WEEK **JUNE 2024** SMALL GROUP -OLDS

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can have iov because God helps me.

FEAST OF BOOTHS DEUTERONOMY 16:13-17

MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart is good medicine."

PROVERBS 17:22, ESV

KEY QUESTION

Who can have joy all the time?

BOTTOM LINE

I can have joy all the time.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

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



SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive. Count and Shake

Making Veggies 💫 Planting Seeds 🚫

LARGE GROUP



WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Start the Party" Bible Story Prayer

SMALL GROUP



GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

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

Find the Food Memory Verse

Rain, Sun, and Grow

Thankful Game

Veggie Printing 🚫



HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



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MADE TO MOVE

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



1. COUNT AND SHAKE

WHAT YOU NEED: Crepe paper streamers, and scissors; Option: cheer pom-poms

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Cut streamers in 18" lengths, two per child. Give each child two streamers.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Count to seven and encourage

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

children to shake their streamers or pom-poms.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! I am so excited (*shake streamers or pom-poms*) you are here today! Here are some streamers for you! (*Pass out the streamers*.) We are going to count all the way to seven, then shake our streamers together."

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your streamers high in the sky! Ready? One, two, three, four, five, six, SEVEN! Everyone shake your streamers! (*Pause*.) Freeze your streamers and let's count again. (*Repeat as desired*.) Fantastic!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's count to seven! When we get to seven, shake

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story today, we are going to hear how God's people celebrated for seven days! Shake your streamers! (*Pause*.) Awesome! Bring me your streamers and let's go find out why they celebrated."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by counting to seven and then shouting, "Hooray!"

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2. MAKING VEGGIES*

WHAT YOU NEED: "Allergy Alert Poster," "Making Veggies" Activity Page, cardstock, Play-Doh® in a variety of colors, scissors, and laminate pouches

*Note: Be sure to list the items you will be using today on the "Allergy Alert Poster" (in the Prelude folder) and post it at the door to your room.

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Allergy Alert" on cardstock, list Play-Doh®, and post at the door. Copy "Making Veggies" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group. Laminate each picture and cut.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to complete the vegetable on their paper with the Play-Doh®. Talk about all the different veggies the kids made. Switch cards and continue as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends! Come sit at the table with me. God gives us good food to eat, like the veggies in these pictures!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's fill in the pictures with our Play-Doh®. Look at these peas in a pod. Roll some of the green dough into little balls like this (demonstrate) and place them on the picture. (Pause.) Great job, we have Play-Doh® peas! Now we can take more dough to make the pea pod. Hooray! Use the dough to finish all the pictures. (Pause.) WOW! All the veggies look awesome! Take all the Play-Doh® off your picture and trade your card with a friend. Now we can make more veggies!" (Repeat as desired.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Let's say: 'Thank You, God' for the veggies! Thank You, God! Today we're going to hear a Bible Story that tells how we can thank God for everything!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by chanting: "Thank You, God, for veggies!" as you move to the designated area.

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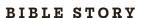
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3. PLANTING SEEDS*

WHAT YOU NEED: large, shallow plastic bin; play sand; child-size gardening tools; yellow pom-poms; baby wipes; and plastic tablecloth; Optional: organic potting soil in place of play sand, "Allergy Alert Poster," cardstock, and marker

*Note: If using soil instead of sand, be sure to list soil on the "Allergy Alert Poster" (in the Prelude folder) and post it at the

door to your room.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Cover the table with the tablecloth. Place the bin on top and add the sand. Place garden tools and pom-poms beside the bin.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to scoop, rake, and dig in the sand. Ask children to plant the pom-pom seeds in their garden.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come look! We have a large garden full of dirt. Let's take care of our garden with these tools."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "You can dig, scoop, and rake. (*Pause.*) I think our garden is ready for us to plant these seeds. (*Hold up a pom-pom.*) You are doing such a good job planting and taking care of your garden. Keep playing and planting! (*Pause.*) That was so fun!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In today's story, we're going to hear about a group of people who worked hard in their garden and then had a BIG celebration!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by asking your gardeners to leave their garden area and celebrate as they walk to the designated area.



