



WEEK
TWO
SEPTEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP
2 YEAR
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TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is a
light for everyone.

THE MAN AT THE POOL
JOHN 5:1-9

MEMORY VERSE

"You are the
light of the world."

MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

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.

Light Bright Path
Water Lights
Jesus Shines

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Be a Light"
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

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

Bright Idea
Roll and Walk
Carry Your Mat
Jesus Is a Light for Everyone

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



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. LIGHT BRIGHT PATH

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper plates in a variety of neon or bright colors, four or five different colors; painter's tape; and heart cutouts; *Optional: Neon (or brightly colored cardstock) and scissors in place of paper plates*

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Arrange the plates on the floor to create four or five different color paths (*straight, zigzag, winding, circular, etc.*). Secure each plate to the floor with tape. Place a heart at the end of each path, and secure the heart with tape.

Option: Cut cardstock into large circles. Create color paths with the cardstock circles, and secure the circles to the floor with tape.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Line up behind the first path. Lead children along the path to find the heart at the end. When you get to the heart, celebrate! Then, lead them to the next path and repeat.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, what do you see? Do you see these brightly colored paths on the floor? Let's follow them and see where they lead us!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's start at the [color] path. Come stand behind me. Everyone ready? Let's walk along the path! (*Pause.*) We made it to the end of the [color] path! What do you see? (*Pause.*) A heart! Hearts make me think of love! Let's celebrate and shout, 'Hooray!' Hooray! Let's go follow another path! Come stand behind me at the [color] path. (*Continue with each path and repeat as desired.*) Wow, friends! That was a lot of fun following the paths today!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "What did we find at the end of each path? (*Pause.*) Yes, a heart was at the end of every path we followed! In our Bible Story today, we'll hear about how Jesus is the Light of the World and how Jesus came to love each one of us. Come with me."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by weaving and zigzagging as the children follow you.

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2. WATER LIGHTS

WHAT YOU NEED: Baby pool or large, shallow plastic container; water; plastic tarp or tablecloth; light-up water toys; and towels

Note: Never leave a tub of water unattended. An adult should always be present. When the activity is over, please discard the water immediately.

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JOHN 5:1-9

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Lay the tarp/tablecloth on the floor in an open area of the room. Place the baby pool/shallow container on top of the tarp/tablecloth, and fill it with water. Place the water toys and towels nearby.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to play with the toys in the water. Talk about how the toys light up.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

MEMORY VERSE

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come over and look at this water! Sit down around the water with me and put your hands in your lap. I found these super-neat toys for us to play with in the water today!" (*Hold up a few of the toys.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Would you like to know what makes these toys super-neat? (*Pause.*) Watch this! (*Drop one toy in.*) Whoa! Did you see that? It has a light in it, and when I put it in the water, the light started to shine. But watch again! (*Pick the toy out of the water.*) The light turned off. Let's take turns playing in the water with them. (*Pause.*) Playing in the water with you was really fun today! Let's dry our hands and toys off."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today in our Bible Story, we're going to learn how Jesus helped a man who was lying next to a pool of water. Let's go hear all about it."

KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to jump in puddles while saying, "Splish, splash!"

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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

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3. JESUS SHINES

WHAT YOU NEED: "Jesus Shines" Activity Page, copy paper, plastic water bottles or sensory bottles, glow sticks, foam hearts, heart confetti, glitter glue, duct tape, clear tape, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Jesus Shines" on copy paper and cut, one set per Small Group. Tape one picture to each bottle. Pour out a little water from each bottle. In one bottle, pour a handful or more of heart confetti. In another bottle, put several foam hearts. In the last bottle, squeeze in approximately a tablespoon of glitter glue. Right before the activity, activate the glow sticks, and insert them into the bottles. Close each bottle, and secure the lid with duct tape. Shake the bottles to disperse the contents, then set them on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to investigate and explore each of the bottles.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come over to the table, and let's look at these fun bottles together."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "All of these bottles are shining. Do you see how they glow? (Pause.) Who is this? (Point to the picture on each bottle.) That's right! It's a picture of Jesus! What else do you see in this bottle? (Pause.) Lights! Yes, there are glow sticks in each of the bottles. What else? (Pause.) I see some hearts and ooh, sparkly water in that one. You can even sit under the table together with the bottles and explore them some more!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "That was really fun exploring these shiny bottles. Today in our Bible Story, we're going to hear how Jesus is the Light of the World and He came to love everyone! Let's go hear all about it!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by encouraging the children to follow you while you hold the Jesus glow bottle above your head as you walk.

