

January — Week 3

Small Group Leader Guide

Preschool Timetable



10 Minutes

FREE PLAY

SOMETHING THEY CAN DO ON THEIR OWN! LIKE PUZZLES, TOYS, AND SO ON.

5 Minutes

PRAISE & WORSHIP

LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH ALL OUR HEART!

5 Minutes

MOVE ACTIVITY

LET'S GET MOVING!

15 Minutes

BIBLE STORY

IT'S BIBLE STORY TIME--LET'S LISTEN TO THE TRUE STORY!

5 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

5 minutes

CREATE ACTIVITY

CRAFT TIME!

5 minutes

SNACK TIME

PLEASE SAY GRACE FOR THE SNACK AND CHECK ALLERGIES.

5 minutes

HOME TIME

PLEASE MAKE SURE KIDS TAKE THEIR CRAFT HOME.

THIS MONTH



Bible Story

Paul and Silas • Acts 16:16-40

I can pray to 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).



Inclusive Pro Tips

This leader guide is designed to be inclusive of children with a special need, learning difference, or disability who attend a group with their peers. See highlighted sections below for additional inclusive pro-tips. Check out the additional Special Needs resources included.

MOVE ACTIVITY

That's a Wrap

MADE TO
Move

What You Need:

- Board books, 4 per Small Group
- Preschool Bible
- Wrapping paper in 4 different colors
- Scissors
- Clear tape

Inclusive Pro Tips

Select moves that are suitable for everyone in the group. Movements can be done sitting if that is best for the group.



What You Do:

During the Activity: Ask one or a pair of friends to go find a specific color book, unwrap it, and tell everyone what their book is about. Repeat with the other colors, saving the Bible for last.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, I have some books spread around the room, and I need your help collecting them. They're wrapped in different-colored papers. Will you help me?" (Pause for responses.) Great!"

During the Activity: "[Child's name(s)] go get the [color] book. (Pause.) Great job! Now unwrap your book and tell us what it's all about. (Pause.) Oh, I like that book it teaches us about (say what book is about). "[Child's name(s)] go get the [color] book. (Continue until all the books but the Bible are collected and unwrapped.) Okay friends! Let's all go and get the last book together. We need to find the [color] book. Let's go! (Pause.) Hooray! We found it. Help me unwrap the book. (Pause.) Oh wow, what book is this? (Pause for responses.) Yes, it's the Bible! I love the Bible because it teaches me the best things."

After the Activity: "These books teach us lots of neat things, but the Bible (hold up the Bible) teaches us the BEST things!"

Memory Verse with Motions

Faith Skills

Hear from God	Pray to God
Talk about God	Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ No Supplies Needed

Inclusive Pro Tips

Invite children to say it with you or repeat words after you.

Set out the picture cutouts made from the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF for children to hold up or point to as an alternative to saying or repeating the verse out loud.

If using this version, adjust wording in What You Say section accordingly.



CREATE ACTIVITY

Pray Anytime



What You Need:

- "PrayAnytime" Activity Page
- Dot markers
- Self-adhesive VELCRO® dots

Inclusive Pro Tips

Provide adaptive crayons.



What You Do:

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their watch cutouts. Measure the band around each child's wrist and cut the non-buckle end to size. Adhere the bumpy side of the VELCRO® to the front side of the band on the cut end and the smooth side of the VELCRO® to the back side of the buckle end. Help children put on their watches.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends! Come sit with me at the table. Let's make a watch today. Do you know what a watch is? (Pause.) A watch is something you wear on your wrist that helps you know what time it is."

During the Activity: "Use the markers to decorate your watch. (Pause.) Super! Let's measure it around your wrist. (Cut as needed and add the adhesive dots.) Now your watch is ready to wear! (Help put each child's watch on.) Your watch can help you remember that you can pray and talk to God anywhere and at any time, just like Paul and Silas."

After the Activity: "In our Bible Story, Paul and Silas chose to stay at the jail to tell the guard that God loves him and that Jesus wants to be his friend forever. Then the guard decided to love God and follow Jesus, too. We can pray to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything, just like Paul and Silas! 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."

