

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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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

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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: "Hello, friends! My name is [your name] and I want to welcome you to [your environment's name]! This month we're discovering how to live and love others like Jesus. Because when we do that, it can actually change the world!

Now, that might sound really hard, but check out what the apostle Paul wrote in the book of Romans.

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

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

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"We'll get into that in a few minutes, but first let's finish out our summer team competition, shall we?"

"All summer long, our Red and Blue Teams have been competing and today is our final competition . . . a next-level game of Connect Four! So, I'll need five kids from the Red Team and five kids from the Blue Team.

"If you want to play the game, raise your hand!"

Choose five kids from the Red Team and five kids from the Blue Team with their hands raised. Be intentional about choosing kids who are all around the room, not just kids who are at the front!



(Pause for the ten volunteers to join you. Point to the grid on the floor.)

“As you can see, we’ve got a grid on the floor. We are going to play a massive game of Connect Four!

“If you are playing for the Red Team, stand with your team right here behind this starting line. If you are playing for the Blue Team, stand with your team right here behind this starting line. Here are seven paper plates for each team. See how the paper plates are red for the Red Team and blue for the Blue Team?”

Instruct the teams to stand together with their team, behind their team’s starting line that’s several feet away from the grid. Give the Red Team the seven red paper plates. Give the Blue Team the seven blue paper plates.

“When I say go, the first person from each team will run up to put a plate into one of the spots on the grid before running back to tag the next person in line to go. You’ll keep running up and adding plates until you don’t have any more. Then you’ll run up to the grid and move one of your team’s plates to a new spot. The first team to get four in a row wins that round and gets a point! I’ll keep track of the points for each round on our handy-dandy scoreboard we’ve used all month!

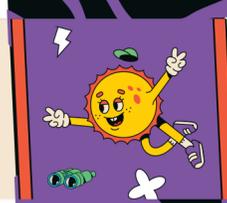
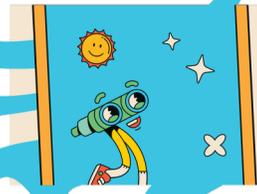
“Does everyone understand? Have any questions? *(Answer any questions and make sure all of the kids who are playing understand the game.)* Anyone else who is not playing, get loud and cheer for your team as they play! Audience, you can also try to help your teammates if you see a move they need to make—we are all in this together! If there aren’t any more questions, let’s get this party started!

Ready... set... go!

AUDIO: FUN, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Play as many rounds as time allows, cheering on the teams and awarding points. The winning team for this week’s competition is the team that won more rounds of Connect Four. Declare a winner of this week’s competition and a winning team for the summer competition.

“Way to go, everybody! Both the Red and Blue Teams did great all summer long, so give yourselves a hand! Now, let’s all get up on our feet to sing and dance with our Worship Team and tell God that we love Him!”



WEEK
FOUR
JULY 2025

LARGE GROUP
K-3

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, everyone! It's time to get on your feet! Are you ready to sing, move, and look ALIVE?! We're kicking things off with 'Alive' by Hillsong Young & Free! This song is all about how God makes us new and sets us free, just like it says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!' So, let's sing loud and celebrate that we are ALIVE in Him!"

[VIDEO: "ALIVE" LIVE LYRICS](#)

"Great job! That was an awesome way to celebrate being alive in Jesus! Now, let's calm our hearts a bit and focus on how truly great our God is. We're going to sing 'Great Are You Lord' by All Sons and Daughters. This song helps us remember that God is powerful, amazing, and there's no one like Him. When we sing 'It's your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise,' it reminds us that every breath we take is a gift from Him. Let's sing with our whole hearts about His greatness!"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Amazing! Thank you for singing and worshiping with us this morning! Let's pray."



BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "If we want to love like Jesus, we need to teach one another. We can see an example of that in the book of Matthew from the Bible.

(Hold up Bible.)

Matthew is the first book in the New Testament, and it was written by one of Jesus' friends named Matthew.

