



WEEK
FOUR
MAY 2025

SMALL GROUP
2-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Start Spreadin' the News
John's Disciples Follow Jesus
John 1:35-45

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Look for ways to tell
others about Jesus.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

None of you should look
out just for your own good.
Each of you should also look
out for the good of others.
Philippians 2:4, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Initiative—Seeing what needs
to be done and doing it

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the
way I want to be treated.

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.

Check out our Pinterest page here <https://bit.ly/447HSZi> for a visual on some of the activities.

Check out our Small Group Leader Conversation Guides to guide you through salvation conversations: <https://bit.ly/4daxSUg>

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15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener
Worship
Bible Story
Bottom Line
What's Our Part in the Story?
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Go Tell Everyone!
Application Activity: Walking Water Rainbow
Memory Verse Activity: Verse on the Move
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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Before kids arrive, take a moment to pray for them. Pray for those who may visit your group for the first time. Reflect on the people in your life who shared Jesus with you and thank God for them. Pray that the kids would look for opportunities to share Jesus with others, just as John pointed his disciples to Jesus. Ask God to fill the kids with boldness and love so they can be a light to those around them.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, and stuffies (or toy figures)

WHAT YOU DO:

- *NOTE: Before group time, hide the eight stuffies (or toy figures) around your group space.*
- Welcome each kid by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Explain to the kids that you hid eight stuffies (or toy figures) around your group area for them to find.
- Describe to the kids what they will be looking for.
- Signal for the kids to start, and invite the kids to begin searching your group area.
- Give the kids clues as they get closer or further away from finding an object.
- Continue playing until all eight stuffies (or toy figures) have been found.

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MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Floor tape, and binoculars

WHAT YOU DO:

- Using floor tape, create two parallel lines down the middle of your group area.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Give each team a pair of binoculars.
- Invite each team to line up in front of a tape line.
- Instruct the kids—one at a time—to walk along the taped line and back while looking through the *wrong* end of the binoculars.
- After each turn, direct the kids to pass the binoculars to the next kid in line.
- The first team to have all the kids travel to the end of the tape and back while looking through the binoculars backward wins!

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Way to go, friends! That was a tough game, and you all did a great job staying on your lines! When we were looking through the binoculars the wrong way, it made things harder to see, didn't it? What do we use binoculars for when we use them the correct way? (*Invite responses.*) That's right! We use binoculars to help us find things that are far away or to see them more clearly. **[Transition] In today's story from the Bible, we'll learn some truth about some people who saw Jesus clearly for who He really is—and it changed everything. Let's go!"**

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Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing



1. GO TELL EVERYONE!

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Finish the Comic" Activity Page, pencils, and coloring supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather your group together.
- Give each kid a pencil and a "Finish the Comic" Activity Page.
- Set out the coloring supplies.
- Encourage the kids to write their names on their comics.
- Read the Bible Story Recap Guide below, pausing for the kids to fill in each empty speech bubble of the comic strip with what each disciple said.
- Encourage the kids to use their own words.
 - *NOTE: Consider allowing the kids to draw symbols instead of writing—like shocked faces, smiley faces, hearts, etc.*
- Direct the kids to place their names on the top of their papers.
- Encourage the kids to color in their comic strips once you've finished reading the Bible Story Recap Guide.

Bible Story Recap Guide:

- John the Baptist recognized Jesus as the Savior because of the sign God gave him. John the Baptist even pointed Jesus out to Andrew, saying, "Look! The Lamb of God!" (John 1:36, NIV). (Pause and prompt the kids to fill in John the Baptist's speech bubble.)
- Andrew and John spent the day with Jesus, and they were SO amazed by Him that they couldn't keep the news to themselves. Meeting Jesus changed their lives, and they wanted everyone to know about it. Andrew ran to tell Peter about Jesus! (Pause and prompt the kids to fill in Andrew's speech bubble.)
- Jesus also called a man named Philip to follow him. Philip also couldn't contain the news, so Philip told his friend Nathanael! Philip couldn't wait to share the incredible news that Jesus was the Messiah, the one God had promised to send. (Pause and prompt the kids to fill in Philip's speech bubble.)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job filling in the Bible Story comic, friends! These people were so excited about the promised Savior, Jesus, and they couldn't wait to tell others about Him. Sharing about Jesus starts with being excited about who He is. Jesus is God's Son, and it's because of Jesus that we can have a relationship with God that lasts forever! That's REALLY good news! So we don't have to wait around for someone to ask us about Jesus. We can take the initiative to share God's love by telling the people around us about Jesus. We can pray for them and show them God's love through our actions. We can even tell them about a time that gave us peace during a tough time. **Look for ways to tell others about Jesus.**"

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(1. GO TELL EVERYONE!, CONTINUED)

[Make It Personal] (Tell about an age-appropriate time when you were able to share Jesus with someone else. Maybe you shared how you had peace in a tough situation, were able to talk about Jesus with a friend or a neighbor, or had a conversation at home with your family about what Jesus did for you.)



