

Today's Suggested Schedule—January 2026, Week 4

Today's Bible Story: Timothy and Tabitha • Acts 9:36-39; 1 Timothy 4:12
I can live for God.

Key Question: What does the Bible teach you?

Bottom Line: The Bible teaches me the best things.

Memory Verse: "Your word is truth" (John 17:17 NIV).

Supplies NOT Included in the Activity Bags:

Social Activity

Find the Best Book

- ☐ Preschool books
- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ Blanket

Lesson Activities

Memory Verse Motions

Bible Story Review- Tabitha and Timothy

- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Permanent marker

Craft- The Bible is for Me

- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Permanent marker

Story Summary- Tabitha and Timothy

The Bible teaches us that we can live for God. It doesn't matter if you're young or old, God wants you to live for Him. Tabitha loved Jesus. She was always doing good and making clothes for people who needed them. Timothy was a young man who loved Jesus, too. He didn't let his age keep him from living for God. Timothy taught others about God and showed others how to love like Jesus. Timothy lived for God and helped a lot of people follow Jesus. Tabitha and Timothy lived for God, and we can live for God, too.

Social

Providing Time for Fun Interaction

15 minutes

1. Find the Best Book

What You Need:

- Preschool books
- Preschool Bible
- Blanket

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Pile up the books with the Bible near the bottom. Place the blanket nearby.

During the Activity: Encourage children to look through the pile of books to find the “Best Book.” When they find the Bible, celebrate. Repeat the activity by stacking the books randomly and covering them with the blanket. Ask children to take turns reaching under the blanket to try to pick the “best book” then pull it out and show everyone what book they picked. When the Bible is found, celebrate. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come to the table and help me find the best book!”

During the Activity: “Everyone take a book and hold it up. *(Pause.)* [Child’s name], what book do you have? *(Pause for response.)* Oh, that’s a good book about [subject], but that’s not the best book. *(Continue with each child until you get to the Bible.)* Whoa! [Child or leader’s name] found the best book! They found the Bible! Everyone clap and cheer! *(Pause.)* Let’s play again, but this time we’ll put a blanket over the books and try to pick the best book without looking. *(Name several children.)* Reach under and pull one book out, and show everyone your book. *(Pause.)* Did anyone find the best book? *(Continue with the next round of children.)* Hooray! There’s the Bible! The very best book! Let’s look at all our books, and then we can look at the best book together.” *(Allow children to look through all the books, then together look through the Bible.)*

After the Activity: “Today we are going to hear a story of a young man named Timothy who taught others about the best things from the Bible.”

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by singing “The B-I-B-L-E.”

1. Memory Verse with Motions

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

Teach the Memory Verse motions. Invite the children to do them with you several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come stand with me, and let me tell you our brand-new Memory Verse! Ready to hear it? It goes like this. ‘Your (*point up*) word (*open hands like a book*) is truth,’ (*move index finger forward from mouth*) John 17:17.” (*Open hands like a book.*)

During the Activity: “Now, let’s learn the motions. The first part of our verse says: ‘Your’ (*point up*). Point one finger up in the air like this (*pointer finger up to the sky*) and say, ‘Your.’ (*Repeat with children.*) Great job!

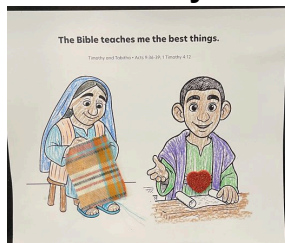
“The next part of our verse says: ‘Word’ (*open hands like a book*). Put your hands together in front of you and open them like you are opening a book like this (*open hands like a book*) and say, ‘word.’ (*Pause.*) Now let’s put that together. ‘Your (*point up*) word’ (*open hands like a book*). Great job!

“The next part of our verse says: ‘Is truth’ (*move index finger forward from mouth*). Put your pointer finger up to your mouth like you are saying shh like this (*pointer finger to lips*), then move your finger forward from your mouth (*move finger forward from mouth*) and say ‘is truth.’ (*Repeat with children.*) Nice job! Now let’s put that together. Your (*point up*) word (*open hands like a book*) is truth’ (*move index finger forward from mouth.*) Super!

“Now the last part is: John 17:17. (*Open hands like a book.*) Put your hands together in front of you and open them like you are opening a book (*open hands like a book*) and say: ‘John 17:17.’ (*Repeat with children.*) Great job! I think we are ready to do it all together! Ready friends? ‘Your (*point up*) word (*open hands like a book*) is truth,’ (*move index finger forward from mouth*) John 17:17” (*open hands like a book*). Nice job. Let’s do it again!” (*Repeat several times.*)

After the Activity: “The Bible teaches us so many wonderful things like how God made me, God loves me, and Jesus wants to be my friend forever. **[Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things. What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things.**

2. Bible Story Review- Tabitha and Timothy



What You Need:

- “Tabitha and Timothy” Activity Page
- Fabric
- Heart sticker
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Permanent marker

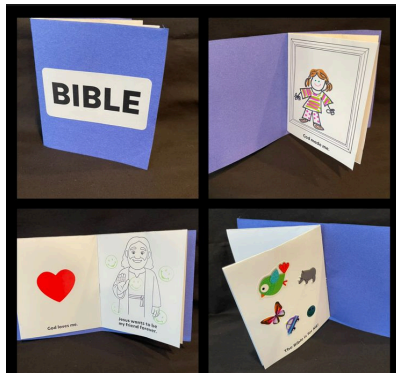
What You Do:

1. Write each child’s name on their paper.
2. Encourage children to color their paper and add different textural elements while retelling the story.

What You Say:

1. “Hello friends! Come over and join me so we can make a special story picture together.”
2. “Today, in our Bible Story, we learned about two people who lived for God. Color your pictures as we talk about today’s story. Tabitha made clothes for people who needed them. Can you color the picture of Tabitha? *(Pause.)* Now, pick out a piece of fabric and glue the fabric to Tabitha. *(Pause.)* Great job! Timothy was a young man. Can you color Timothy on your picture? *(Pause.)* Timothy taught people about God. Can you put your heart sticker on Timothy? *(Pause.)* Hearts remind us of love, and God loves us so, so much!”
3. “Your pictures look so wonderful! Timothy and Tabitha lived for God by helping people, and you can live for God too! We can learn how to live for God when we read the Bible because **[Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things. What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things.**”

3. Craft- The Bible is for Me



What You Need:

- ☐ “The Bible is for Me” Activity Page
- ☐ “The Bible is for Label” Activity Page
- ☐ Construction paper
- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Large heart stickers
- ☐ smiley face stickers
- ☐ Stickers
- ☐ Permanent marker

What You Do:

1. Write each child’s name on their book.
2. Encourage children to add their label to the front of their book. Ask children to open their book and color and add to each page.

What You Say:

1. “Come sit with me at the table. Let’s make our own story picture Bible.”
2. “On the front of your book, I want you to add this label. It says Bible. *(Pause.)* Great! Now open up, and on the first page, it says, God made me. Draw a picture of yourself on this page. *(Pause.)* Your pictures look so great! Turn the page, this page says God loves me. Put your big heart sticker on this page. *(Pause.)* This next page has a picture of Jesus on it. This page says Jesus wants to be my friend forever. That makes me happy, so let’s add smiley faces to this page. *(Pause.)* Okay, turn to the last page. This page says the Bible is for ME! Decorate this page. *(Pause.)* Great job, friends!”
3. “We can live for God by drawing a picture to cheer up a friend. We can tell people about God. We can share food with other people. We can love like Jesus every day and everywhere we go! Isn’t that the best? The Bible has God’s words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things! **What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things.**”