

Today's Suggested Schedule—June 2025, Week 3

Today's Bible Story: I'll Be There for You (Look Out for One Another / Jesus Heals on the Sabbath) • *Philippians 2:4 (Supporting: Luke 6:6-11)*

Today's Bottom Line: Look out for one another.

Monthly Memory Verse: *As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did.*
Philippians 2:5 (NIRV)

Monthly Virtue: Live It Out—Discover how to love like Jesus.

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS NOT IN BAGS:

Bible Story Review: Build a Mural

- butcher paper
- coloring supplies
- wall tape

Application Activity: It's All About Others

- phone timer

Memory Verse Activity: Build A-Verse

- Bible
- pit ball

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

- JPS cards from previous weeks
- blank JPS cards for new kids
- coloring supplies

Pray for your group before they arrive. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God that Jesus cared more about looking out for others than Himself! Reflect on the people God has placed in your life to support you. Ask God to help the kids be thoughtful and aware of how they can look out for those around them.

1. Bible Story Review- Build a Mural

What You Need: “Relay Prompts” (next page), butcher paper, coloring supplies, and painter’s tape

What You Do:

- Spread the butcher paper (or poster board) on a table or tape it to a wall in your group area.
- Set the coloring supplies near the butcher paper (or poster board).
- Instruct the kids to stand on the opposite side of your group area facing the butcher paper (or poster board).
- Explain how to play:
 - Kids are to race one at a time to the poster to complete a task based on your prompt.
 - Once they draw or write the answer to that task on the poster, that kid is to return to tag the next kid in line.
- Read the first prompt from the “Relay Prompts” Activity Page to the first kid to go.
- Make sure you read the prompt aloud so the rest of the group can hear it.
- Encourage the kids to cheer for their friends to model encouragement and support.
- Once all the prompts are complete, bring everyone together to decorate the mural.
- As kids decorate, discuss the prompts and how each drawing connects to today’s Bible Story.
- Hang the mural in a visible spot as a reminder of your group’s commitment to helping one another!

What You Say:

"Wow, friends, you all did a fantastic job with this mural! The religious leaders were watching Jesus carefully. What do you think they were trying to do? (*Invite responses.*) That’s right! They were trying to catch Jesus breaking their extra rules. But Jesus didn’t worry about what they thought. He cared about the man who needed help.

"How do you think the man felt when Jesus healed him? (*Invite responses, like: Happy! surprised, shocked, thankful, etc.*) That’s right! Jesus didn’t let the rules stop Him from doing what was right. He looked out for the man because that’s who Jesus was—someone who loves and helps others, no matter what. And here’s the best part: we can live like Jesus too! When we see someone who needs help or feels left out, we can look out for them. We can **[Bottom Line]** look out for one another by lending a hand, saying a kind word, or sharing what we have."

- Draw a few religious leaders with worried faces about Jesus not doing things the way they had always done things.
- Draw Jesus reaching out to help the man with the twisted hand.
- Draw the man's hand before and after Jesus healed it.
- Draw a crowd of people watching Jesus heal someone.
- Draw two people helping each other, like Jesus helped the man.
- Write how the man might have felt before and after Jesus healed him.
- Draw Jesus teaching about doing good on the Sabbath.
- Draw or write one thing you learned from this story about being like Jesus. (multiple cards with this prompt)
- Draw or write about how Jesus looked out for people who needed help.
- Write why looking out for others is important—even when it's hard.

* 2. Application Activity- It's All About Others

What You Need: "Others Scenarios" Activity Pages (listed on next page), and a timer

What You Do:

- Invite kids to form teams of two.
 - It's okay if there's a group of three!
- Give each team a strip from the "Others Scenarios" Activity Page.
- Invite the teams to read it silently.
 - Walk around and help teams with reading the strips as needed.
- Use the timer to give kids 2-3 minutes to decide how to act out the prompt.
- Invite each team to act out their scenario one at a time in front of the group.
- Instruct the rest of the group to guess what the actors are doing.