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MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning
through hands on experimentation
and discovery



*2. WALKING WATER RAINBOW [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Tablecloth, milk, prepared small cup of
dish soap, food coloring, cotton swabs, and dish (or bowl)

*NOTE: Before you begin, consider watching this video of the
experiment: bit.ly/4fsPOK0*



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WHAT YOU DO:

- Set the tablecloth on the floor or over a table in your group space.
- Gather the kids around the tablecloth.
- Explain that you will fill the bowl (or dish) about 2 inches high with milk.
- Call on a kid to place three drops of one color of food coloring into the milk.
- Invite another kid to place three drops of another color of food coloring into the milk.
- Continue calling on kids until you have four colors spread out around the bowl.
- Dip a cotton swab into the small bowl of dish soap.
- If the cotton swab is dripping, tap it on the bowl's side to remove excess soap.
- Touch the cotton swab to the top layer of milk and food coloring.
- *NOTE: Because dish soap and milk do not mix, the dish soap will glide along the top of the milk, spreading the colors around!*
- Encourage kids to observe how the colors move across the surface of the milk.
- After modeling the experiment for the kids, give them each a cotton swab.
- Allow the kids to take turns dipping their cotton swabs in soap and tapping them along the top of the milk, one by one.
- Gather your group together to discuss.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**Look for ways to tell
others about Jesus.**

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! That was so cool to watch! Everything changed when the dish soap came in contact with the food coloring. John, Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathanael experienced the best change when they met Jesus, God's Son and our Promised Savior—and they couldn't wait to tell others about Him!

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Instead of waiting around for someone to ask us about Jesus, we can start looking for ways to tell people about Jesus right now. Friends, good news is worth sharing—especially the news that changes everything! Try sharing with a friend how Jesus gives you peace, or offer to pray for someone or encourage them that Jesus is with them. Let's **look for ways to tell others about Jesus** all week!"

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3. VERSE ON THE MOVE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible marked at Philippians 2:4, and prepared paper plates

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids together in the front of your group space.
- Open the Bible marked at Philippians 2:4.
- Call on a kid to read the verse aloud to the group.
- Repeat the verse several times together.
- Give each kid a paper plate with a word from the Memory Verse.
 - NOTE: If you don't have enough plates for your entire group, consider playing this game more than once, with as many different kids as possible each round.
- NOTE: If using NlrV, the verse is easily broken up in this way:
 - None of
 - you should
 - look out
 - just for
 - your own
 - good.
 - Each of you
 - should also
 - look out
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- NOTE: If using NIV, the verse is easily broken up in this way:
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- Direct the kids to hold their paper plates, words facing out so others can see.
- Explain how to play:
 - Kids are to work together to organize themselves in verse order.
- Give a signal to start the game and prompt the kids to begin organizing themselves in verse order.

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- Encourage the kids to talk it out and help others find their places.
- Once the verse is in order, invite the kids to repeat the verse together, holding up their plates as they say that part of the verse.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You all did a great job taking the initiative to move around and help each other organize the Memory Verse! We needed to put the verse in order, and you did something about it to make it happen.

"When we **look for ways to tell others about Jesus**, it can help them see how much God loves them! Whether it's a friend who needs encouragement or someone in your family who doesn't know Jesus—the good news of Jesus is for everyone! God cared for our greatest need by sending Jesus to rescue us, and that's good news worth telling others about. **Look for ways to tell others about Jesus.**"



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal understanding
and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids together in a circle.
- Share with the kids that prayer is a conversation we get to have with God anytime, anywhere!
- Lead kids to pray using the "secret code," 'TACO.'
- Ask: "Does anyone who has been to church this month remember what each letter stands for?"
 - T = Thanks
 - A = Adoration
 - C = Choices
 - O = Others
- Explain to kids that they will focus on praying for others this week.
- Give the kids a few moments to answer this question:
 - "Who should you tell about Jesus this week?"
- *For example, kids might think about a friend, family member, or sibling who needs encouragement.*
- Invite the kids to pray for that person silently or aloud.
- After a few moments, close the group in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Dear God, thank You for making the first move to restore our relationship with You by giving us Jesus! Thank You that Jesus is always with us, walking alongside us through every situation. Help us to keep our eyes open to the needs of others and to share how Jesus has changed our lives with them.

"Help us tell others about the peace Jesus gives us in tough times so they know that Jesus is with them too. We pray for the people in our lives who don't know You yet. Please take care of their greatest need and show them how much You love them. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share their comics with their families, retelling the events of today's Bible Story!

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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)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

1. EARLY ARRIVER

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container
- Stuffed (or toy figures), eight for each Small Group
- Before group time:
 - Hide the eight stuffed (or toy figures) around your group space.

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Floor tape, one roll for each Small Group
- Binoculars, two pairs for each Small Group

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

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

* If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #2.

1. GO TELL EVERYONE!

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Create: an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print "Finish the Comic" Activity Page on paper, one for every kid
- Pencils, one for every kid
- Coloring supplies, enough for each Small Group to share

* 2. WALKING WATER RAINBOW

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Tablecloth, one for each Small Group
- Milk (whole or 2%), enough to fill 2-inches of a dish (or bowl)
- Dish soap, one bottle for each Small Group
- Small cup, one for each Small Group
- Food coloring, four colors for each Small Group
- Cotton swabs, one for every kid
- Dish (or bowl), one for each Small Group (make sure the dish can hold 2 inches of milk)
- Before group time:
 - Place about 4 oz. of dish soap into a small cup.
- NOTE: Before you begin, consider watching this video of the experiment: bit.ly/4fsPOKO

3. VERSE ON THE MOVE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible marked at Philippians 2:4, one for each Small Group
- Paper plates, 12 for each Small Group
- Permanent marker, one for each Small Group
- Before group time:
 - Use a permanent marker to divide the words in Philippians 2:4 and write them on 12 paper plates.
- NOTE: If using the NIV, the verse is easily broken up in this way:
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*4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource:
Parent Cue app.