



WEEK
FOUR
NOVEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Show Me How to Live
Love in Action
1 John 3:16-18

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When has someone been generous to you?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus showed us how to give.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Every good and perfect gift is from God.
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MONTHLY VIRTUE

Generosity—Making someone's day by giving something away

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.

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15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Just for Fun
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
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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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MADE TO CONNECT

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



Before kids arrive, pray for a moment or two, asking God to be present with you and your kids as you connect, play, and process what it means to show others love in how we give of ourselves. Ask the Holy Spirit for His creativity as you talk about ways that the students can show love to their neighbors.

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1. JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, drawing paper, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids as they arrive.
- Invite anyone who brought an offering to place their offering in the offering container.
- Invite kids to take turns sharing about gifts they have been given that they are thankful for.
 - Kids can either illustrate their ideas, act it out, or give clues as to what their gift was.

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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Dough Charades" Activity Page, dough or modeling clay, paper plate

WHAT YOU DO:

- Explain that kids will take turns forming items for the rest of the group to guess.
- Choose one kid to go first; give them the paper plate and the dough or modeling clay.
- Prompt that kid to choose a card from the "Dough Charades" Activity Page without letting anyone else see it.
- Give the kid a few moments to sculpt the item on their card.
- After a few moments, invite the rest of the group to guess what has been sculpted.
- Whoever guesses correctly can be the next kid to choose a card and mold a sculpture.
- Continue playing until everyone has had a turn or as time allows.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job during this game! You had to give your best representation of the item on the card. Some of those items were difficult to sculpt! What did many of the items we sculpted have in common? Which ones seemed different? *(Invite responses.)* **[Transition]** Today, we'll discover how Jesus provided the best representation of how generosity should be a way of life for each of us."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Plastic zip top bags or treat sacks, assorted candy (or small prizes), small note cards, pens or pencils, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids the following questions:
 - Who are some people you will probably interact with this week?
 - Out of those people, who do you think could use a little gift to make them feel special?
- Explain that kids will be given the chance to show generosity (making someone's day by giving something away) by making goodie bags that they can give to some of the people they'll see.
- Set out the supplies for the goodie bags: bags, candy (or small prizes), small note cards, pens or pencils, and markers.
- Give kids time to create a few bags using the supplies provided; encourage them to make 2-3 bags.
- Direct the kids to write notes to go inside each bag to let that person know how much they love them and are grateful for them.
- As kids are working, invite them to share who they will give their bags to and why.
- After everyone has finished making their goodie bags, remind kids that Jesus showed us how to give. He constantly put love into action, and we can do that, too—even when we are generous in the small things.

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2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Cross Cones" Activity Page, "Cross Cones Leader Guide" Activity Page, sports cones, ring toss ring

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set up the 10 cones in the middle of your group space in the shape of a cross.
 - Underneath each cone, place one of the cards from the "Cross Cones" Activity Page.
- Divide the group into 2 teams and invite teams to sit together.
- Explain that teams will take turns sending teammates to toss a ring, trying to land it over one of the cones.
 - If they land it over a cone, kids will remove that cone from the cross and read the question underneath it.
 - Teams can work together to answer.
 - If a team answers correctly, they will receive the number of points listed.
 - If a team answers incorrectly, the opposing team will have an opportunity to answer for 1 point.
 - If neither team answers correctly, provide the answer and proceed with the next team's turn.
 - Refer to the "Cross Cones Leader Guide" Activity Page for the correct answers.
- Choose one team to go first and direct them to send one kid to the middle to toss a ring.
- After that team's turn is over, direct the next team to send one kid to the middle to toss a ring.
- Continue playing until all the cones have been removed and all questions have been answered.
- Celebrate the team with the most points as the winning team.
- Ask the following questions for discussion:
 - Who has God put in your life that you could help?
 - How can you be sure to keep your eyes open for opportunities to help those around you?
 - How can you meet the needs of others?
- Remind kids that there are always needs around us. We can ask God to help us see them and follow Jesus' example to meet them.

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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- When has someone been generous to you?
- When someone is generous to you, does it inspire you to be generous to others? Why or why not?
- What has Jesus given to us?
- How should our lives be affected by what Jesus gave?
- Is it easy to follow Jesus' example?

