



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

More Than Enough
Jesus Feeds 5,000
John 6:1-13

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What do you have that you can use to help others?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Matthew 5:16, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

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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.

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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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to lift your Small Group time today up to God. Ask God for wisdom and insight into ways that your kids can serve those around them. Pray that all will have the courage to have compassion for those around them.

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1. JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, paper plates (or bowls), Goldfish snacks (or small fish beads as a non-food option), tweezers, stopwatch or smartphone timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- As kids arrive, ask them what kind of food they think is best to serve to a large group of people.
- Fill one bowl (or plate) with Goldfish snacks (or fish beads).
- Place the other, empty bowl (or plate) beside the bowl with the fish.
- Explain that kids will take turns having one minute to transfer as many fish from one bowl to the other, using the pair of tweezers and picking up only one fish at a time.
- Ask for a volunteer, and hand them the pair of tweezers.
- Keep track of how many fish they are able to successfully collect in a minute.
- Choose different kids to take turns.
- Transfer "fish" back to the original bowl (or plate) as needed.
- Celebrate the kid who collects the most fish as the winner!



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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- Explain that kids will take turns saying, "I'm going on a picnic, and I'm bringing _____ to share."
 - Kids should think of something they can share with friends that begins with the letter, "A" (For example: apple pie, almonds, etc.).
 - The kid sitting to their left will then say, "I'm going on a picnic, and I'm bringing apple pie/almonds and _____ to share." They should add something they can share with friends that begins with the letter, "B" (For example: blanket or banana bread).
- Choose one kid to go first.
- Continue going around the circle in a clockwise direction, each kid adding to the phrase.
- If time allows, you could play another round, but this time with a different twist, such as "I'm going on vacation, and I'm bringing..."

WHAT YOU SAY:

"All this picnic talk is making me hungry! It seems like this group would put together the best picnic ever! **[Transition]** In our Bible story today, we'll hear about a kid who had something to share with a whole bunch of hungry people! Let's go hear more."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
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MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment



1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Share the Light" Activity Page, LED light up balloons

WHAT YOU DO:

- Direct kids to stand in a circle.
- Choose a kid to go first and hand them the stack of cards from the "Share the Light" Activity Page.
- Ask them to pick the first card, read it out loud for the group, then give an answer on how they could share what they have in that scenario.
- After they share, tell them to pass the cards to the kid on their left.
- Give the kid who just went an LED light up balloon; invite them to blow it up, tie it, and hold it in their hands while the rest of the group takes their turns reading scenarios.
- Continue around the circle, allowing each kid to respond to a scenario then prepare a balloon.
- Once everyone has had a turn, admire the circle lit up with everyone's balloons.
- Explain that everyone has something to share, even if it's as simple as offering up a smile to brighten someone else's day. When we choose to share with others and show compassion, we are living brightly to shine the light of Jesus to the world around us.

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MADE TO MOVE

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2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Tasty Trivia" Activity Page, "Tasty Trivia Key" Activity Page, baskets, pens or pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the group into two teams and ask kids to sit with their team on one side of your group space.
- Give each team a pen or pencil.
- Place a set of cards from the "Tasty Trivia" Activity Page in each basket.
- Set the baskets on the other side of your group space - each one across from a team.
- Explain that when you say "Go!" one kid from each team will choose a unique way to get to their team's basket (skip, hop, leap like a frog, etc.) and pick one of the cards, then return to their group in the same way.
- When they return, they should read the question on the card out loud to their team.
 - Teams can work together to write their answers on the back of the card.
 - As soon as they have an answer written down, another kid from the team will do the same, except they cannot choose the same method that the first person used.
 - Teams will repeat until they have retrieved and responded to all 7 cards.
- Direct teams to choose one kid to go first and say, "Go," to begin.
- Celebrate the first team to answer all 7 questions as the winning team.
- When complete, use the "Tasty Trivia Key" Activity Page to ask each of the questions and allow the group to take turns answering.
- Ask the following questions for further discussion:
 - Do you think the boy knew his lunch could feed a whole crowd?
 - How did Jesus show compassion to the crowd?
 - What can you use to help others?
- Remind kids that we all have something we can use to help others.

