

3-5s | W4

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

The Bible Teaches
Little Shirts, Big Love!
Dress-Up

Large Group (20 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship
Bible Story
Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

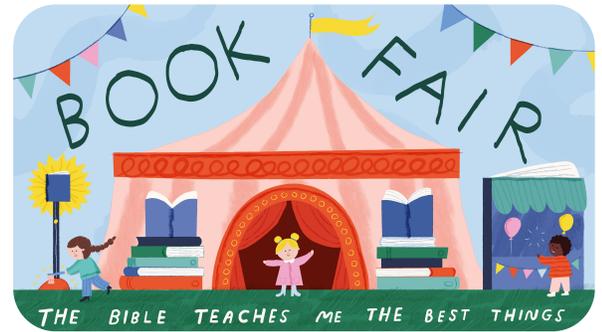
Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Bookmark
Bible Stickers
Greeting Cards
Mega-Tunnel
Reading the Bible
Journal and Prayer

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Memory Verse Card
Parent Cue Card (print or email)
Parent Cue App and ParentCue.org

*Allergy Alert



Bible Story

Tabitha and Timothy • Acts 9:36-39; 1 Timothy 4:12 | I can live for God.

Key Question

What does the Bible teach you?

Bottom Line

The Bible teaches me the best things.

Memory Verse

"Your word is truth" (John 17:17 NIV).

19 min

Worship

3 min

Worship Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I am SO happy to see you today because I have something SO important to tell you: God loves you, and God loves me! Isn't that amazing!"

Cross arms over chest.

"God loves me ...

Pat the top of your head.

"From the tippy top of my head..."

Point to your feet as you wiggle them.

"To the bottom of my wiggly toes.

"Let's learn to do that first part together. Say and do this: (*Cross arms over chest.*) 'God loves me.'"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: (*Cross arms over chest.*) "God loves me."

Repeat as needed until the children join in.

WORSHIP LEADER: (*Pat the top of your head.*) "From the tippy top of my head."

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: (*Pat the top of your head.*) "From the tippy top of my head."

Repeat as needed until the children join in.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Now let's do that last part. Do this with me: (*Point to your feet as you wiggle them.*) 'To the bottom of my wiggly toes.'"

Repeat as needed until the children join in.

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: (*Point to your feet as you wiggle them.*) "To the bottom of my wiggly toes."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Now let's put it all together!"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: (*Cross arms over chest.*) "God loves me (*pat the top of your head*) from the tippy top of my head (*point to your feet as you wiggle them*) to the bottom of my wiggly toes."

3 min

Amazing Music | Option 1 w/ Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

Note: A video of the Memory Verse Motions is available in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

Repeat as needed until the children join in.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes! God loves you SO much!"

Amazing Music is available to stream for free in APlay.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Now, let's stand up, and let's sing and celebrate God because we can show everyone how much God loves them."

Lead children in singing "This Little Light of Mine."

"Great singing, friends! Now let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!"

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"Your (*point up*) word (*open hands like a book*) is truth," (*move index finger forward from mouth*) John 17:17. (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

"Great job, friends! Jesus, God's Son, said that everything that God says is true! And we can read God's words in the Bible. Now let's sing one more song together."

Lead children in singing "The B-I-B-L-E."

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) . . . sit down (*sit down*) . . . shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) . . . so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

"Great singing, friends! Now let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!"

"God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*) loved the world so much (*cross arms over chest*) that he gave his only Son," (*rock arms like a baby*) John 3:16. (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

"Great job, friends! Let's sing one more song about the night Jesus was born."

5 min

Orange Kids Music | Option 2

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Worship Closer

What You Need

No supplies needed

Orange Kids Music is available for purchase at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate God!"

Lead children in singing "The Bible Teaches Me the Best Things."

"Great singing, friends! Let's sing one more song together.

Lead children in singing "Important Things."

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) . . . sit down (*sit down*) . . . shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) . . . so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) . . . sit down (*sit down*) . . . shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) . . . so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

21 min

Bible Story Section (Rug)

8 min

Wonder Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Bible Story | Live

What You Need

-  Bible 1
-  Option: Cardstock 1

What You Do:

- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

"The Bible has God's words in it, and we can learn so much when we read about the people in the Bible. And today, I am going to tell you about (*hold up two fingers*) two people in the Bible who lived for God. Living for God means doing what God says and being like Jesus.

