

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

Forgive 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

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.

SMALL GROUP

10
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction
Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

30
MIN

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

SMALL GROUP

20
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect Bible Story

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience
Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

25 MINUTES

10 MINUTES

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Carry You Home
Care for One Another/
Good Samaritan
Galatians 6:2
(Supporting: Luke 10:25-37)

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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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: "Hey, hey, hey everybody! Welcome back to [your environment's name]!"

"Let's start out by seeing how everybody's doing today! If you're having a pretty good day, give me a thumbs-up like this (*demonstrate*). And if you're having a pretty 'okay' day, give me a thumb-sideways like this (*demonstrate*). And finally, if you're having a rough day, give me a thumbs-down like this (*demonstrate*). Okay, cool! Well, whatever kind of day you're having, it's about to get better because we're going to play a game we like to call: 'Swimming, Canoe, Paddleboard!' It's a game you play with motions!"

"First, I need to show you the motions for each of the three things. 'Swimming' is moving your arms in front of you as though you're swimming the freestyle stroke—like this (*demonstrate*). For 'Canoe,' you're going to move your arms like this, as though you're paddling oars through the water (*demonstrate*). And then finally, 'Paddleboard' is when you lie down on the ground with your feet up and paddle like this, like you're going out in the water on a paddleboard (*demonstrate*).

"For each round of the game, you'll choose one of these motions or actions to do. Once everyone has chosen their 'Swimming,' 'Canoe,' or 'Paddleboard' stance, then [Worship Leader Volunteer's Name] will choose one and turn around to do that motion.

"If you've chosen the same motion as [Worship Leader Volunteer's Name], then you're still in. Everyone else will be out. We'll do a practice round, and then will do as many as it takes to get a winner! I'll determine if the person who is left is on the Red or Blue Team. And if you're the last person standing, your team will get a point here on the board!"



“Ready for a practice round, [Worship Leader Volunteer’s Name]? (Pause for response.) Great! Let’s go!”

(Pause as the Worship Leader Volunteer leads a practice round.)

“That was awesome! You sure have some smooth moves! Are you ready to lead a real game

[Worship Leader Volunteer’s Name]? (

Pause for response.)

Wonderful! Ready... set... go!”

AUDIO: FUN, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Comment on the action as the kids play. Have the scorecard and writing utensil ready. Award one point to the team that the winning kid is on.

Play several rounds, if you have time, award points to appropriate teams each round. .

“That was really fun! Today, we’re going to be talking about what it looks like to live and love like Jesus. Did you know we can do that, and it can actually change the world? But we can’t do it in our own strength. Check out what a follower of Jesus named Paul wrote in the book of Romans.

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

Open the Bible to Romans 15:5 (NirV) and read.

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Christ Jesus had. (Romans 15:5, NirV)

“God can help us live like Jesus. But before we get into that, let’s let our [Worship Leader Volunteer’s Name] is going to show off even more skills as they lead us in worship! Everyone, let’s all get up on our feet to sing and praise God with our Worship Team!”



WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

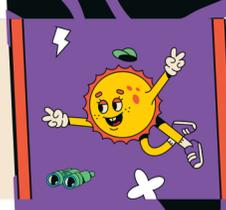
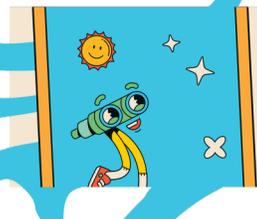
WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, it's time for us to light up this room for Jesus! Let's go 'all in' today and give God all we've got with 'This Little Light!' Can we do that? This song isn't just about singing; it's about living out God's love in our actions, too! Clap your hands, jump up and down! Sing with all of your heart! Let's show the world that we are His light!"

[VIDEO: "THIS LITTLE LIGHT" LIVE LYRICS](#)

"That was so energetic! You truly brought 'This Little Light' to life! Now, let's keep our hearts focused on God as we sing about His incredible power and how truly great He is. The Bible tells us in Psalm 145:3, 'Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.' 'Great Are You Lord' is perfect for this, reminding us of His majesty and might. Let's sing together, declaring His awesome power!"

[VIDEO: "GREAT ARE YOU LORD" LIVE LYRICS VIDEO](#)

WORSHIP LEADER: "Amazing! Let's pray."



WEEK
THREE
JULY 2025

LARGE GROUP
K-3

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

25 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "If we want to live like Jesus, we need to care for one another. We can see a great example of that in our story today—this story is recorded in a book of the Bible called Luke.

(Hold up Bible.)

During Jesus' time on Earth, He traveled to many towns and cities, teaching people about God. To help people understand, Jesus often used something called parables!

"You might be wondering what a parable is! That's a great question! 'Parables' are short stories that teach about God and God's Kingdom. Parables often use everyday objects and situations to teach. Since Jesus was a master storyteller, His stories encouraged people to think deeply about His messages and help them remember what He said.

"For today's story, we're going to look at one of the many parables Jesus told. As I tell Jesus' parable, I'm going to choose a few volunteers along the way to help me! So, if you come up to help, I'm going to pose you like a statue to make a scene for everyone else to see. Sound good?

(Pause for responses.) Great! Let's get going!

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

STORYTELLER: "First, let me tell you about what one of Jesus' followers, the apostle Paul, wrote about in one of his letters.

Open the Bible to Galatians 6:2 (NIRV) and read.

Carry one another's heavy loads. If you do, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

"A parable Jesus told was an incredible picture of what that idea, carrying one another's heavy loads, can look like. Let me get some volunteers up here to help me tell this parable. Can you raise your hand if you want to volunteer to tell this first part of the story?

Choose 6-8 people, including a male leader to be Jesus.