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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



1. BRIGHT IDEA

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Bright Idea" Activity Page, 11" x 17" paper, yellow dot markers, scissors, plastic tablecloth, and permanent marker; *Optional: camera and photo paper*

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Enlarge and copy "Bright Idea" on 11" x 17" paper and cut, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Cover table(s). Say and do the motions to the Memory Verse.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to fill in the lightbulb with yellow dot markers. Encourage children to hold their papers in front of them, and peek their head through the opening as you say the verse together.

Option: Ask each child to hold up their paper and peek their face through as you take a picture. Either text/email the picture, or print it on photo paper and send home.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Say the Memory Verse as you do the motions one more time, and review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, hello! I'm so happy to see everyone today! Let's do the motions as we say our verse together. Ready? 'You (point to others) are the light (twinkle fingers) of the world,' (make a circle with your arms) Matthew 5:14. (Open hands like a book.) Great job! Now sit down at the table with me."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone has a really big paper today. Do you know what this is on your paper? (Pause.) It's a lightbulb! What do lightbulbs do? (Pause.) They shine so you can see. That's what we've been learning—we shine brightly when we love like Jesus! Use the yellow markers to fill in your lightbulb. (Pause.) Wow! Look how bright your lightbulbs are! Turn your paper around and hold it up. Peek your face through the hole. (Pause.) Now let's say the words only to our Memory Verse. 'You are the light of the world.' Matthew 5:14. Fantastic, friends! You can put your papers down."



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, the Bible teaches us that Jesus said: 'You (*point to others*) are the light (*twinkle fingers*) of the world,' (*make a circle with your arms*) Matthew 5:14 (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's do it together one more time. 'You (*point to others*) are the light (*twinkle fingers*) of the world,' (*make a circle with your arms*) Matthew 5:14. (*Open hands like a book.*) That means when we love like Jesus, OUR (*point to everyone*) light shines brightly for others to see. **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!**"



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2. ROLL AND WALK

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Small mats and/or small towels

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Show the children how to roll the mats/towels.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Say the story rhyme together to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" as you practice rolling the mats/towels.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hey, everyone! Let's roll these mats together while I teach you a new song!"

MEMORY VERSE

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story, Jesus told a man who couldn't walk to pick up his mat and walk. And then what happened? (Pause.) That's right! The man rolled up his mat and walked! It was such a happy day! Let's sing a song about Jesus and the man while we roll these mats.

(As you roll mats together, sing to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat.")

"Roll, roll, roll your mat.
'Get up and walk,' I say!
Roll, roll, roll your mat,
Oh, what a happy day!

(Repeat several times.)

"Great job, everyone! Place your mats on the floor."

KEY QUESTION

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus helped the man at the pool because Jesus loves everyone. Jesus loves everyone in the world! We can love everyone, too. We can love like Jesus! **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!**"

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3. CARRY YOUR MAT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Pop-up tunnel, and small pieces of fabric or washcloths

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the tunnel in an open area of the room.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to roll their fabric mat and carry it through the tunnel. Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hey, friends! Come over and stand at the tunnel with me. I have a piece of fabric/washcloth for each of you to use as a mat like the man in our Bible Story today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's take our fabric and roll it like the man rolled his mat. *(Demonstrate.)* Now, one by one, we'll crawl through the tunnel with our mat. [Child's name], come carry your mat through the tunnel. *(Pause.)* Hooray for [child's name]! Now [child's name], you carry your mat through the tunnel. *(Continue with each child.)* Great job, everyone!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus helped the man who couldn't walk because Jesus loved him. Jesus loves everyone in the world. We can love everyone too. We can love like Jesus. **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!**"