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1. FIND THE FOOD

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Find the Food" Activity Page, cardstock, and Hula-Hoops®

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Find the Food" on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Lay the three Hula-

Hoops® on the floor spaced out in your activity area. Place one food picture in each of the Hula-Hoops®.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Walk to each of the Hula-Hoops® and name the food in each. Call out a food and encourage children to gather around the Hula-Hoop® with that food. Once there, say the Memory Verse together as you do the motions. Repeat with the remaining two foods.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come gather here with me! There are three Hula-Hoops® on the floor and each one has a different food. What food do you see in this Hula-Hoop®? (Pause.) It has a picture of [food]. What about this Hula-Hoop®? (Pause.) This one has a picture of [food]. And this last one? (Pause.) It has a picture of [food]."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone run to the Hula-Hoop® with the [food]. (Pause.) Yay! We made it. Now let's say our Memory Verse together while we do the motions. 'A joyful (brush flat hands upward twice) heart (tap chest twice with fingertip) is good medicine,' (move flat hand from chin to palm) Proverbs 17:22. (Open hands like a book.)

"Great job! Now, let's run to the [food]. (Pause.) Great job! Let's say our Memory Verse again with the motions. 'A joyful (brush flat hands upward twice) heart (tap chest twice with fingertip) is good medicine,' (move flat hand from chin to palm) Proverbs 17:22. (Open hands like a book.)

"Last one, run to the [food]! (Pause.) Super-duper! Say the verse with me as we do the motions. 'A joyful (brush flat hands upward twice) heart (tap chest twice with fingertip) is good medicine,' (move flat hand from chin to palm) Proverbs 17:22. (Open hands like a book.) Great job, friends!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "That was fun! Who gives us good food to eat? (Pause.) God gives us good food to eat! And who always loves us? (Pause.) God! You've got it! Because God loves you and me SO much, we can have joy, all the time. Tell me: Who can have joy all the time!"



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2. RAIN, SUN, AND GROW [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Ask children to stand with you.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Lead the children in saying the story chant and doing the actions.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

time!"

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone come stand with me!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Our Bible Story was about how God's people had joy and celebrated all the ways God helped them. God made the sun shine, the rain fall, and the food grow! We can have joy and celebrate because God helps us too! Let's celebrate together! Just say what I say and do what I do!

"God makes the rain fall. (Wiggle fingers as you move them from above your head to in front of you.)

"God makes the sun shine. (Make a big circle with arms above your head.)

"God makes the food grow. (Squat then slowly rise, stretching arms up to the sky.)
"God helps me all the time!" (Give yourself a big hug.)

(Repeat as long as time and interest allow.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "We can have joy all the time because God loves us and is always helping us. So when I ask you, 'Who can have joy all the time?', I want you to say, 'I can have joy all the time!' Ready? Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time! Yay! I can have joy all the

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3. THANKFUL GAME [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Thankful Game Small" and "Thankful Game Large" Activity Pages, cardstock, cube tissue box, scissors, painter's tape, and clear tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Thankful Game Small" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group. Tape one cutout to each side of the tissue box. Copy "Thankful Game Large" on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Tape the large pictures to the walls around the room at child's height.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: One at a time, ask children to roll the tissue box die. Encourage everyone to run to the matching picture on the wall. Talk about each of the pictures and thank God for the items in the picture. When the side with the Bottom Line is rolled, say the Bottom Line in a celebratory way. Encourage kids to repeat after you. Continue so each child has a turn to roll the "die." Turn the "die" to any picture(s) that were not rolled, run to them, and repeat.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come play a game with me! I have this really cool die for us to roll. It has different pictures on it that match the pictures around the room. And it has some words on it too that we can cheer! We'll take turns rolling the die, then we'll all run to the picture it lands on or cheer together."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "[Child's name], roll the die. (Pause.) You landed on the picture of plants! Run to the picture of the plants! (Pause.) Some plants give us food to eat. God made the plants. Let's say: 'Thank You, God, for the plants.' Thank You, God, for the plants! Run back to the die and let's have [child's name] roll. (Pause.) You landed on the picture of [rain/sun/dirt]! Run to the picture of the [rain/sun/dirt]! (Pause.) Plants need [water/sun/dirt] to live and grow! God made the [water/sun/dirt]! Let's say: 'Thank You, God, for the [water/sun/dirt].' Thank You, God, for the [water/sun/dirt]! Run back to the die and let's have [child's name] roll. (Pause.) You landed on the heart! Run to the picture of the heart! (Pause.) God loves us! Let's say: 'Thank You, God, for loving us!' Thank You, God, for loving us! Run back to the die and let's have [child's name] roll. (Pause.) You landed on the words! These words say I can have joy all the time! Let's say that together while we cheer. I can have joy all the time! That was so much fun!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "We can have joy all the time because God loves us and is always helping us. Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!"



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4. VEGGIE PRINTING* [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Allergy Alert Poster," "Veggie Printing" Activity Page, cardstock, fruits and vegetables, sharp knife, washable paint in a variety of colors, paper plates, smocks, baby wipes, plastic tablecloths, and a permanent marker; Optional: brown cardstock in place of cardstock

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WHAT YOU DO: Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock, list all the fruits and vegetables you are using, and post at the door. Copy "Veggie Printing" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on the paper. Cover the tables. Pour paint on the paper plates and place on the table. Cut fruits and vegetables in half and place them on the paint plates.

Note: Use the sharp knife before children arrive and store it in another room, out of reach.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to dip the cut side of the vegetables into the paint and then press them on their paper. Encourage children to paint with as many of the vegetables as possible. Clean hands. Set papers in rows like a garden.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends! Come join me at the table and look at all the cool fruits and vegetables! Fruits and vegetables come in so many beautiful colors! Today we aren't going to eat the food, but we are going to paint with it!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Pick up a fruit or veggie, dip it into the paint, then stamp it on your paper. (*Pause.*) Wow! Look at the cool print it made! Try a different one and see what print it makes. (*Pause.*) Fill your paper with all the different fruits and veggies. (*Pause.*) Look at how each of these fruits and vegetables are different. God made the potatoes, the peppers, the celery, and the apples! We can celebrate what God has done for us because God gives us joy! Now let's clean our hands and set these aside to dry. I'm going to create a little garden with all our paintings."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Come look how I placed your paintings to dry. They made a cute little garden! Everyone has a different part of the garden. God gave us the rain and the sun so we can have all of these different things to eat. Thank You, God! Let's celebrate God because He gives us joy! Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time."



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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)

Activities that encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and begin engaging with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing age-appropriate and handson 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. COUNT AND SHAKE

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Crepe paper streamers
- Scissors
- Option: Cheer pom-poms

WHAT YOU DO:

• Cut streamers in 18" lengths, two per child.

2. MAKING VEGGIES*

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- *"Allergy Alert Poster"
- "Making Veggies" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Play-Doh® in a variety of colors
- Scissors
- Laminate pouches

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Allergy Alert" on cardstock, list Play-Doh®, and post at the door.
- Copy "Making Veggies" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- · Laminate each picture and cut.

3. PLANTING SEEDS*

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

- Large, shallow, plastic bin
- Play sand
- Child-size gardening tools
- Yellow pom-poms
- Baby wipes
- Plastic tablecloth
- Optional: organic potting soil in place of play sand, "Allergy Alert Poster," cardstock, and a marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- · Cover the table with the tablecloth.
- · Place the bin on top and add the sand.
- Place garden tools and pom-poms beside the bin.
- Option: Copy "Allergy Alert" on cardstock, list soil, and post at the door.



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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.

1. FIND THE FOOD [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Find the Food" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Hula-Hoops®, three per Small Group

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Find the Food" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
- Lay the three Hula-Hoops® on the floor spaced out in your activity area.
- · Place one food picture in each of the hoops.

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3. THANKFUL GAME [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Thankful Game Small" Activity Page
- "Thankful Game Large" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Cube tissue box
- Scissors
- Painter's tape
- Clear tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Thankful Game Small" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Tape one picture to each side of the box, and the piece with the Bottom Line on the last side of the box.
- Copy "Thankful Game Large" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
- Tape the large pictures to the walls around the room at child's height.



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4. VEGGIE PRINTING* [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:

- "Allergy Alert Poster"
- "Veggie Printing" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Fruits and vegetables (peppers, potatoes, celery, apples, etc.)
- Sharp knife
- Washable paint in a variety of colors
- Paper plates
- Smocks
- · Baby wipes
- Plastic tablecloths
- · Permanent marker
- Optional: brown cardstock in place of cardstock

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock, list all the fruits and vegetables you are using, and post at the door.
- Copy "Veggie Printing" on cardstock, one per child.
- Write each child's name on their paper.
- Cover the tables.
- Pour paint on the paper plates and place on the table.
- Cut fruits and vegetables in half and place them on the paint plates.

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.**

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