



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy forever because Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

HEAVEN
REVELATION 21, 22:1-5;
JOHN 14:3

MEMORY VERSE

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

LUKE 2:10, ESV

KEY QUESTION

Who gives you joy?

BOTTOM LINE

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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.

- Flip Side
- Something Amazing 
- Spinning Forever

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Best Friend" and "I Love You So Much"

- 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.

- Broadcast News
- What Will Heaven Be Like?
- Forever Paper Chain
- Spread the Joy
- Pure Joy
- Journal and Prayer

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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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. FLIP SIDE

WHAT YOU NEED: "Flip Side" Activity Page, 11" x 17" paper, hole punch, scissors, yarn, painter's tape, and adhesive bandages

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Enlarge and copy "Flip Side" on 11" x 17" paper and cut, one gingerbread person cutout per Small Group. Punch a hole at the top of the paper. Cut a 12" length of yarn and loop it through the hole. Tape the yarn loop to the wall, making sure the cutout is at child's height.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to one at a time add a bandage to the gingerbread person cutout. Repeat two or three times, then flip it over to show no boo-boos.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad you're here today! Come over here and stand with me."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "This friend (*point to the cutout*) has some boo-boos. Will you help me cover our friend with bandages? Great! Come get a bandage from me and stick it on him. (*Pause.*) Our friend is looking better, but I think we need to add a few more bandages. Come get another bandage and stick it on him. (*Pause.*) Way to go! You covered all our friend's boo-boos. But look! (*Flip the cutout over.*) Now he's all better! No more boo-boos! Hooray!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today in our Bible Story, we're going to hear about a place that Jesus is getting ready for us. And guess what? There will be no more boo-boos there! I can't wait to hear our story today!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by waving and saying, "Bye-bye, boo-boos!"

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MADE TO PLAY

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



2. SOMETHING AMAZING*

WHAT YOU NEED: "Allergy Alert Poster;" cardstock; plastic tablecloth; empty, plastic two-liter bottle, clean and dry with label removed; food coloring; dish soap; hydrogen peroxide (20 volume/12% hydrogen peroxide); funnel; measuring cup; packet of active dry yeast; warm water; small bowl; spoon; large, disposable plastic tub; safety goggles; non-latex gloves, such as nitrile or vinyl; and painter's tape

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Note: Please make sure to supervise all children during this experiment. Only adults should be handling supplies for safety reasons.

Note: We recommend doing this activity outside if it can be done safely at your facility.

MEMORY VERSE

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock, list food coloring, dish soap, hydrogen peroxide, yeast, and post at the door. Place a tape line on the floor away from your table to create a safe zone. Cover the table with the tablecloth. Set the plastic bin on the table with the two-liter bottle in the center of the bin. Gather the children behind the tape line, and explain that they are not allowed to cross the line. Give each child a pair of safety goggles to wear. Wear safety goggles yourself.

KEY QUESTION

Who gives you joy?

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Tell the children they're about to see an amazing and special science experiment. Add a few drops of dish soap to the bottle. Pour a half cup of hydrogen peroxide into the bottle using the funnel. Gently swirl the dish soap and hydrogen peroxide together to combine. In a bowl, dissolve yeast a half a cup of very warm water. Squirt two different colors of food coloring into the bottle along opposite sides so that they drip along the insides of the bottle. Pour the yeast mixture carefully into the bottle using the funnel. Carefully remove the funnel and stand back. Enjoy watching your elephant toothpaste foam from the top of the bottle and overflow into the bin. Once the reaction is finished, move the bin and ALL supplies out of reach of the children. Make sure you clean all items from this experiment with gloves on.

BOTTOM LINE

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

BASIC TRUTH

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends! I'm SO glad you're here because today, I want us to do something really special! Would you like to see something amazing? I have a science experiment that I think you'll LOVE. But first, we need to make sure we're safe and protected. You need to sit down behind this tape line, and like a good scientist, we all need to wear safety goggles!" (Put on safety goggles, and help children as needed with their goggles.)



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DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Alright friends, now that we have on our safety gear, it's time to see something amazing! Watch what happens when I combine a few things here in this bottle. First, we'll pour in some dish soap. *(Pause.)* Next, we'll add some hydrogen peroxide and swirl that around a bit. *(Pause.)* Now in this bowl, let's add some warm water, and this is yeast! *(Pause.)* Yeast is used for making bread. Can you smell it? Let's stir it up in the bowl so it can dissolve.

