



WEEK
TWO
APRIL 2024

SMALL GROUP
2 YEAR
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TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus says to tell others about Him.

GREAT COMMISSION
MATTHEW 28:18-20

MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine."

MATTHEW 5:16, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can do what Jesus says?

BOTTOM LINE

I can do what Jesus says.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

Follow the Light
Heart Shines
Community Dress-Up

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"You Love Me"
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Memory Verse Climb
Go, Go, Go!
Go and Tell
World Love

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Memory Verse Card
Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)
Parent Cue App



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



1. FOLLOW THE LIGHT

WHAT YOU NEED: Battery-operated lantern

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Consider what items in your small group area you would like to show the children. Introduce the lantern to the children.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Lead the children around the room follow-the-leader style to "see" things with the lantern. Discuss how the light from the lantern helps us to see things. With older children, consider allowing one of them to be the leader. Continue as long as there is interest.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, look what I have here. This is a lantern. A lantern is a type of light that people often use when they're camping. Like all lights, a lantern can help us see."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's use this light to see what we can see! Just follow me. Oh, I see a [table or other bigger item in the room]. Now, I see a [chair or other item in the room]. What do you see when I shine the light over here? (Pause.) It's a toy! That's right! Let's keep going to find other things we can see."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story today, Jesus tells us how we can shine our light!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to hold up lanterns and see things along the way.

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an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



2. HEART SHINES

WHAT YOU NEED: "Heart Shines" Activity Page, cardstock, red mini cupcake liners, and yellow pom-poms

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Heart Shines" on cardstock, one per child. Separate the cupcake liners and place in a pile at each paper. Place the pom-poms in piles in

the center of the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to put one cupcake liner on each mark on their paper. Talk about what shape they created. Encourage children to place one yellow pom-pom in each cupcake liner to make their heart shine. Clear and repeat.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, I am so happy to see you today. Come sit at the table with me."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Will you help me complete the picture? On each spot on your paper, put one of these cupcake liners. When you have all the spots covered, you will see a special shape. Let's get to it! (Pause.) What shape did you make? (Pause.) Yes! You made a heart! Hearts remind us of love! Now that you have your heart, let's fill each cup with one of these yellow pom-poms. (Pause.) Look how your heart shines! It's beautiful!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today in our Bible Story, we'll hear another way that Jesus says we can shine our light. I can't wait to hear our story!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by encouraging children to hold their light up (*holding their pointer finger in the air*) as you walk to the designated area.

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an activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role play to enhance their learning



3. COMMUNITY DRESS-UP

WHAT YOU NEED: Various community helper dress-up items, such as a lab coat, a play doctor's kit, a police officer's vest, a firefighter's jacket and helmet, a construction worker's hat and vest, a crossing guard's vest and stop sign, a nurse's scrubs, a postal worker's shirt, etc.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place all the gathered dress-up items in your activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to select an item or two to put on and pretend to be that community helper.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Look at all the fun dress-up clothes we have to play with today!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "These are different community helper's dress-up clothes. Pick an item or two and pretend to be that helper. (Assist as needed.) Everyone, pick a different helper and try on those clothes. (Assist as needed.) That was so much fun, friends!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Community helpers have such important jobs! Today we're going to hear about a very important job that WE get to do."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to be community helpers. (Sirens for police officers, putting out fires as firefighters, delivering mail as a mail person, etc.)

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1. MEMORY VERSE CLIMB

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather with the children in your activity area. Say the Memory Verse with the motions.

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**GREAT COMMISSION
MATTHEW 28:18-20**

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to pretend to climb a mountain as you are saying the verse.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand with me over here! Let's do the motions as we say our Memory Verse. Here we go! 'Let (move flat hands forward from hip) your light (palms facing forward) shine,' (twinkling hands moving out) Matthew 5:16." (Open hands like a book.)

MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine."

MATTHEW 5:16, NIV

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "In today's Bible Story, Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were on a mountain. Let's pretend to climb a mountain like Jesus and His friends. Ready? Okay friends, let's climb our mountain! Move your hands and feet like this and pretend to climb. (Demonstrate.) Wow, this is a tall mountain! Let's stop right here and say our verse together. 'Let your light shine!' Matthew 5:16. Good job, friends! Let's climb a little higher—we're almost to the top! (Pause.) Yay, we made it! Let's say our Memory Verse together! 'Let your light shine!' Matthew 5:16. Let's climb down. Climb, climb, climb! (Pretend to climb down.) Whew! We made it back down the mountain. Let's say our verse again. 'Let your light shine!' Matthew 5:16. Great job, everybody!"

KEY QUESTION

Who can do what Jesus says?

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "When Jesus was on a mountain with His friends, He told them to go and tell everyone everywhere that Jesus is alive and Jesus wants to be their friend forever. We can do that job too! **Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!** One more time. **Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!** Great job, friends!"

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2. GO, GO, GO!
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]
WHAT YOU NEED: Painter's tape and toy cars

WHAT YOU DO:
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Make long roads on the floor with painter's tape.

BIBLE STORY

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GREAT COMMISSION
MATTHEW 28:18-20

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Show the children how to drive the toy cars along the tape roads. When you say "Stop!" ask the children to stop their cars and say, "Jesus wants to be your friend forever." When you say, "Go, go, go!" ask the children to drive their cars on the road again. Continue saying "Stop!" and "Go, go, go!" as long as time and interest allow.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Tell the children to stand on the road and hold their toy car up in the air as you review the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine."