Position them as statues so Jesus is talking and everyone else is listening, except one person who is asking a question. Remind the volunteers that they're statues so they aren't moving—just posed.

"Great! Now, let me tell you what happened that day when Jesus told the parable.

Open the Bible to Luke 10:25-29 (NIRV) and read.

One day an authority on the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to receive eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" Jesus replied.

"How do you understand it?" He answered,

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength and with all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do that, and you will live."

But the man wanted to make himself look good. So he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"



“Wow. You can all return to your seats. Thank you. (

Pause while the volunteers return to their seats.)

“Sounds like a good question, right? Sadly though, this man was REALLY asking what was the LEAST he could do to keep God’s laws. Jesus knew what was in the law expert’s heart and so, instead of giving him a direct answer, He told a story.

“Now let me get three different volunteers, and also that other adult volunteer who I spoke with earlier. Raise your hand if you want to volunteer?”

Choose three kids. They will be the robbers. Also invite the Host (or another adult male volunteer) to be the man who gets beaten up. Position the “robbers” so the man (male volunteer) is walking and they are trying to stop him and fight him. Remind them that they’re statues so they aren’t moving—just posed.

SOMEONE NEEDS HELP

STORYTELLER: “Great! Now that all of you are posed let me continue to tell Jesus’ parable.

“A man was walking down a road from Jerusalem to Jericho. On his way, the man was attacked by robbers! They beat up the man and took off, leaving the man almost dead.

Remove the three robbers from the scene and position the man (the male volunteer) to be lying on the ground, beaten up. Instruct the three “robbers” to return to their seats.

“Can I have one volunteer for the next part of the story? (Look for volunteers and choose one.) Thank you for volunteering! Let me arrange you right here as a statue.

Position the new volunteer as a priest as though he’s walking by and looking with disgust at the man on the ground.

“A priest happened to be passing by. A priest was a religious leader, and he was supposed to be kind like God is kind. But when the priest saw the injured man, he crossed to the other side of the road to avoid getting near him instead of helping.

Instruct the volunteer who played the priest statue to stand still for a moment and then return to their seat.

“Can I have another volunteer for the next part of the story? (Look for volunteers and choose one.) Awesome! Let me arrange you right here as a statue.

Position the new volunteer as a Levite as though he’s walking by and looking with disgust at the man on the ground.

“Then a Levite also came by. A Levite was another religious leader who would use music to worship God. Do you think the Levite helped? Nope! He did the same thing as the priest.



Instruct the volunteer who played the Levite statue to stand still for a moment, and then return to their seat.

“Can I have one more volunteer for this last part of the story? (*Look for volunteers and choose one.*) Awesome! Let me arrange you right here as a statue.

Position the volunteer as a Samaritan kneeling to help the man with care.

THE SAMARITAN CARES

STORYTELLER: “Then a Samaritan man came along. At this time, Jewish people and Samaritans were not friends. In fact, they were enemies. They worshipped God differently and avoided each other pretty much always. In fact, most Jewish people would travel many miles out of their way to keep from meeting a Samaritan. But when the Samaritan saw the traveler, he felt sorry for him. The Samaritan man bandaged the traveler’s wounds and cared for him.

Position the volunteer Samaritan helping the hurt man to his feet.

“The Samaritan put the injured man on his donkey and took him to an inn. Before leaving the next day, he gave some money to the innkeeper, to pay for any extra expense.

“Thank you so much for helping today, volunteers! And those of you who helped earlier too! Can we get a round of applause for ALL of our actors?”

Send the volunteers back to their seats.

“When Jesus finished telling the story, He asked this question:

Open the Bible to Luke 10:36-37 (NirV) and read.

“Which of the three do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?”
The authority on the law replied, “The one who felt sorry for him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do as he did.” (NirV)



WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Jesus' story made it clear that our neighbors aren't just the people we like or who live near us. A neighbor is ANYONE we meet who needs our help. When we love others like Jesus, we can know that we are living the way God created us to live.

"It's like what Paul wrote in a letter to the Galatians that we read earlier.

Open the Bible to Galatians 6:2 (NIRV) and read.

*Carry one another's heavy loads. If you do, you will fulfill the law of Christ.
When we choose to live like Jesus and think about what our neighbor needs,*

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"We are choosing to **care for one another** as Jesus cares for us. Say that with me"

STORYTELLER AND KIDS: "**Care for one another.**"

Host enters.

STORYTELLER, HOST, AND KIDS: "**Care for one another.**"

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: "A Samaritan stopping to help a Jewish person definitely wouldn't have been what the people of that time in history would expect. But Jesus wanted to make it clear that God's love is for everyone—not just the people in one particular group.

"The most amazing way God showed His love for everyone is by sending Jesus. Before this, we were separated from God by our sin or the things that we choose to do instead of following what God wants us to do. But He loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross so that we can have a close relationship with God. And when you choose to believe in God and follow Jesus, then God helps you truly care for other people just like Jesus does.

"One of the best ways we can love like Jesus is to care for one another and for the people who God puts in our path every day. Jesus reminded us that we can care for people who are different from us. "And, often, caring for others looks like doing MORE than you have to."

STORYTELLER: "That's right! Sometimes caring for one another looks like volunteering to help clean up toys before you're even asked. Or maybe even cleaning up a mess that you didn't even make. Caring for one another could be spending time with a friend who is sad or helping your mom or dad around the house when they're not feeling well."



SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

“Those are all ways we can ‘Live It Out,’ by discovering how to love like Jesus! Let’s pray.”

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: “Dear God, thank You for the parables that Jesus told to help all of us understand how we are supposed to treat each other. Please help us to *[Basic Truth] treat others the way [we] want to be treated* and to love others like Jesus does. 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

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP