



## 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.*

Four Corners  
Light Bright Hearts  
Dressed Up Love

### LARGE GROUP

**20**  
MIN

#### WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

#### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Be a Light" and "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.*

Mirror YOU  
Sing It!  
All the People, All the Places  
Pool of Hearts  
Man with a Mat  
Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



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. FOUR CORNERS**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Tap lights in four different colors, batteries, and duct tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Add batteries to all tap lights. Then, secure each battery compartment with a piece of duct tape. Place one tap light in each corner of the activity area, and turn on each light.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Have the children stand in the middle of the activity area. Call out a color. Encourage children to run to that light, then come back to the middle. Continue with the other colors. Repeat as desired.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Introduce the Bible Story.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Look at the bright lights we have in our room today! I see four different colors. Everyone, point to the [color] light. *(Point.)* Point to the [color] light. *(Point.)* Point to the [color] light. *(Point.)* And the last light is [color]! Point to the [color] light. *(Point.)* Let's play a game with these lights."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Everyone, stand in the middle with me. When I call out a color, I want you to run to that light, then run back to me. Ready? Run to the [color] light! *(Pause.)* Run back! Run to the [color] light! *(Pause.)* Run back! *(Repeat as desired.)* Great job running to the different lights!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Lights show us where to go and what to do. Today in our Bible Story, we're going to hear about Someone who is a bright light for everyone!"

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by holding one of the lights and asking the children to follow the light to the story area.

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**MADE TO PLAY**

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



**2. LIGHT BRIGHT HEARTS**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Light Bright Hearts" Activity Page, cardstock, 1" neon circle stickers, 1" black circle stickers, painter's tape, and permanent marker; *Optional: scissors*

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Light Bright Hearts" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their

paper. *Optional: Cut the sheets of stickers into strips of the same color, and place around the table.*

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to add a brightly colored sticker to the circles on their papers with the "x" inside. Ask children to fill the remaining circles with the black circle stickers. Talk about what they created. Display on the wall at the door.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Introduce the Bible Story.

**BIBLE STORY**

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**THE MAN AT THE POOL**  
**JOHN 5:1-9**

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, come find a spot at the table. I have something super-fun for you to do today!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "There are a lot of circles on your paper! Do you see the circles that have a little 'x' mark in them? (*Point.*) Those circles are really important, so I need you to put a brightly colored circle sticker in only those circles. You can use all of the same color, or you can use all the different colors. I'm so excited to see what it makes! Let's get started. (*Pause.*)

"Wow! Look how pretty all the colors are! Can you tell what it is? (*Pause.*) Yes! It's a beautiful heart! Hearts make us think of LOVE! But we aren't finished yet! See all the other circles that are blank? I want you to put one of these black circle stickers on those circles and watch what happens. (*Pause.*) WOW! Look how bright your heart shines! That's amazing! Let's hang all of our hearts at the door so everyone can see how bright our hearts are!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "There is so much BRIGHT love! In our Bible Story today, we'll hear how Jesus loves everyone and is a very bright light! Come with me and let's hear all about it."

**MEMORY VERSE**

"You are the light of the world."

**MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV**

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by calling each child by name and instructing them to shine their love by making a heart with their hands as you travel. Continue with each child. Then, ask the children to do it together.

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## MADE TO IMAGINE

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



### 3. DRESSED UP LOVE

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Preschool-safe, floor length mirror; and different pieces of clothing (*backpack, apron, jackets, uniforms, etc.*)

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Place the mirror near a wall in your activity area. Lay out the clothes near the mirror.

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**THE MAN AT THE POOL**  
**JOHN 5:1-9**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to dress up to look like someone in their family or their town.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Introduce the Bible Story.

### MEMORY VERSE

"You are the light of the world."

**MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV**

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Look in the mirror, and wave 'hello!' (*Pause.*) Let's play dress up with these clothes and pretend to be someone in your family or maybe someone in your town."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Pick out some clothes to wear, if you need help, I'll help you. (*Pause.*) Wow! You look awesome! Who are you dressed up as? (*Pause.*) That's fantastic! Go to the mirror and look at yourself. (*Pause.*) Now repeat after me: '[Child's name] can love like Jesus!' (*Repeat.*) Yay! Go find something else to try on. Who's next? It's our friend, [child's name]! (*Continue with each child, and repeat as desired.*) Friends, there are so many people in our family and in our town, and we can love them like Jesus loves US!"

### KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Today in our Bible Story, we'll hear how Jesus loved everyone and how we can too!"

### BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by pretending to put on different items of clothing as you travel—put on a hat, put on a coat, put on rainboots, etc.

### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



**MADE TO CREATE**  
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible Story, Bottom Line, or Memory Verse by creating a craft



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**1. MIRROR YOU**

**[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Mirror YOU" Activity Page, cardstock, mirror paper, clear tape, craft knife, scissors, dot markers, stamps, washable ink pads, plastic or paper table covering, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

*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.*

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Mirror YOU" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Cover the table(s). Say the Memory Verse and do the motions with the children.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to decorate their paper with the markers and stamps. Help each child tape the mirror paper to the back of their paper, shiny side up.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Say the Memory Verse with motions one more time, and review the Bottom Line.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "I'm so happy to see you today! Come join me over here, and let's say our Memory Verse together with the motions. '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! Sit down at the table with me."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, I have a paper for you to decorate with markers and stamps. (Pause.) Your paper has the words of our Memory Verse written on it. Does your paper have a hole in it? (Pause.) It does! I have something special for you to add there. (Help each child tape a piece of mirror paper to the back of their paper so the shiny side shows through the hole.) These big letters spell the word: 'YOU.' Look! Who do you see in that word? (Pause.) Yes! It's YOU! The Bible teaches us that Jesus said: 'You are the light of the world,' Matthew 5:14."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's do the motions as we say our verse 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.) Great job! Jesus loves everyone in the world. We can love everyone too. You are a bright light when you love like Jesus. **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus.**"



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

### MADE TO MOVE

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



### 2. SING IT!

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Gather children around you in your activity area.

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### THE MAN AT THE POOL JOHN 5:1-9

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Lead children in singing the Bible Story song to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bottom Line.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Everyone, come stand with me. I have a new song for us to learn today, and it's all about today's Bible Story!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Today we heard a story about how Jesus helped the man by the pool because Jesus loved him. Jesus loves EVERYONE. I made a song for us to sing that tells the story! Here it goes!

*(Sing to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus.")*

"One day Jesus saw a man by the water,  
By the water, by the water,  
One day Jesus saw a man by the water,  
He couldn't walk.

"Jesus said, 'Get up and walk!'  
'Get up and walk!' 'Get up and walk!'  
Jesus said, 'Get up and walk!'  
And that is what he did!

"Jesus came to love everyone!  
Everyone, everyone.  
Jesus came to love EVERYONE!  
We can love everyone too!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Jesus loved the man in our story and wanted to help him. Jesus loves all the people in the world! And we can too! We can love everyone like Jesus. **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!"**

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## MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



### 3. ALL THE PEOPLE, ALL THE PLACES

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Butcher paper, washable markers, and toy car

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Lay the butcher paper on the table. Use the markers to draw a road along the center of the butcher paper. Create simple drawings of places along the road that children would visit— like a house, school, church, library, grocery store, post office, playground, etc.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Point out the road, and guide the children to take a trip to each landmark as you drive the toy car along the way. Stop the car at each place, and talk about the people you see there, prompting with questions to help children brainstorm.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bottom Line.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, come gather around the table with me!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Wow! This looks like a town with lots of different places we could go. Let's take a trip and talk about each one. (*Drive the car down the road to the first place.*) What do you see? (*Pause.*) That's right, this is a [school]. Who are the people who work at a [school]? (*Pause.*) There are teachers, and a principal, and people who make food for lunches. What other people do you see at school? (*Pause.*) Yes! Lots of children who are students at school. Guess what? Jesus loves ALL the people at school, and you can too! Let's drive our car to the next place. (*Continue driving the car to each place and repeating the conversation.*) Jesus loves ALL the people in ALL these places—at school, at home, at church, on the playground, at the library, and at the post office."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Everywhere you go, you'll see people who Jesus loves! And friends, WE can love everyone like Jesus loves us! **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!**"

