



WEEK  
**ONE**  
JULY 2025

SMALL GROUP  
**K-1**

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### I Think It's About... Forgiveness

Forgive One Another/  
Jesus Forgives Peter  
Colossians 3:13

(Supporting: John 13:36-38; 21:1-19)

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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another that Christ Jesus had.

Romans 15:5, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Live It Out—Discover how  
to love like Jesus

### BASIC TRUTH

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

### 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

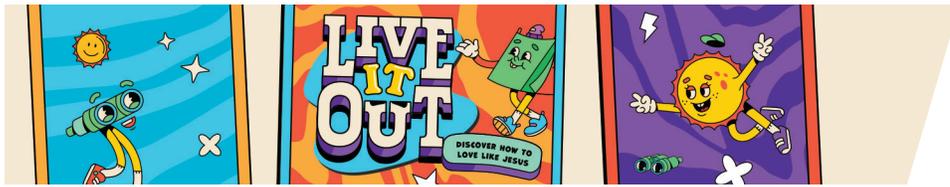
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#### GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Jesus Forgives  
Application Activity: Let It Go!  
Memory Verse Activity: Be Like Jesus  
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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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 sending Jesus. Express your gratitude for Jesus and how He forgives us the moment we ask. Recall a time when someone forgave you. How did it feel? Ask God to help the kids choose to forgive one another. When it feels hard for them to forgive, ask God to help remind them of Jesus' love and forgiveness for them.*

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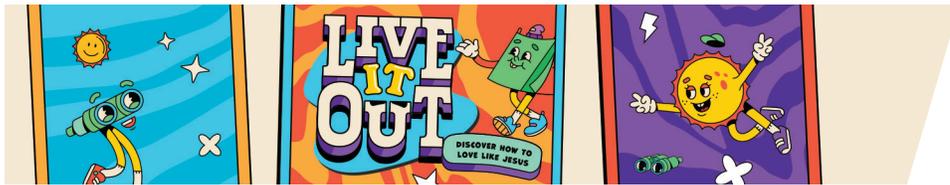
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## 1. EARLY ARRIVER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container, beanbags (or soft items), and a device for playing upbeat music

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Great each kid by name and with a high five as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Lead kids in a variation of the game "Hot Potato."
  - Select a kid to start, and give them the beanbag (or soft item).
  - Begin the music, cueing the kids to pass the beanbag around the circle.
  - When you stop the music, instruct the kid holding the beanbag to quickly drop it.
- Add various challenges and extra fun:
  - Prompt the kids to change the passing direction when you shout, "SWITCH!"
  - Pass two objects at a time in different directions!
  - Vary how long you play the music before stopping it.



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing



## 1. JESUS FORGIVES

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible marked at John 21, “Campfire Recap” Activity Page, “Campfire” Activity Pages placed in sheet protectors, dry-erase markers, paper towels, and coloring supplies

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### WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to join you in a seated circle.
- Ask: “How do you feel when you’ve done something that you know you shouldn’t do—like if you were to yell at someone, push someone, lie to a friend or an adult, or take something that didn’t belong to you?”
  - Pause to give the kids space to respond about how they would feel. (*Kids may feel sad, or afraid they won’t be liked anymore, etc.*)
  - [Make It Personal] Share with the kids how you feel when you’ve done something that hurts someone else’s feelings too.
- Give every kid a “Campfire” Activity Page in a protective sleeve and a dry-erase marker.
- Direct the kids to scribble over their page to show how they described their feelings.
- There is no “right” or “wrong” way for the kids to draw.
- Invite any kids who would like to share their drawings.
- Encourage the kids to share what they remember from today’s Bible Story.
- Respond by saying, “\_\_\_\_\_ (name of kid) remembers that Jesus forgave Peter and asked Peter if he loved Him.”
  - NOTE: Rephrasing validates each kid’s voice and shows them that their words matter.
- Open the marked Bible to John 21 to show kids where today’s Bible Story came from.
- One by one, read the bullet points from “Campfire Recap” Activity Page.
- Ask: “How do you think Peter felt after he denied his close friend, whom he loved, three times?”
  - (*Pause to accept responses. Kids might say sad, bad, terrible, etc.*)
- Ask: “Did Jesus stay angry at Peter? (*Answer: No!*)”
- Ask: “What did Jesus do? (*Answer: Jesus forgave Peter.*)”
- Give each kid a paper towel and direct the kids to erase the drawings on their sheet protector.
- Instruct the kids to remove the “Campfire” Activity Page from the sheet protector.
- Set the coloring supplies in the middle of the circle.
- Invite the kids to draw a picture of themselves and Jesus around the campfire image.



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## (1. JESUS FORGIVES, CONTINUED)

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"After all that Peter had done, Jesus still loved him and forgave him! Jesus forgave Peter, and Jesus forgives YOU too, the moment you ask! I love looking at your drawings of yourself and Jesus around the campfire—I hope this reminds you just how much Jesus loves you! Jesus does MORE than just forgive you. He wants you to keep being His friend! He loves you more than you could ever imagine!

"So, every day, think about how much Jesus loves you and forgives you all the time. It's because of Jesus' love for us that we can 'Live It Out' and **forgive one another.**"



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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space  
for personal understanding



## 4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

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### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give every kid a card from the "Forgiveness Fish" Activity Page.
- Point out and read the Bottom Line: **Forgive one another.**
- Repeat the Bottom Line together several times.
- Prompt the kids to think of someone they might need to forgive.
  - If the kids are stumped, share responses, like: a friend, a sibling, a neighbor, a teammate, etc.
- Set out the coloring supplies.
- Direct kids to turn their cards over.
- Instruct the kids to draw a picture of the person they can forgive on the back of their card.
- Encourage kids to take the cards home as reminders that because Jesus forgives us, we can **forgive one another** too.
- Encourage the kids to hold their cards as you close in prayer.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, Your love for us is more amazing than we can imagine! Thank You SO much for sending Your Son, Jesus, to rescue us. Thank You that You forgive us the moment we ask! Help us remember how You forgive us so that we can be like You and **forgive one another** too. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share today's Bottom Line: **forgive one another.** Invite the kids to share their Forgiveness Fish cards.