MATTHEW 5:16, NIV

WHAT YOU SAY:
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Come pick out a car and stand near this tape road. We're going to play a game!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "When I say, 'Go, go, go!' drive your car on the road like this. (*Demonstrate.*) When I say, 'Stop!' stop your car and say, 'Jesus wants to be your friend forever!' Let's play! Everyone ready? Go, go, go! (*Pause.*) Stop! Jesus wants to be your friend forever! Great job! Let's drive some more. Go, go, go! (*Pause.*) Stop! Jesus wants to be your friend forever! (*Repeat as desired.*) That was fun!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story, Jesus gave His friends, the disciples, a very important job to go and tell everyone everywhere that Jesus is alive and Jesus wants to be their friend forever. We can do what Jesus says and do that important job too! Jesus says to go, go, go and tell everyone everywhere that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. We can do that, because **I can do what Jesus says**, and you can do what Jesus says! **Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!**"

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3. GO AND TELL

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Go and Tell" Activity Page, cardstock, plush animals, Little People® Community Helpers, table, and painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Go and Tell" on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Tape the pictures around the activity area. Set plush animals in a group in your activity area, and Little People® figures on a table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to run, march, and dance to the pictures of the community helpers, plush animals, and people figures and say "Jesus wants to be your friend forever." Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand with me over here. Do you see there are a lot of friends around the room? There are some pictures on the wall of community helpers, plush animal friends around the room, and people figures on the table. Let's go and tell everyone that Jesus wants to be their friend!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Are you ready? Okay friends, let's run to the [name a Community Helper]! (*Run with the children to the picture.*) We made it! Let's tell our friend the important message. Jesus wants to be your friend forever! Now, let's march to the friends on the table! (*March with the children to the table.*) We made it! Let's tell these friends the important message. Jesus wants to be your friend forever! Okay, let's dance to our plush animal friends. (*Dance with the children to the plush animals.*) Let's tell these friends the important message. Jesus wants to be your friend forever! Hooray! We did it! We did what Jesus said to do! Way to go, friends!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Wow, friends! That was so much fun telling all our friends that Jesus wants to be their friend forever! When we go and tell other people about Jesus, we're doing what Jesus says! **Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!**"

MEMORY VERSE

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



4. WORLD LOVE
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]
WHAT YOU NEED: "World Love" and "World Love Jesus" Activity Pages, cardstock, blue and green heart stickers, glue sticks, scissors, and a permanent marker; *Optional: heart stamps, blue and green washable ink pads, and baby wipes in place of blue and green heart stickers*

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "World Love" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Copy "World Love Jesus" on cardstock and cut, one per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to look for the blue dots and add the blue heart stickers (or stamps) to those areas. Encourage children to look for the green dots and add the green heart stickers (or stamps) to those areas. Glue Jesus to the center of the world.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit at the table with me. In our Bible Story today, Jesus gave His friends, the disciples, a very important job to do. Jesus wanted them to go and tell everyone everywhere that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. And we can do that too!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Look at the world on your paper. We're going to fill it with love! Because hearts remind us of love! There are two different color dots—blue and green. Where you see green, add your green heart stickers. (Pause.) Great! Where you see blue dots, add your blue heart stickers. (Pause.) Wow! Look at all the love that made up your world! We need to add one more really important part to your picture. (Pause.) Jesus! That's right! Glue your picture of Jesus in the middle of your world. (Pause.) Fantastic!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story today, Jesus gave His friends, the disciples, an important job to do. Jesus told His friends to go and tell everyone everywhere that Jesus is alive and Jesus wants to be their friend forever. Jesus told them to GO and TELL. And we can do that important job, too, because we can do what Jesus says. **Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says."**



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HOME

GETTING READY

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

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Activities that encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and begin engaging with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing age-appropriate and hands-on fun while introducing new concepts they will hear in the day's Bible Story.

Prepare to offer one or more of the following activities as preschoolers arrive. Let one or two teachers lead activities in different areas of the room while another teacher greets parents and children at the door.

1. FOLLOW THE LIGHT

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Battery-operated lantern

2. HEART SHINES

Made to Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Heart Shines" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Red mini cupcake liners
- Yellow pom-poms

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Heart Shines" on cardstock, one per child.
- Separate the cupcake liners and place in a pile at each paper.
- Place the pom-poms in piles in the center of the table.

3. COMMUNITY DRESS-UP

Made to Imagine: An activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role-play to enhance their learning

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Various community helper dress-up items, such as a lab coat, a play doctor's kit, a police officer's vest, a firefighter's jacket and helmet, a construction worker's hat and vest, a crossing guard's vest and stop sign, a nurse's scrubs, a postal worker's shirt, etc.

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

Create a safe place to connect through activities written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Bottom Line introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real-life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or, offer two activities at once and allow half the kids to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.

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- Toy cars

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- Tape the pictures around the activity area.
- Set plush animals in a group in your activity area, and Little People® figures on a table.

4. WORLD LOVE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "World Love" Activity Page
- "World Love Jesus" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Blue and green heart stickers
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Permanent marker
- *Option: Instead of blue and green stickers, use heart stamps, blue and green washable ink pads, and baby wipes.*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "World Love" on cardstock, one per child.
- Write each child's name on their paper.
- Copy "World Love Jesus" on cardstock and cut, one per child.

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's Parent Cue card.
- Copy the Memory Verse Card to hand out or make available to parents.
- Copy "Going Home" and hang it on the door where Small Group Leaders can reference and remind parents of the Bottom Line and Memory Verse as parents pick up their children.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource, the **Parent Cue app**.

FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

- Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. bit.ly/FL_Shine