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4. JESUS IS A LIGHT FOR EVERYONE
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Jesus is a Light for Everyone" Activity Page, cardstock, smiley-face stickers, yellow tissue paper or cellophane paper, glue sticks, scissors, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Jesus Is a Light for Everyone" on cardstock, one per child. Cut tissue paper into 4" hearts, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to add smiley-face stickers in the heart on their paper. Ask children to rub glue over the heart shape, and add the tissue paper heart on top.

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

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone, come sit at the table with me! Let's make a picture."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Look! There's Jesus on your paper, and next to Him is a heart. Do you see it? (Pause.) Hearts remind me of love. Fill your heart with these smiley-face stickers. (Pause.) Now, rub a glue stick over the heart, and cover the smiley-face stickers with this yellow heart on top. (Pause.) It's like you're covering the people with love! Great job! Friends, Jesus is the Light of the World, and He came to love you! He came to love everyone!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today in our Bible Story, we learned that Jesus helped a man who couldn't walk. The man had been lying on a mat next to a pool for a long time. Jesus loved the man and wanted to help him. Jesus told the man to get up, take his mat, and walk. And the man did. Amazing! The man could not walk, and Jesus made it so he could walk. Jesus loves everyone in the world. We can love everyone too. We can love like Jesus. **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!**"



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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)

Encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and engage with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing fun, age-appropriate, hands-on activities that introduce new concepts they will hear in the Bible Story.

Offer one or more of the following activities as preschoolers arrive. Let one or two Small Group Leaders lead activities in different areas of the room while another leader greets parents and children at the door.

1. LIGHT BRIGHT PATH

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paper plates in a variety of neon or bright colors, four or five different colors
- Painter's tape
- Heart cutouts, four or five per Small Group
- *Optional: Neon (or brightly colored cardstock) and scissors in place of paper plates*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Arrange the plates on the floor to create four or five different color paths (*straight, zigzag, winding, circular, etc.*).
- Secure each plate to the floor with tape.
- Place a heart at the end of each path, and secure the heart with tape.
- *Option: Cut cardstock into large circles, create color paths with the cardstock circles, and secure the circles to the floor.*

2. WATER LIGHTS

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Baby pool or large, shallow plastic container
- Water
- Plastic tarp or tablecloth

- Light-up water toys, one per child (for example <https://a.co/d/iBbi9wA>)

- Towels

WHAT YOU DO:

- Lay the tarp/tablecloth on the floor in an open area of the room.
- Place the baby pool/shallow container on top of the tarp/tablecloth, and fill with water.
- Place the water toys and towels nearby.

3. JESUS SHINES

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Jesus Shines" Activity Page
- Copy paper
- Plastic water bottles or sensory bottles, three per Small Group
- Glow sticks, three to six per Small Group
- Foam hearts
- Heart confetti
- Glitter glue
- Duct tape
- Clear tape
- Scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Jesus Shines" on copy paper and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Tape one picture to each bottle.
- Pour out a little water from each bottle.
- In one bottle, pour a handful or more of heart confetti.
- In another bottle, put several foam hearts.
- In the last bottle, squeeze in approximately a tablespoon of glitter glue.
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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.

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Bright Idea" Activity Page
- 11" x 17" paper
- Yellow dot markers
- Scissors
- Plastic tablecloth
- Permanent marker
- *Optional: camera and photo paper*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Enlarge and copy "Bright Idea" on 11" x 17" paper and cut, one per child.
- Write each child's name on their paper.
- Cover table(s).

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[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Jesus Is a Light for Everyone" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Smiley-face stickers
- Yellow tissue paper or cellophane paper
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Jesus Is a Light for Everyone" on cardstock, one per child.
- Cut tissue paper into 4" hearts, one per child.
- Write each child's name on their paper.



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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_LightBright