Prayer

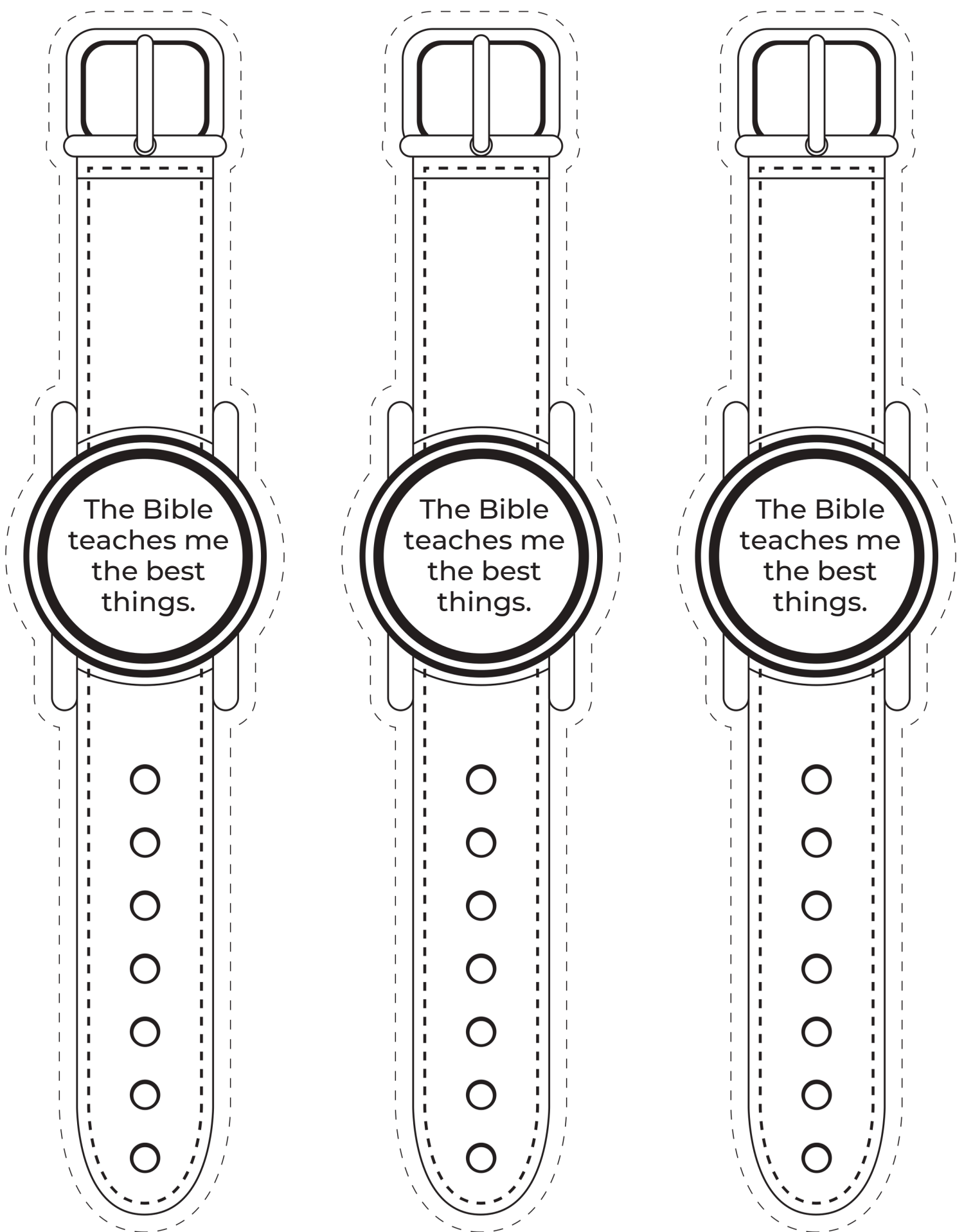
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What You Say

"Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible to teach us what is true. Thank You that we can pray and talk to You when we are at (read the list the children made). We love you, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."





What to Do:
Copy on cardstock and cut. One cutout per child.

"Pray Anytime" Activity Page
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