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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What do you have that you can use to help others?
- Do you know someone you can help? If so, how can you help them?
- Why should you help others?
- What can stand in the way of your ability to help others?
- Why is it sometimes hard to share?

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MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery



4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible and prepared sensory bin (clear, shallow bin with water beads, LED light bar, prepared "Sensory Scripture" Activity Page, and clear packing tape)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle around the prepared sensory bin.
- *Optional: Dim the lights in your meeting area.*
- Turn on the LED light bar connected to the bin.
- Choose a volunteer to go first and invite them to search through the water beads in the bin to locate a card.
- Once they find one, they should hold on to it, and return to their spot.
- Have that kid choose another kid to search through the sensory bin next.
- Repeat until all verse cards have been found.
 - Allow remaining kids to touch the beads in the bin as well.
- Let the kids with cards take turns using the Bible to look up their verses. (Provide help or let others in the group help, as needed).
- Give each kid a turn to read their verse out loud for the entire group.
- Ask the following questions each time a verse is read:
 - What does this verse tell us about helping?
 - How can you help in this way?
- Remind kids that God wants us to share what we have with those around us.

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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: "Prayer Share" Activity Page, pens or pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle, and make sure to include yourself.
- Tell the kids to think of a prayer request.
- Explain that it could be anything they want to talk to God about.
- Maybe they have a test coming up or they need to forgive a friend.
 - Encourage kids that we all can use prayer, even if everything seems to be going well.
 - Give some suggestions of other ideas of common prayer requests that might apply to them.
- Give each kid a "Prayer Share" Activity Page and a pen or pencil.
- Ask kids to write their name on the top line then briefly write their prayer request in the space provided.
 - Explain they should not write something they wouldn't want to share with the group.
- Once everyone has finished, tell kids to pass their papers to the person sitting on their left.
- Ask kids to rewrite their name and prayer request on the second line of the page they received.
- Repeat until every page has made it completely around the circle.
- Explain that one way we can use what we have to help others is by praying for each other.
- Share with the kids now that they have everyone's prayer requests, they can take these home and use them to pray for each other throughout the week ahead.
- Say a prayer for the entire group.

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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

1. JUST FOR FUN

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container
- Paper plates (or bowls), two for each Small Group
- Goldfish snacks, enough to fill a bowl of plate for each Small Group
 - For a non-food version: Small fish beads, one set for each Small Group
- Tweezers, one pair for each Small Group
- Stopwatch or smartphone timer, one for each Small Group

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- LED light up balloons, one for each kid
- Print "Share the Light" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart, one set for each Small Group

2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Baskets, two for each Small Group
- Print "Tasty Trivia" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart, two sets for each Small Group
- Print "Tasty Trivia Key" Activity Page on paper, one for each Small Group
- Pens or pencils, two for each Small Group

3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Clear packing tape or laminate
- Print "Sensory Scripture" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart, one set for each Small Group
 - Before group time: use the packaging tape or laminate to completely cover each cutout.
- Clear shallow bin, one for each Small Group
- Water beads, one set for each Small Group
- Waterproof LED light strips, at least one for each Small Group (similar to these: <https://bit.ly/3wYjdvu>)
- Before group time:
 - Prepare the water beads according to the instructions on the packaging.
 - Prepare the sensory bin by using clear packing tape to adhere the light strips to the outside bottom of the clear bin. Have the lights side facing through the bottom of the bin.



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- Fill the bin with the prepared water beads. Hide prepared "Sensory Scripture" cards within the water beads.
- *NOTE: If you are unable to dim the lights, omit the LED light bar and simply create a sensory bin.*

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

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print "Prayer Share" Activity Page on paper, one for each kid
- Pens or pencils, one for each kid

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource: **Parent Cue app.**