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### MADE TO MOVE

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### 4. POOL OF HEARTS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Baby pool, ball pit balls, heart cutouts, and a plastic bin

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Place the pool in the middle of your activity area. Fill the pool with ball pit balls and mix in

the heart cutouts.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to dig around in the pool and find one heart cutout. Then deposit it into the bin. Repeat as desired.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bottom Line.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Whoa, friends! Look at this cool pool! I see hearts in it! And what do hearts remind us of? (Pause.) YES! LOVE! Do you know what this pool reminds me of? (Pause.) You're right! It reminds me of the LOVE we heard about in our Bible Story today. How about we play a little game together? I want everyone to stand around the pool. Now take three giant steps back. Ready . . . one. (Pause.) Two. (Pause.) Three. Great!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "When I say: '**Who can love like Jesus?**' I want you to run to the pool and find one (*hold up one finger*) heart. Ready? **Who can love like Jesus?** (Pause.) When you find a heart, hold it high above your head. (Pause.) Great! Now, come put it in this container and say: '**I can love like Jesus!**' (*Repeat the Bottom Line with each child.*) Would you like to play again and look for more love? (Pause.) Great! Let's go! (*Repeat as desired.*) That was so much fun finding the hearts together."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Jesus loved the man at the pool and wanted to help him. Jesus loves EVERYONE, and we can too! **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!** Let's say it one more time. **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!**"

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**5. MAN WITH A MAT**  
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Man with a Mat" Activity Page, cardstock, crayons, felt, popsicle sticks, metal brads, scissors, hot glue gun, hot glue sticks, and a permanent marker

*Note: Use the hot glue gun before children arrive, and store it in another room, out of reach.*

**BIBLE STORY**

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**THE MAN AT THE POOL**  
JOHN 5:1-9

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Man with a Mat" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child. Write each child's name on their cutout. Cut felt into approximately 3 1/2" x 4" rectangles, one per child. For each child, glue the short ends of their felt to popsicle sticks.

**MEMORY VERSE**

"You are the light of the world."

**MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to color their cutout. When finished, punch a brad through the center of the cutout and through the center of the piece of felt. Bend the backs of each brad to secure. Demonstrate how the man is laying on his mat, then rotate him, pinch the popsicle sticks together, and walk the man and his mat around. Encourage children to use their man on the mat to help you review the Bible Story.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bottom Line.

**KEY QUESTION**

Who can love like Jesus?

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Today we heard how Jesus loved the man at the pool and helped him walk again! Let's make a picture of the man and his mat, so we can use them to help review our story."

**BOTTOM LINE**

I can love like Jesus.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Use the crayons to color your picture of the man. (Pause.) Now let's add him to his mat. (Push the brad through the middle of the man and then through the center of the piece of felt. Bend the brad to secure.) See, he's lying on his mat. (Move the man to be parallel to the mat.) And now he's standing and carrying his mat. (Rotate the man and pinch the popsicle sticks together.) You give it a try. (Pause.) Okay, let's review, and you can act it out with your craft."

**BASIC TRUTH**

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**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** “Today in our Bible Story, we learned that Jesus helped the man who had been lying on a mat by a pool of water. Make your man lie on his mat. (*Demonstrate.*) Jesus knew the man had been sick for a long time, and He loved the man and wanted to help him. Jesus told the man: ‘Get up! Pick up your mat and walk’ (*John 5:8, NIV*). And that’s exactly what the man did! Make your man stand up and pick up his mat. (*Demonstrate.*) He stood up, picked up his mat, and walked. Amazing! Jesus helped the man at the pool because Jesus loves everyone. Jesus is the Light of the World. 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!**”



**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, and a fun-shaped pen

*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.*

**BIBLE STORY**

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**THE MAN AT THE POOL**  
**JOHN 5:1-9**

**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 Matthew 5:14. Keep this card in your Bible all month.

Lead the children to link arms with one another as you go to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

**MEMORY VERSE**

"You are the light of the world."

**MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bible Story and Memory Verse Hand Motions. Then, encourage the children to help you make a list of people in the journal.

