

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 10, 2025

Bible Story: Noah • *Genesis 6–9*

Bottom Line: You can trust God even when you don't understand.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (NirV)*

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING SMALL GROUP (20 minutes)

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Early Arriver /

Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP (30-35 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

- Introduce Monthly Theme Poster
- Review Monthly Memory Verse Poster
- Review Weekly Bottom Line Poster
- Worship (2 Songs - Video)
- Teaching (Story Lab - Video)
- Review Weekly Bottom Line Poster

SMALL GROUP (25-30 minutes)

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Reinforcement Activity

Prayer Journal

Devotionals for Kids

Parent Cue App

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Opening Activity

Made to Play

What You Need:

- ☐ Hula Hoops
- ☐ Floor Tape
- ☐ Timer

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high-five, fist bump, or a wave.
- Spread out hula hoops in a straight or zig-zag pattern.
 - *NOTE: Kids should be able to jump from one hoop to the next.*
- Designate a start line on one side of the hoops and a finish line on the other with floor tape.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Explain that they will race through the hops using their “super speed.”
- How to play:
 - The team selected to go first will line up behind the start line.
 - The first kid on the team will hop, jump, or run through the hoops to the other side.
 - Once they reach the last hoop, they will return and tag the next kid in line.
 - The team that gets all of their kids back to the start line the fastest wins!
- Set a timer for each team during their turn. Compare the times to claim a winner.
- If time allows, play another round.
- Celebrate the teams’ efforts!

What You Say:

“Whoa! You all did an incredible job using your *super speed* to get through the Hula Hoops. Some of the hoops were easy to pass on, and some hoops took a little extra time to get to! We had to take the Hula Hoops one step at a time in order to make it across. **[Transition]** In fact, we’re going to hear a true story from the Bible about how important it is to take our lives one step at a time with God, even when we don’t understand what’s happening next. Let’s go find out more!”

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- Consider the needs of your group. Adapt the movement by allowing kids to walk or crawl through each Hula Hoop instead of hopping or jumping.
- If a kid prefers not to race, let them cheer their team on!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

LARGE GROUP

What You Need: TV, Pre-Loaded Video Content

What You Do:

- Introduce/Remind kids about the
 - a. Monthly Theme,
 - b. Monthly Memory Verse
 - c. Today's Bottom Line
- Play 1st and 2nd Worship Songs
- Allow kids to grab a snack
- Play Teaching (Story Lab - Video)
- Review Today's Bottom Line

Lead your group to the Small Group activity.

Groups

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

25 minutes

Superhero Review

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Move

What You Need:

- ☐ Floor Tape
- ☐ “Superhero Review” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Place a line of floor tape in the center of your group space.
- Instruct the kids to stand on the tape line.
- Share the rules:
 - You will read a question from the “Superhero Review” Activity Page out loud.
 - Each question will have two answer choices. Kids are to choose an answer by moving to the side of the tape line they think is correct.
 - You will challenge the kids to do different superhero movements as they move to the side of the tape line they have chosen.
- One at a time, read a question from the “Superhero Review” Activity Page out loud.
- Point to each side of the room as you call out the possible answers.
- After you’ve read a question and its two possible answers, challenge the kids to move like a superhero as they answer each question. Some examples of superhero movements are:
 - Leaping (like over buildings)
 - Super-speed (quick feet, but moving safely!)
 - Invisibly (walk low and stealthy)
 - Strong (strut with your biceps curled)
- Once kids have moved, tell them the correct answer.
- Before you ask another question, instruct the kids to return to the tape line.

What You Say:

“Great job answering today’s Bible Story review questions—and doing it in such a fun way! Today’s true story from the Bible was about Noah. What did God ask Noah to build? (*Invite responses.*) That’s right, an ark! That took a long time, and finally, once it was done, God brought two of every animal to climb aboard, along with Noah and his family.

“After more than a year in the ark, it was probably such a huge relief for Noah and his family to get out into the fresh air—and on the dry ground again! Can you imagine the kind of faith Noah must have had to trust God and build the ark, even when he didn’t understand? He had a lot of trust in God, and a lot of faith. Faith is trusting in what you *can’t* see because of what you *can* see. See, Noah had no other reason to think that it was going to rain for so long, and that rain would cover everything on the Earth . . . except for the fact that God told him. And Noah trusted and believed God.

[Make It Personal] (Talk about an age-appropriate time when you weren’t sure what would happen next, and you had to trust God. Be sure to keep it kid-friendly! Maybe it was when you

were going through a scary thunderstorm, or moving to a new place.) “We all are going to do things that we don’t know the outcome of or that we’ve never experienced before. All Noah could lean on was God’s promises. He knew that God had been good and would see him through what he was facing.”