(Pause.) Before we add it to the bottle, let's make sure our experiment is full of color! *(Add a few drops of food color to either side of the bottle.)*

"Okay friends, are you ready to see something amazing? Here we go! *(Add the water/yeast mixture.)* WHOA! It just keeps coming and coming and coming! Wasn't that amazing?"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story today, we'll hear about a place that's amazing and special because Jesus is there! And Jesus wants to be our friend forever. Come with me, friends!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by leading children to count to three and then make an amazing face.

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MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts



3. SPINNING FOREVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Fidget spinners and spinning tops

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place fidget spinners and tops on a table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to explore and spin the toys and observe what happens.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come over to the table and check out these cool toys."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Do you know what these do? All these toys spin! Let's play with them and watch them go! (Pause.) Wow! Those are spinning so fast—they are going forever and ever! Oh, the tops stopped! Let's spin them some more! That was really fun playing with all these toys."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "The tops didn't keep going forever, but today we'll hear about something that does go on forever and ever and ever and never stops. I can't wait to hear all about it."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by carrying a fidget spinner. Encourage children to walk while the spinner is moving and stop when it stops. Repeat until you reach your designated area.

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25 MINUTES

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



1. BROADCAST NEWS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Sticker" Activity Page, Avery® Labels #5294 paper or equivalent, large cardboard box, utility knife, permanent marker, clear packing tape, and toy microphone

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Memory Verse Sticker" onto label paper, one label per child. Cut out the front side of the box to create a television screen. Secure the box tabs as needed. Draw details like knobs around the edge of the screen. Review the Memory Verse and motions together.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Explain to the children that they will have the chance to be news reporters. Give each child a Memory Verse sticker to wear as their credentials. Encourage the children to take turns inside or behind the box, reading the verse while holding the microphone. The children "watching" will say and do the motions along with the reporter. Continue with each child.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, have you ever seen a reporter on television? (Pause.) Reporters give us the latest news, and we have some BIG news to share. Let's say our verse together as we do the motions. 'I bring you (move upward-facing palms to one side) good news (move flat hand from chin to palm) of great joy (brush flat hands upward twice) that will be for all the people,' (arms out wide) Luke 2:10. (Open hands like a book.) Fantastic!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's pretend to be reporters on television and say our Memory Verse! Here's your reporter badges! Everyone can wear these on their shirt. (Give each child a Memory Verse sticker.) [Child's name], come take the microphone and climb into the box. (Pause.) Lead us in saying our verse. 'I bring you (move upward-facing palms to one side) good news (move flat hand from chin to palm) of great joy (brush flat hands upward twice) that will be for all the people,' (arms out wide) Luke 2:10. (Open hands like a book.) Nice job, reporter [child's name]! Our next reporter is [child's name]! (Continue with each child.) That was so fun!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, we have GOOD news of GREAT joy for ALL people! Because Jesus gives us joy. **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!** One more time: **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!**"

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2. WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE?

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "What Will Heaven Be Like?" Activity Page, cardstock, and crayons or markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "What Will Heaven Be Like?" on cardstock, one per child.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a copy of "What Will Heaven Be Like?" and a crayon or marker. One at a time, name each picture and ask children to put their finger on that picture. Say whether it will be in heaven or not in heaven. Ask children to circle the picture if it will be in heaven, and put an "X" on it if it will not be in heaven.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come sit with me! We're going to talk about some really good news!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's look at these pictures together. (Give each child a copy of "What Will Heaven Be Like?") These are pictures of things that will be in heaven and things that will not be in heaven. Look for the picture of [Jesus] and put your finger on it. [Jesus] will be in heaven, so let's draw a circle around [Jesus]. Now look for the picture of a [bandage] and put your finger on it. [Bandages] will not be in heaven, because there will be no more [boo-boos] in heaven! Draw an "X" over the [bandage]." (Continue drawing circles around all the things that will be in heaven, and an "X" over the things that will not be in heaven.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus is getting heaven ready for all of His friends, right now! Jesus wants to be our friend forever, and when Jesus is our friend forever, we can have joy with Him forever in heaven! Wow! **Jesus gives me joy! Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!**"

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MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



3. FOREVER PAPER CHAIN

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Construction paper, scissors, and clear tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Cut the construction paper into

1"-2" wide strips, three or four strips per child. Lay the strips on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Let the children choose one paper strip at a time. Help the children bring the ends of the strip together to form a loop and secure with tape. Continue around the table, allowing each child the opportunity to add a new link to the chain. Continue around the table until you add all the paper strips to create a long paper chain.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come to the table. Have you ever seen a chain made of paper? Let's work together to make one!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Pick a strip of paper. [Child's name], take one strip and loop the ends together like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Now we'll secure it with tape. Our next friend will stick their paper strip through and loop it to continue our chain. Let's keep going around the table. Yay! Everyone has added one loop. Look how long our chain is! Pick another strip of paper and we'll add some more. (*Continue until all the strips are added.*) Whoa! Look how long our chain is now!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "This chain just keeps going and going and going! Just like the joy that Jesus gives us! It goes on forever. **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!**"

