



WEEK  
**THREE**  
JULY 2025

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Pray for One Another**  
The Church Prays for Peter  
1 Timothy 2:1  
(Supporting Acts 12:1-19)

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Why is it important to pray?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Pray for One Another.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Romans 15:5, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Live It Out—Discover how to love like Jesus

### BASIC TRUTH

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### 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

Just for Fun  
Opening Activity

### LARGE GROUP

35  
MIN

#### STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

#### WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

Welcome/Opener  
Worship  
Bible Story (Communicator Script)  
Key Question  
Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

25  
MIN

#### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot  
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions  
Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You  
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

### HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)  
Devotionals for Kids  
Parent Cue App



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HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



## 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** hula hoops or floor dots; a device for playing upbeat music

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

### Care for One Another

Good Samaritan  
Galatians 6:2  
(Supporting Luke 20:25-37)

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### WHAT YOU DO:

- Spread the hula hoops (one fewer than the number of kids you have) out across the play area.
- Ensuring that there's enough space for the kids to move around safely while the music plays.
- Explain the game:
  - When the music starts, kids move around—walking, dancing, or hopping.
  - When the music stops, everyone must find a hoop to stand in.
  - Instead of eliminating players, kids must work together to fit into the remaining hoops as the game progresses!
- Begin the game by playing upbeat music and encouraging the kids to move around the group area.
- Stop the music at random, signaling the kids to find a hoop to stand in.
- After each round, remove one hoop to increase the challenge.
- Encourage teamwork by reminding the kids to help each other fit into the remaining hoops.
- Use the challenges below to add some fun and more difficulty to the game.
- Celebrate the kids' for their teamwork after the final round, highlighting how they worked together to make sure everyone could stay in the game.

### CHALLENGES:

- Round 1: Everyone in the hoop must stand on one foot.
- Round 2: Only one person in the hoop can have their feet on the ground—others must be carried or balanced.
- Final Round: Everyone must fit into the last hoop and hold hands while staying balanced for 10 seconds.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job, everyone! I loved watching how you all worked together to ensure everyone could stay in the game, even as the hoops got smaller. You included our friends in the circle so they wouldn't be eliminated, and that was so thoughtful! **[Transition] Caring for others and making room for them in our lives is so important. Today, we'll hear a story from Jesus about three people, and what one of them did to care for someone in need. Let's go!**

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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25 MINUTES

### MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



### 1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Paper Heart" Activity page, pens or markers, and a basket

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#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids together.
- Set a basket near the group.
- Give each kid a blank heart cutout from the "Paper Heart" Activity page and a pen or marker.
- Invite the kids to think about ways to care for people in their community, family, or other areas of their lives.
- Direct them to write their ideas on their heart cutout.
- Encourage the kids to be thoughtful and specific with their ideas.
- If the kids need help getting started, suggest the following:
  - Write an encouraging note to a friend who is going through a hard time.
  - Help my grown up with folding the clothes.
  - Invite a new kid at school to sit with me at lunch.
  - Donate old toys to younger kids who don't have any.
- Give the kids enough time to think and write their responses on their heart cutouts.
- Once everyone is finished, invite the kids to share one or more of their ideas aloud.
- After each kid shares, invite them to place their heart into the basket.
- Share with kids that this shows us how many different ways there are to care for those around us. And there are even more!
- Encourage the kids to ask God to help them see how they can care for the people in their path.
- Discuss with the kids how small acts of care and kindness can make a big difference in the lives of others.
- **[Make It Personal] Share about an age-appropriate time you cared for someone in need. Was it a family member? Sibling, friends, or a stranger?**



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### 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW] WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

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#### WHAT YOU ASK:

- How can you show someone you care?
- Have you ever been like the Good Samaritan and helped someone in need? What did you do, and how did it feel?
- How does Jesus care for us?
- What are some simple ways you could help a friend or family member?

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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



## 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Hearts from the Application Activity and a basket

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- Invite the group to form a circle.
- Place the basket with the hearts in the center of the circle.
- Ask: What is prayer?
  - *Thank the kids for sharing! Explain that prayer is a conversation they can all have with God anytime, anywhere, about anything!*
- Explain the activity:
  - Each kid will take turns pulling a heart from the basket.
  - The kids will pray for the person or group written on the hearts, asking God to be with them. The group will pray for God to show them all ways to act on their care ideas.
- Invite a kid to pull the first heart and read it aloud.
- Continue around the circle, allowing each kid to pull a heart from the basket, share it, and pray.
- Call on different kids to pray.
- Encourage the group to reflect on how they can actively care for others this week.
- Once every kid has pulled a heart, close your group in prayer.