“We can know the same thing. God has always been good and will see us through whatever we are facing. Remember: **[Bottom Line] you can trust God even when you don’t understand.**”

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- Let kids move in a way that works for them. Suggest that kids walk or point based on the needs of your group.
- If a kid isn’t comfortable moving in this way, ask them to help you read the questions or cheer others on!
- Some kids might need extra time to process and think as you read the questions. Be patient and repeat the questions if necessary.

God's Promise

Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- ☐ "Story Verse" Activity Page
- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Timer

What You Do:

- Give every two kids a Bible.
- Guide the kids to look up Hebrews 11:1.
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Discuss any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Divide the kids into two groups.
- Give each group a set of cards from the "Story Verse" Activity Page.
- Explain how to play:
 - Say, "I'm going to give you 90 seconds to work together with your group to place the words of Hebrews 11:1 in order! When your team is done, shout 'FAITH!' together."
 - At your signal, start the timer and prompt the kids to get started.
 - If time allows, play another round, but this time challenge the kids to *silently* place the verse in order.

What You Say:

"I love our Memory Verse this month! The truth is we can trust God with EVERY part of our lives! God is so powerful that He goes with all of us wherever we go. That's our God! Just like God gave Noah (and us) a rainbow as a reminder of His promise, God gave us Jesus to save the whole world, even when it was epic and difficult.

"God promised to rescue us, and then God sent Jesus to die on the cross for everything we could ever do wrong. Jesus took the punishment for sin so that so that when we choose to follow Jesus and turn from the things we do wrong, we can be friends with God again forever! Remember this verse and know that **[Bottom Line] you can trust God even when you don't understand.**"

NOTE: Be sensitive to kids who might have questions about following Jesus. Follow your church's policy for having conversations with kids about salvation. Involve families with this discussion or decisions as well.

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- Consider the needs of your group and adjust the activity accordingly.
- Some kids might need extra time to place the verse in order. It's okay if they don't finish in 90 seconds. Celebrate both groups for their effort!

Pray and Dismiss

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- ☐ Prepared construction paper

What You Do:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- Place the four pieces of colored paper around your group area.
- Explain to the kids what each color means. *NOTE: If you choose different colors, adjust how you share.*
 - Red = family and friends
 - Blue = school
 - Green = worries
 - Yellow = dreams
- Say, “These colors help us think about different parts of our life we can talk to God about. You get to choose one color to pray about today!”
- Invite the kids to pick one color and stand or sit near that color.
- Give kids a few minutes to silently talk to God about the area they chose.
- Encourage the kids: **[Bottom Line] You can trust God even when they don't understand!**
- **Close in prayer.**

What You Say:

“God, thank You for always keeping Your promises! Thank You for loving us, guiding us and caring for us, no matter what we’re going through. We want to trust You with every part of our lives—our family, friends, school, sports teams, worries, and dreams. Help us to remember that You are always faithful, even when we are going through something scary and we don’t know what’s ahead. Give us unshakeable faith to always know that we can trust You, even when we don't understand. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to share the Memory Verse, Hebrews 11:1!

Inclusive Pro Tips

- Consider the needs of your group and adjust the activity accordingly.
- Consider any kids who may focus better with a fidget option (like holding a soft object, using quiet hand motions, or drawing while praying).

1. Which book of the Bible did today's Bible Story come from?
 - Noah
 - **Genesis**
2. God's heart was filled with sadness when the people of the world chose to turn away from Him and filled the world with harmful acts. God said He was going to bring what to the Earth?
 - **a flood**
 - a fire
3. How long was it going to rain?
 - **40 days and 40 nights**
 - 50 days and 50 nights
4. When the ark was finally finished, God sent how many of every animal on Earth? (He sent seven pairs of special animals.)
 - **two of every animal**
 - one lonely animal of every animal
5. True or False: After the 40 days and 40 nights, Noah and his family got to leave the ark right away.
 - true
 - **false**
6. True or False: Noah, his family, and the animals were the only ones that were saved.
 - **true**
 - false
7. Noah was so thankful and relieved to have been saved by God, that he built something to honor God when he and his family got out of the ark. What was it?
 - a tabernacle
 - **an altar**
8. God made a covenant, which is like a promise, to never destroy the Earth with a flood again. What was the sign of God's covenant?
 - **rainbow**
 - pillar of smoke

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NOW FAITH



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IS CONFIDENCE



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IN WHAT



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WE HOPE FOR



What to Do:

Print on cardstock and cut apart, two sets for each Small Group

"Story Verse" Activity Page, NIV

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HEBREWS 11:1 NIV



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