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4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, "Score Cards" Activity Page, "Jesus Journey" Activity Page, small objects for game pieces, pens or pencils, dice, and clear tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide kids into two teams and ask them to choose a team name.
- Direct each team to sit, facing each other.
- Give each team a Bible, a pen or pencil, and a score card from the "Score Cards" Activity Page. Tell them to write their team name on their score card.
- Place the prepared "Jesus Journey" Activity Page board game between the two teams. Set out the game pieces near the "Start" side of the board.
- Explain that teams will take turns rolling the dice and moving their team's game piece forward along the path on the game board.
 - If they land on a space with directions, they should read and follow that prompt.
 - Teams should keep track of points earned for each prompt using their score cards.
- Choose one team to go first and give them the dice to roll to begin the game.
- After the first team's turn (responding to any prompts they landed on along the way), direct the other team to go next, and so on.
- Give the first team to make it to the "Finish" space a chance to recite James 1:17a by selecting one kid on their team. If they say it correctly, their team earns an extra 5 bonus points.
- Direct both teams to add up their points. Whoever has the most points is the winning team!
- Remind kids that Jesus was the best example of learning how to give. His entire life was centered around giving to others. He gave His love, His time, His energy, and eventually His life for others!

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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: Dough or modeling clay

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to form a close circle.
- Ask kids how we can learn more about Jesus' life. *(By reading about Jesus in the Bible.)*

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- Explain that we can look to Jesus' life for reminders on how to live, including how we can pray. One way we can do that is by spending time with others who pray.
- Invite kids to take turns forming the dough or clay and leading the following prayers:

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1. Mold the dough into a perfect ball.
 - Explain to the group that the ball represents the earth. We can thank God for all that He has given us through creation.
 - Invite someone who wants to pray out loud, thanking God for creation.
2. Mold the dough into a cross.
 - Explain that we can thank God for sending Jesus to give up His life on the cross as the greatest act of love ever.
 - Invite someone who wants to pray out loud, thanking God for sending Jesus.
3. Mold the dough into a heart.
 - Explain that we can thank God for giving us the people in our lives that we love.
 - Invite someone who wants to pray out loud, thanking God for putting people in our lives.
4. Mold the dough into a letter, "M."
 - Explain that the "M" stands for "Me." Invite kids to reflect on what God has done for them.
 - Invite someone who wants to pray out loud to say a final prayer for the entire group.

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NOTE: Be sensitive to kids who might have questions about Jesus or what it means to follow Him. Follow your church's policy for having conversations with kids about Salvation. Involve families in this discussion or with any decisions as well.

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container, 1 for each group
- Drawing paper, 1 piece for each kid
- Markers, enough for each Small Group to share

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print "Dough Charades" Activity Page on paper and cut apart, 1 set for each Small Group
- Paper plate, 1 for each Small Group
- Dough or modeling clay, 1 container for each Small Group

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 Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Plastic zip top sandwich bags or treat sacks, 2 or 3 for each kid
- Assorted candy (or small prizes), 4 to 9 for each kid (put 2-3 pieces in each bag)
- Small note cards, 2-3 for each kid

- Pens or pencils, 1 for each kid
- Markers, enough for each Small Group to share

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- Print "Cross Cones" Activity Page on paper and cut apart, 1 set for each Small Group
- Print "Cross Cones Leader Guide" Activity Page on paper, 1 for each Small Group
- Sports cones, 10 for each Small Group
- Ring toss ring (that fits over the cones), 1 for each Small Group

3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bibles, 2 for each group
- Clear tape, 1 roll for each Small Group
- Print "Score Cards" Activity Page on paper and cut apart, 2 half sheets for each Small Group
- Print "Jesus Journey" Activity Page on cardstock, 1 set for each Small Group
 - Before group time: tape the Activity Pages together where indicated to form the game board.
- Pens or pencils, 2 for each Small Group
- Dice, 2 for each Small Group
- Small objects (as game pieces), 2 for each Small Group



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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:

- Dough or modeling clay, 1 container for each Small Group

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.**