

## Today's Suggested Schedule—June 2025, Week 3

**Today's Bible Story:** I'll Be There for You (Jesus Heals on the Sabbath) • *Philippians 2:4*

**Today's Key Question:** Who's looking out for you?

**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:** What God is doing in you to change the world around you.

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

### **MATERIALS NEEDED NOT INCLUDED IN THE BAGS:**

#### **Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions**

- Hula hoop
- pit balls (need 1 less than amount of kids you have in your group)

#### **Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You**

- ping pong balls bin plus 5 balls in the bag
- shallow bin or use curriculum tray

#### **Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer**

- pencils
- markers/coloring supplies

*Before kids arrive, lift your Small Group time today up to God in prayer. Pray that every one of your kids will feel seen and acknowledged by you as they participate in the activities and conversations that will happen.*

## 1. Bible Story Extension

**What You Need:** Hula hoop, pit balls, “Story Trivia” Activity Page, device for playing music

**What You Do:**

- Invite the kids to stand in a circle.
- Place the hula hoop on the floor in the circle’s center.
- Place the playground balls in the hula hoop.
  - NOTE: There should be one less ball than the number of kids standing in the circle.
- Explain to kids that the balls will represent “planets.”
- Explain how to play:
  - The kids will “orbit” around the planets in the solar system as a group.
  - Once the music begins, the kids must begin walking around the hula hoop.
  - When the music stops, the kids should immediately stop and quickly grab one of the “planets.”
  - Whoever is left without a ball must answer a trivia question about today’s Bible story.
  - That kid will now pause the music and ask the trivia question for the next round.
  - For each round, a planet will be removed from the circle’s center until there is one kid left standing.
- Ask kids Bible Story Review questions from the “Story Trivia” Activity Page.
- Continue playing until all the questions have been answered.
- Once the game has finished, share with the kids that Jesus always kept His focus on other people. He cared more about looking out for others than making Himself look good. This can be really hard to do, but we can always ask God to help us.

## Story TRIVIA Page

1. Why were the religious leaders getting concerned about things Jesus was doing?
  - *(Jesus was doing things differently than how they had always been done, and He was making claims that they felt were alarming. He also spent time with people that the religious leaders avoided.)*
2. What was the Sabbath?
  - *(It was part of the law that God gave Moses. It set aside one day of the week to rest and connect with God.)*
3. How did the religious leaders respond when Jesus didn't treat the Sabbath like they thought He should?
  - *(They put even more laws into place having to do with the Sabbath. These laws were not from God.)*
4. What happened in the synagogue with Jesus and the man with the weak, twisted hand?
  - *(Jesus healed him in front of the religious leaders and everyone else, even though it was the Sabbath. He used it to explain how we should not hold back from helping others just because it might be considered "work" on the Sabbath.)*
5. How did the religious leaders respond when Jesus healed the man?
  - *(They got super angry and began to plot how to stop Jesus.)*
6. Why didn't the religious leaders understand the importance of what Jesus was doing?
  - *(They were wrapped up in fear and making themselves look good. They cared more about following rules than helping people.)*
7. Did Jesus let the thoughts and reactions of others control his actions? Why or why not?
  - *(No. He was always looking out for others, regardless of what other people thought or said about Him.)*
8. Who later wrote a letter to the Philippians to help them remember how to live like Jesus?
  - *(Paul)*
9. What is our Bible verse that we're learning this month?
  - *(As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did. -Philippians 2:5)*
10. What is one way you can look out for someone else this week?

## 2. Discussion Questions

### Ask:

- What does it mean to look out for someone else?
- When have you looked out for someone?
- Who is looking out for you?
- Who are some people Jesus looked out for?

## 3. Verses to Take with You

**What You Need:** Shallow bin, prepared ping pong balls and ping pong balls in room, Bible

### What You Do:

- Fill a shallow bin with the prepared ping pong balls.
- Place the bin on the floor at one end of your group space.
- Invite kids to gather and sit on the opposite end of your group space.
- Select a kid to go first and explain that they will pretend to be an astronaut on a quest to the moon.
- Their mission is to find one ping pong ball with a Bible verse reference written on it.
- Explain how to play:
  - The kid will walk to the bin of ping pong balls and search for a ball with writing on it.
  - *NOTE: For added fun, encourage them to slow motion bounce or moonwalk to the bin.*
  - Once they find a verse reference ping pong ball, they must travel back to the group.
  - The kid will select another kid, a fellow astronaut, to help them look up the verse, read it with them, and then aloud to the group.
  - Repeat the process until every verse ball has been found.
- Once each verse is read, ask questions for discussion.
- See the list below for suggested questions corresponding to each verse.
- **Verse Questions:**
  - Matthew 5:38-42
    - Is it difficult to turn the other cheek?
    - How can you go the extra mile with someone in your life?
  - 1 John 3:17-18
    - How should God's love affect our actions?
    - What does love in action look like?
  - John 15:12
    - Is it optional to love others? Why or why not?
  - Philippians 2:5
    - How can we think and act as Jesus did?
  - Romans 15:1-2
    - How can you "build up" your neighbor?

## 4. Make it Personal with Prayer

**What You Need:** “Look Out” Activity Page, pens, and markers

**What You Do:**

- Invite the kids to spread out in your group space.
- Give each kid a copy of the “Look Out” Activity Page.
- Make the pens and markers available.
- Encourage the kids to take a few minutes to think about this question:
  - Who is someone in your life you can be looking out for?
- Share with the kids that one way we can look out for one another is by praying for each other!
- Invite the kids to fill out their “Look Out” Activity Page with the pens and markers by listing the names of people they thought of on the lines provided.
- Once everyone has had a chance to fill out their pages, lead the kids in a group prayer.
- Invite kids to participate by praying for one of the people they listed on their page.
- Encourage kids to spend time this week praying for the people they wrote about.