"As Matthew recorded, when Jesus, God's Son, was on Earth, He traveled from town to town, teaching and healing. People followed Jesus everywhere. They even followed Jesus to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast, where many of those people were ready to make Him King.

"But at that same time, there were religious leaders in the area who did not like the attention that Jesus was getting. They made plans to get rid of Jesus. And a few days later, they followed their plan and sentenced Jesus to die on the cross.

"But then Jesus defeated death when He was raised back to life! His friends were overjoyed.

AN IMPORTANT JOB

STORYTELLER: "The apostle Paul wrote these words to the church in Rome.

Open the Bible to Romans 15:14 (NirV) and read.

My brothers and sisters, I am sure that you are full of goodness. You are filled with knowledge and able to teach one another. (NirV)

"Paul encouraged the believers in Rome that they could teach each other. It's an idea that actually started with Jesus! "Over the 40 days after Jesus returned to life, MANY people met Him in lots of places... like at the garden tomb... along the road to the town of Emmaus... in a home where the disciples were staying... on a lakeshore in Galilee. More than 500 people saw Jesus with their own eyes!

"At one point, Jesus instructed His eleven disciples to meet Him on a specific mountain in Galilee. So, they all climbed the rocky hillside. When Jesus appeared, they all bowed down to worship Him, even though some of them could still barely believe it was true. Jesus explained why He had gathered them.

Open the Bible to Matthew 28:18-20 (NirV) and read.

Then Jesus came to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end." (NirV)



THE HOLY SPIRIT

STORYTELLER: “A few weeks later, Jesus went back into heaven to be with God. But when He left, He told His followers that a Helper would come. The Helper is the Holy Spirit. When we follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to live with us. In this way, Jesus can be with all of us, all the time. That’s super-important, because without Jesus, we can’t do what He taught us to do when He told us to teach others about Him.

TEACH OTHERS

STORYTELLER: “Paul wrote to the church in Rome and it applies to us when he wrote that we are able to teach one another. God has given each of us a unique story, and that means we each know Jesus in a different way. We each have a different part of God’s story to share with others.

Hold up a cross sticker.

“This sticker represents God’s love, His wisdom, and the things He has taught us. All summer, you’ve learned lots of things about how to be like Jesus. So, as you think about the things you’ve learned, go and teach it to others!

Give leaders a sheet of stickers, have them share the sticker sheets with the older kids in the room who can give stickers to the younger kids in the room.

“What we just did with those stickers is exactly what God wants us to do with His love. He wants us to share it with others by teaching them about Jesus!

“And if you’re not sure how to do it, ask Jesus for help! When you ask Jesus for help, He will help you to teach others about Him. What you DO can show others about Jesus just as much as you can with what you SAY.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Sometimes, the best way to teach others about Jesus’ love is to SHOW it through sharing something you’re good at.

“God has given you something important to share with the world and to teach those around you.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Teach one another. Say that with me”

STORYTELLER AND KIDS: “Teach one another.”

Host enters.

STORYTELLER, HOST, AND KIDS: “Teach one another.”

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP



WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: “It’s easy to think that the only people who can teach are teachers. But we can teach each other too! “We know that Jesus spent His time on Earth teaching others about God and God’s love in everything He said and did. And then He told His disciples—and us—to do the same thing! All of us have something to teach others.”

STORYTELLER: “That’s right! And while it’s important to TELL people about Jesus, it’s just as important to SHOW them the love of Jesus in your actions. You have the perfect tool to teach others—your own life experiences! If you’ve spent time learning a skill or you’ve been through hard times, you can share that with others.

“So, if you have a new student in your class at school, you could show them how to go through the lunch line in the cafeteria. Or if you’ve been taking piano lessons and you have a friend who wants to learn to play, you could teach them what you know!

“And, as an added bonus, when we teach someone else, we usually get better at what we’re teaching.

“So now, as you reflect on everything you learned, go and teach it to others.

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

“Those are all ways you 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 so much for helping us to learn this summer how we can love like Jesus! Help us to look for ways to teach each other more about Jesus. 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