memory Verse and motions.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Say the verse, call a child's name, and toss the heart-shaped pillow to them. Ask child to toss the heart-shaped pillow back to you. Continue with each child. Repeat as desired.

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

MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving to each other."

EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Come sit with me in a circle. I have a fun game for us to play that will help us learn our Memory Verse. But first, let's practice saying our verse with the motions. Ready? 'Be kind and loving (cross hands over chest like a hug) to each other,' (spread arms out) Ephesians 4:32. (Open hands like a book.) Awesome job, everyone!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Now let's play a game. I'll say the verse and name someone, like: 'Be kind and loving to . . . [child's name],' and then I'll toss the heart pillow to them. Then they'll toss the heart pillow back, and we'll do it again with another friend until we've all had a turn. Are you ready? Let's start! 'Be kind and loving to . . . [child's name]!' (Toss the heart pillow to that child.) Catch the heart pillow! Great job! Toss it back. (Continue with each child. Repeat as desired.) Wow! You all did such an amazing job saying our verse and being kind and loving to each other!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Let's say the verse and do the motions one more time together. 'Be kind and loving (cross hands over chest like a hug) to each other,' (spread arms out) Ephesians 4:32. (Open hands like a book.) Jesus teaches us to be kind and loving, and when we do, we are doing what Jesus says! So, let me ask you: **Who can do what Jesus says?** (Pause for responses.) Yes! **I can do what Jesus says!**"

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.



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



3. PACKING LIST

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Butcher paper, and washable markers

BIBLE STORY

Care for one another.

GOOD SAMARITAN
LUKE 10:25-37;
GALATIANS 6:2

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Set the butcher paper and the markers on the table. Draw the outline of an open suitcase on the butcher paper. Gather the children around the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Call on the children one at a time to name something they might pack if they were going on a trip. Draw a simple picture or write the name of the item inside the outline of the suitcase. Continue until every child has a chance to share. Continue as time and interest allow.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

“Be kind and loving to each other.”

EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: “Friends, come gather around the table. Have you ever been on a trip? *(Pause.)* So fun! When you go on a trip, you have to pack the things you need to take with you.”

DURING THE ACTIVITY: “Let’s name some things you might pack, and I’ll add them to our suitcase! [Child’s name], what would you pack for a trip? *(Pause.)* That’s a great idea. Let’s draw a picture of that right here. *(Pause.)* [Child’s name], what would you pack for a trip? *(Pause.)* That’s smart! Let’s draw a picture of that in our suitcase. *(Continue with each child.)* So, we’ve packed *(name all the items in the suitcase)*. What else could we pack for a trip? *(Pause.)* Great job! We got lots of great things packed in our suitcase. I think we’re ready for a trip!”

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “The man in our Bible Story was walking along the road when some people hurt him. Two men walked by and did not stop to help. But the third man DID stop to help. The third man was a good friend and cared for the hurt man. Jesus told this story because He wants us to go and care or others in the same way. There are lots of ways we can do what Jesus says and care for others. **Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!**”

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.



WEEK
THREE
JULY 2025

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

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.

BIBLE STORY

Care for one another.

GOOD SAMARITAN
LUKE 10:25-37;
GALATIANS 6:2

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: If you don't 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.

Lead the children to pretend they're riding a donkey to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving to each other."

EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV

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 ways we can care for one another.

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

KEY QUESTION

Who can do what Jesus says?

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to pretend we're riding a donkey to our Small Group spot. Are you ready to ride with me? Giddy up, little donkey! (*Pretend to ride a donkey as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) Whoa, little donkey! Now we can 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.*) "In our Bible Story today, Jesus told a story about a man who stopped to care for a man who was hurt. Jesus told this story because Jesus wants us to care for one another. Give a friend a high five if you can do what Jesus says and care for one other. (*High-five a friend.*) Yay! 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!**"

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

"The Bible verse we're learning will help us remember to care for one another because it says: 'Be kind and loving (*cross hands over chest*) to each other,' (*spread arms out*) Ephesians 4:32. (*Open hands like a book.*) Caring for one another is one way we can 'be kind and loving (*cross hands over chest*) to each other,' (*spread arms out*). Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do! 'Be kind and loving (*cross hands over chest*) to each other,' (*spread arms out*) Ephesians 4:32. (*Open hands like a book.*)"



WEEK
THREE
JULY 2025

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

"You sound wonderful! (*Clap.*) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Since Jesus wants us to care for one another, let's make a list of different ways we can do that! Then we can use the list when we pray. When I say your name, tell me one way you can care for others, and I'll write it in our journal. (*Suggestions: Give food when they're hungry; give a coat when they're cold; give a hug when they're sad; get help when they're hurt; pray for them; say kind and loving words to them; listen when they talk to you. Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Look at all of the ways we can care for one another! (*Hold up the journal.*) Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to teach us how to care for one another. Please help (*name each child*) and me do what Jesus says and care for one another by doing things like (*read the list the children made*). Thank You for always hearing us and loving us, God. You're the best! In Jesus' name. Amen."