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

**KEY QUESTION**

Who can love like Jesus?

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to link arms and walk all the way to our Small Group spot together. Everyone, link arms like this (*demonstrate*) and walk with me! (*Link arms and lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) Yay! Everyone made it! Now, let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

**BOTTOM LINE**

I can love like Jesus.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) "In our Bible Story today, we heard how Jesus helped a man by a pool of water. The man could not walk, and Jesus made him walk! Jesus helped the man at the pool because Jesus loves everyone. We can love everyone, too. That's why when I ask you: '**Who can love like Jesus?**' you can say, '**I can love like Jesus!**' Let me hear you! **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!**"

**BASIC TRUTH**

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

"You sure can! And when you love like Jesus: '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's what Jesus says in the Bible verse we're learning. Stand up with me, and let's say that together. Just say what I say and do what I do. '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.*)



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"Wow! We are the light of the world when we love like Jesus! Let's sit down and make a list of people we can love in our prayer journal, and then we can use it when we talk to God. (*Open journal.*) When I say your name, tell me the name of one person you love. It can be anyone in the whole wide world!" (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Look at all these people! (*Hold up journal.*) Jesus is a light to all these people because Jesus loves everyone. And when we love like Jesus, we love everyone too. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You that Jesus loves (*say each child's name*). Thank You that Jesus loves (*read the list the children made*). Thank You that Jesus loves everyone! Help us love like Jesus and love everyone too. Then we can be the light of the world, like Jesus! We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."



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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. FOUR CORNERS

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

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Tap lights in four different colors
- Batteries
- Duct tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Add batteries to all tap lights. Then, secure each battery compartment with a piece of duct tape.
- Place one tap light in each corner of the activity area, and turn on each light.

#### 2. LIGHT BRIGHT HEARTS

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

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- "Light Bright Hearts" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- 1" neon circle stickers
- 1" black circle stickers
- Painter's tape
- Permanent marker
- *Optional: scissors*

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Copy "Light Bright Hearts" on cardstock, one per child.
- Write each child's name on their paper.
- *Option: Cut the sheets of stickers into strips of the same color, and place around the table.*

#### 3. DRESSED UP LOVE

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

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Preschool-safe, floor-length mirror
- Different pieces of clothing (*backpack, apron, jackets, uniforms, etc.*)

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Place the mirror near a wall in your activity area.
- Lay out the clothes near the mirror.



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## GETTING READY

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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. MIRROR YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

**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:**

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- Mirror paper
- Clear tape
- Craft knife
- Scissors
- Dot markers
- Stamps
- Washable ink pads
- Plastic or paper table covering
- Baby wipes
- Permanent marker

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Copy "Mirror YOU" on cardstock and cut, one per child.
- Write each child's name on their paper.
- Cover the table(s).

#### 2. SING IT!

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- No supplies needed

#### 3. ALL THE PEOPLE, ALL THE PLACES

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Butcher paper
- Washable markers
- Toy car

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Lay the butcher paper on the table.
- Use the markers to draw a road along the center of the butcher paper.
- Create simple drawings of places along the road that children would visit—like a house, school, church, library, grocery store, post office, playground, etc.

#### 4. POOL OF HEARTS

[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:**

- Baby pool
- Ball pit balls
- Heart cutouts, foam or paper
- Plastic bin

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Place the pool in the middle of your activity area.
- Fill the pool with ball pit balls, and mix in the heart cutouts.



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## GETTING READY

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

### 5. MAN WITH A MAT

#### [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:

- "Man with a Mat" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Crayons
- Felt
- Popsicle sticks
- Metal brads
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Hot glue sticks
- Permanent marker

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Man with a Mat" on cardstock and cut, one per child.
- Write each child's name on their cutout.
- Cut felt into approximately 3 ½" x 4" rectangles, one per child.
- For each child, hot glue the short ends of their felt to popsicle sticks.

### 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](https://bit.ly/3B4Z71j).)
- Fun-shaped pen (Check out the Ollie pen at [bit.ly/3Nwj0Wh](https://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 Matthew 5:14. *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**.

### FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

- Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. [bit.ly/FL\\_LightBright](https://bit.ly/FL_LightBright)