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MADE TO MOVE

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



4. SPREAD THE JOY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Heart pillow, pop-up tunnel or Hula-Hoop®, and painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Make two small tape lines on the floor opposite each other in your activity area. Place the tunnel or Hula-Hoop between the lines. Divide children into two single file lines, each standing behind a tape line and facing the tunnel or Hula-Hoop.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give the heart pillow to the first child in one of the lines. Encourage the child to carry it to the first child in the opposite line by crawling through the tunnel or a Hula-Hoop held vertically. Ask the group to say the Bottom Line together. The first child will go to the back of the line, and the child who now has the heart pillow will crawl through the tunnel/Hula-Hoop to the other side to give it to the next child. Ask the group to say the Bottom Line together. Continue until each child has a turn. Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, let me help you line up behind these tape lines. *(Help divide and position children.)* We've been learning that Jesus gives us joy. Let's spread the joy back and forth through the tunnel/hoop to each other."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "What is this? *(Hold up the heart pillow.)* Yes! It's a pillow shaped like a heart! [Child's name], take the heart and carry it through the tunnel/hoop to our friend [child's name] in the other line. *(Pause.)* Everyone, tell me: **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!** That's right! Go to the back of the line. [Child's name], carry the heart back to this side through the tunnel! *(Continue with each child and repeat as desired.)* Everyone, shout, 'Hooray!' HOORAY!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story today, we learned that Jesus is in heaven preparing it for us. We will have everything we need, and it will be like a party that never ends! We will have joy all of the time because we will be with our friend Jesus, and Jesus gives us joy! **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy.**"

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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



5. PURE JOY
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Pure Joy" Activity Page, cardstock, heavy-duty disposable dessert paper plates, washable markers, transparency sheets, foil metallic confetti, small bowls, plastic spoons, glue sticks, clear gel tacky glue, scissors, and a permanent marker

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Pure Joy" on cardstock and cut, one per child. For each child, cut out the inside of one plate, leaving the rim intact. Write each child's name on the back of their other plate. Place confetti in several bowls and place on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color their plate and then glue the picture of Jesus onto the middle of their plate. Ask each child to put a spoonful or two of confetti on their plate. Run a bead of tacky glue around the edge of the plate and place the transparency sheet on top. Run another bead of tacky glue around the edge on top of the transparency, lay the rim on top, and press to seal. Set aside to dry.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come over and sit with me, friends! Have you ever seen a snow globe? Well today, we're going to make a JOY globe! Instead of snow, we'll put confetti in it."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "This paper plate will be the background of your joy globe. Use the markers to decorate it. (Pause.) Glue this picture of Jesus in the middle of your plate. (Pause.) Now for the fun part! Put a spoonful or two of confetti on your plate. (Pause.) I'm going to run a line of glue all around the edge of your plate. (Pause.) Help me put this clear paper on top. (Pause.) One more line of glue, then lay the rim of the plate on top. Can you press the edges together? (Pause.) Great job."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today in our Bible Story, we learned that Jesus is in a place called heaven and He's getting it ready for all His friends! In heaven, there are no more boo-boos and no sickness. In heaven, we will have everything we need. We won't get hungry or tired or sad. It will be like a party that never ends! We will have joy all the time because we will be with our friend Jesus, and Jesus gives us joy! **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy.**"



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MADE TO REFLECT
an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, a fun-shaped pen, and stickers or a handstamp

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Luke 2:10. Encourage the children to skip or jump as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Review the Memory Verse and hand motions, then encourage the children to help you make a list in the journal of times they've been sick or had a boo-boo.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to skip or jump all the way to our Small Group spot. Follow me! (*Skip or jump as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) Woo-hoo! That was fun! Now, let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) "Our Bible Story today was about a very special place. Do you remember the name of the special place? (*Pause.*) Yes! Heaven! Jesus is in heaven right now getting it ready for all of His friends to be with Him forever! Wow! Thinking about being with Jesus forever gives me JOY, because **Jesus gives me joy! Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy! Yay! Jesus gives me joy!**"

"We have been learning a Bible verse about how the good news of Jesus brings great joy! It says, 'I bring you (*move upward-facing palms to one side*) good news (*move flat hand from chin to palm*) of great joy (*brush flat hands upward twice*) that will be for all the people;' (*arms out wide*) Luke 2:10. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's stand up and say that together. Then, anyone who wants to try and say it can give it a try! Just say what I say and do what I do. 'I bring you (*move upward-facing palms to one side*) good news (*move flat hand from chin to palm*) of great joy (*brush flat hands upward twice*) that will be for all the people;' (*arms out wide*) Luke 2:10. (*Open hands like a book.*)"