"The first true story from the Bible is about a woman named Tabitha.

SLIDE: Story Image W4 01

"Tabitha (*cross arms over chest*) loved God, and she wanted to live for God.

SLIDE: Story Image W4 02

"One way Tabitha lived for God was by helping people. Tabitha made clothes for people to wear.

"If you are wearing a shirt, can you point to your shirt?

Point to your (or a child's) shirt.

"If you are wearing pants, can you point to your pants?

Point to your (or a child's) pants.

"If you are wearing a dress, can you point to your dress?

Point to your (or a child's) dress.

"Yes, we all need clothes. And Tabitha made a lot of clothes! She helped a lot of people.

"But that's just one way to live for God. Let's hear another.

"This true story from the Bible is about a young man named Timothy.

SLIDE: Story Image W4 03

"Timothy (*cross arms over chest*) loved God and wanted to live for God, too.

"Now raise your hand if you are young? (*Pause.*) Well, guess what? Timothy was young, too!

SLIDE: Story Image W4 04

"And even though Timothy was young, he taught others about God. Timothy told people that God loved them.

"Let's all say this together: 'God loves you!'"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "God loves you!"

LEADER: "Yes, Timothy taught people about God and showed them how to love like Jesus. Timothy lived for God!"

"There are so many different ways that we can live for God. Let's all think of different ways we can live for God. (*Tap head.*) Think, think, think

"Can you draw a picture to cheer up a friend? (*Listen.*) Yes!

"Can you tell people that God loves them? (*Listen.*) Yes!

"Can you share food with other people? (*Listen.*) Yes!

"We can live for God--every day and everywhere we go!

Raise your hand.

"Raise your hand if you think you can live for God. (*Pause.*) Everyone's hand should be up because we can all live for God—just like Tabitha and Timothy!

"These Bible stories about Tabitha and Timothy show us that we can do what God says and be like Jesus.

"The Bible has God's words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things!**What does the Bible teach you?"**

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] "The Bible teaches me the best things!"

LEADER: "Yes, [*Bottom Line*] The Bible teaches me the best things.

Pick up and close Bible.

3 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

[Transition] "Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank you for giving us the Bible. We can read about people like Tabitha and Timothy and how they helped people. You're the best God! We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

[Transition] "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Lead small group to the first activity.

22 min

Bible Story Section (Stage)

3 min

Intro Sketch

What You Need

No supplies needed

Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host carries a large sketchpad and thick chisel-tip marker.

HOST: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]!"

Show children the sketchpad, and open it up.

"I learned something new this week, and I want to tell you all about it. I checked out a book from the library, and it showed me how to draw a robot! I was so excited! Can I show you what I learned? (*Listen.*) Fantastic!"

Open the marker and draw as you continue to talk.

"First, you draw a square up top ... and then you draw some eyes and a mouth ... and then you have the robot's head! Look!"

Show the children the robot head. Then begin drawing again as you continue talking.

"Next, you draw a bigger square in the middle ... then you draw some circles across the middle, so the robot has buttons and lights ... and now you have the robot's body!"

Show the children the drawing. Then begin drawing again as you continue talking.

"Then, you draw some legs and feet ... and some arms with hands ... and now you have a robot!"

Show the children the completed drawing.

"I think I'll call him Robby the robot."

Close your marker and sketchpad.

"I love reading books because you learn new things that you can do—like drawing a robot!"

"Hey, did you know that God gave us a book? It's called the Bible! The Bible has God's words in it, and when we read it, we can learn so many things!"

"Let's listen to [Storyteller's name] tell us a true story from the Bible and see what we learn. See you soon!"

8 min

Wonder Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

8 min

Bible Story | Live

What You Need

 Bible	1
 Shawl	3
 Adult-size T-shirt	1
 Dress (something large enough to fit over a preschooler)	1
 Child's robe	1
 Box of crayons	1
 Toy microphone	1
 Toy food	1
 Laundry basket	1
 Option: Cardstock	1

What You Do:

- Put the crayons, toy microphone, and toy food in the bottom of the laundry basket.
- Put the T-shirt, dress, and child's robe on top of the previous items in the laundry basket.
- Put the shawl on top of everything in the laundry basket.
- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible and the prepared laundry basket.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name] ...