What You Say:

"You all did a great job acting out ways we can **[Bottom Line]** look out for one another! Jesus always put others first. He showed us that we can make a big difference when we focus less on ourselves and more on the people around us. So, this week, think about how you can live like Jesus by looking out for one another. Maybe you can play with someone who's alone at recess or help a sibling clean up a mess. Let's all try to live like Jesus and **[Bottom Line]** look out for one another!"

[Make It Personal] (Share an age-appropriate time you looked out for a coworker or friend. Maybe you saw them sitting by themselves or showed up for them during a really tough week. What did you do?)

Helping a classmate who dropped their books.

Sharing your snack with someone who forgot theirs.

Playing with a kid who's sitting alone at recess.

Helping a sibling clean up their toys.

Cheering up a friend who is sad.

Letting someone go ahead of you in line.

Helping an elderly neighbor carry groceries.

Giving someone your turn on the swing.

3. Memory Verse Activity- Build A-Verse

What You Need: Bible marked at Philippians 2:5, and a pit ball

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Open the Bible marked at Philippians 2:5.
- Call on a kid to read the verse aloud to the group.
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Recite the verse together several times using the hand motions from Week 1.
 - As you deal with one another, *(Point to the kids around you.)*
 - you should think *(Tap your forehead.)*
 - and act *(Take a big step forward.)*
 - as Jesus did. *(Stretch your arms like Jesus on the cross.)*
 - Philippians 2:5 *(Open hands like a book.)*
- Give one kid a ball to start.
- Invite that kid to say the first word of the verse, and then pass the object to the kid on their right.
- Instruct the next kid to say the second word in the Memory Verse, then pass the object to the kid on their right.
- Continue around the circle in this way until the verse is complete.
- If a kid forgets a word, repeat the verse and start the round over.
- *Challenge: Call a “speed round” and invite kids to see how quickly they can pass the object while still saying the verse correctly.*

What You Say:

“Great work, friends! I love our Memory Verse this month. Jesus didn’t just think about Himself. He showed us how to look out for one another with love and kindness. Paul, the author of this verse, reminds us that we should think and act like Jesus. This week, when you see someone needing help, think like Jesus and ask: ‘What can I do to help?’ Let’s say the verse together one more time with the motions. *(Invite responses.)* Awesome job! Now go out this week and **[Bottom Line] look out for one another!**”

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: Stored “JPS Device” Activity Pages, “JPS Device” Activity Pages, pens (or pencils), and coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Give the kids the JPS pages with their names on them from the “JPS Activity Page” from the previous week.
- Give each new kid a blank “JPS Device” Activity Page.
- Give each kid a pen (or pencil) and direct them to write their names on the page, if they haven’t already done so.
- Recite this week’s Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] “look out for one another”** to the group.
- Invite the kids to repeat the Bottom Line with you several times.
- Say: “No matter where you go, a GPS helps us find our way.”
- Say: “This screen is your JPS—‘Jesus Positioning System!’ Each week this month, we’ll add something to the screen that reminds us how Jesus shows us the way to live.”
- Direct the kids to find the phrase “Look out” on their JPS Device.
- Invite the kids to take a moment to ask God to give them opportunities to look out for others.
- Set out the coloring supplies.
- Instruct the kids to draw themselves looking out for someone else in the “Look out” circle.
 - If kids are struggling, prompt them with ideas of what to draw, like: helping a sibling get ready for school, looking out for a friend who fell at the park, etc.
- Give any kids who would like to share their drawings with the group an opportunity to do so.
- Collect and store the JPS Devices for next week.
- Close the group in prayer.

NOTE: Kids will use their “JPS Device” Activity Page all month long. Collect them and set them aside for Week 4.

What You Say:

“Dear God, thank You for giving us Your Son, Jesus, and showing us how to live through His life. Thank You for Jesus’ example of looking out for others and putting their needs before His own. Please help us to see the people around us who need love, kindness, and help. Give us the courage to live it out even when we get nervous. Remind us this week to take the focus off ourselves and look out for what the people around us need. We want to live and love more like Jesus. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