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

(6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

"You sound wonderful! (*Clap.*) Now I need everyone to sit down so we can take turns saying our Bible verse. Who's ready to try and say it by yourself? I have my stickers/handstamp ready! (*Give each child the opportunity to try and say the Bible verse.*) Everyone, clap for [child's name]! Here is your sticker! (*Say this with each child as they try and say the Bible verse.*) I am very proud of you for trying to say that Bible verse! When I count to three, I want everyone to stand up and show me your sticker/handstamp. One, two, three! (*Pause to look.*) Yay! (*Clap.*)

"Now let's sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Today, we're going to make a list of times we've been sick or had a boo-boo. Maybe you hurt your knee, or bumped your head, or your tummy was really sick. When I say your name, tell me one time you had a boo-boo, or you were sick, and I will write it in our journal." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "It looks like we have all had a boo-boo or have been sick at one time. (*Hold up journal.*) Let's use our list when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be (*say each child's name*)'s friend forever. Thank You that Jesus is getting heaven ready for all of His friends, where there will be no more (*read the list the children made*). We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."



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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. FLIP SIDE

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Flip Side" Activity Page
- 11" x 17" paper
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Yarn
- Painter's tape
- Adhesive bandages

WHAT YOU DO:

- Enlarge and copy "Flip Side" on 11" x 17" paper and cut, one per Small Group.
- Punch a hole at the top of the paper.
- Cut a 12" length of yarn and loop it through the hole.
- Tape the yarn loop to the wall, making sure the cutout is at child's height.

2. SOMETHING AMAZING*

Made to Play: An activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Allergy Alert Poster"
- Cardstock
- Plastic tablecloth
- Empty, plastic two-liter bottle, clean and dry with label removed
- Food coloring
- Dish soap

- Hydrogen peroxide (20 volume/12% hydrogen peroxide)
- Funnel
- Measuring cup
- Active dry yeast, one packet
- Warm water
- Small bowl
- Spoon
- Large, disposable plastic tub
- Safety goggles, one per child and leader
- Non-latex gloves, such as nitrile or vinyl
- Painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock, list food coloring, dish soap, hydrogen peroxide, and yeast, and post at the door.
- *Note:* We recommend doing this activity outside if it can be done safely at your facility.
- Place a tape line on the floor away from your table to create a safe zone.
- Cover the table with the tablecloth.
- Set the plastic bin on the table with the two-liter bottle in the center of the bin.
- Gather the children behind the tape line, and explain that they are not allowed to cross the line.
- Give each child a pair of safety goggles to wear. Wear safety goggles yourself.

3. SPINNING FOREVER

Made to Explore: An activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Fidget spinners
- Spinning tops



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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 children to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.

1. BROADCAST NEWS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Memory Verse Sticker" Activity Page
- Avery® Labels #5294 paper or equivalent
- Large cardboard box
- Utility knife
- Permanent marker
- Clear packing tape
- Toy microphone

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Memory Verse Sticker" onto label paper, one label per child.
- Cut out the front side of the box to create a television screen.
- Secure the box tabs as needed.
- Draw details like knobs around the edge of the screen.

2. WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE?

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Play: An activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "What Will Heaven Be Like?" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Crayons or markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "What Will Heaven Be Like?" on cardstock, one per child.

3. FOREVER PAPER CHAIN

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Think: An advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Clear tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Cut the construction paper into 1"-2" wide strips, three or four strips per child.

4. SPREAD THE JOY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Heart pillow
- Pop-up tunnel or Hula-Hoop®
- Painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make two small tape lines on the floor opposite each other in your activity area.
- Place the tunnel or Hula-Hoop® in the middle of both lines.



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5. PURE JOY

[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:

- "Pure Joy" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Heavy-duty disposable dessert paper plates, two per child
- Washable markers
- Transparency sheets
- Foil metallic confetti
- Small bowls
- Plastic spoons
- Glue sticks
- Clear gel tacky glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Pure Joy" on cardstock and cut, one per child.
- For each child, cut out the inside of one plate, leaving the rim intact.
- Write each child's name on the back of their other plate.
- Place confetti in several bowls and place on the table.

6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible
- Journal (Check out the Ollie journal at bit.ly/3B4Z71j.)
- Fun-shaped pen (Check out the Ollie Pen at bit.ly/3Nwj0Wh.)

WHAT YOU DO:

- If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" from Week One, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place it in the Bible at Luke 2:10.
Note: Keep the Memory Verse Card in your Bible all month.

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