Put down the laundry basket.

"And I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

"The Bible has God's words in it, and we can learn so much when we read about the people in the Bible. And today, I am going to tell you about (*hold up two fingers*) two people in the Bible who lived for God. Living for God means doing what God says and being like Jesus.

"But first, I need a few helpers.

Choose three preschoolers to help with the story. Line them up in the center of the storytelling area, facing the audience.

"The first true story from the Bible is about a woman named Tabitha.

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"Tabitha (*cross arms over chest*) loved God, and she wanted to live for God.

SLIDE: Story Image W4 02

"One way Tabitha lived for God was by helping people. Tabitha made clothes for people to wear.

Put on the shawl from the laundry basket so you can be Tabitha.

(To the first volunteer.) "I made you a shirt. Here you go!

Slip the shirt from the laundry basket onto the first preschooler.

(To the second volunteer.) "I made you a dress. Here you go!

Slip the dress from the laundry basket onto the second preschooler.

(To the third volunteer.) "I made you a robe to keep you warm. Here you go!

Slip the robe from the laundry basket onto the third preschooler.

(To the volunteers.) "Thank you so much for helping me show everybody how Tabitha helped people.

Direct the volunteers to another volunteer who will help the children remove the clothing you just put on them.

"Everyone needs clothes to wear, and Tabitha made a lot of clothes! She helped a lot of people.

"But that's just one way to live for God. Let's hear another.

"This true story from the Bible is about a young man named Timothy.

SLIDE: Story Image W4 03

"Timothy *(cross arms over chest)* loved God and wanted to live for God, too.

"Now raise your hand if you are young? *(Pause.)* Well, guess what? Timothy was young, too!

SLIDE: Story Image W4 04

"I need someone young to be Timothy.

Choose a preschooler to be Timothy and bring them to the center of the storytelling area.

"Even though Timothy was young, he taught others about God. Timothy told people that God loved them.

(To the Timothy volunteer.) "I want you to tell everyone this: 'God loves you!'"

TIMOTHY VOLUNTEER: "God loves you!"

STORYTELLER: "Oh, a little loud, Timothy."

TIMOTHY VOLUNTEER: "God loves you!"

STORYTELLER: *(To the Timothy volunteer.)* "Great job, Timothy! You can go back to your seat now.

Direct the child to his seat.

(To everyone.) "Timothy taught people about God and showed them how to love like Jesus. Timothy lived for God!

3 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

"There are so many different ways that we can live for God. Let's all think of different ways we can live for God.

Go to the laundry basket, and pull out a box of crayons.

"Can you draw a picture to cheer up a friend? (*Listen.*) Yes!

Put the crayons in the laundry basket, and pull out the children the toy microphone.

"Can you tell people that (*into the toy microphone*) God loves them?-(*Listen.*) Yes!

Put the microphone in the laundry basket, and pull out the children the toy food.

"Can you share food with other people?(*Listen.*) Yes!

Put the toy food in the laundry basket.

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"Raise your hand if you think you can live for God. (*Pause.*) Everyone's hand should be up because we can all live for God—just like Tabitha and Timothy!

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STORYTELLER: "Yes, [*Bottom Line*] The Bible teaches me the best things.

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[Transition] "Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank you for giving us the Bible. We can read about people like Tabitha and Timothy and how they helped people. You're the best God! We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Outro Sketch

What You Need

No supplies needed

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! Tabitha made clothes for people, and Timothy taught people about God. They lived for God, and we can live for God, too.

"I think I (*point to self*) got the story. Did you (*point to children*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?" (*Cup one hand behind ear.*)

CHILDREN and HOST: "Got it!"

HOST: (*Give two thumbs-up.*) "Good!"

"I'm so glad we can read the Bible and learn about people like Tabitha and Timothy. **[Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things.**

[Transition] "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Host dismisses small groups and exits.