



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

NOTE: This version of the curriculum is designed especially for churches with fewer leaders and preschoolers. You may want to use it if you have just one or two leaders and if you combine all your preschoolers for both Large and Small Group time.

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy when I see what God has made.

JOY IN THE PSALMS PSALMS 8 AND 19

MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart is good medicine."

PROVERBS 17:22, ESV

KEY QUESTION

Who can have joy all the time?

BOTTOM LINE

I can have joy all the time.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.
Good Things Scavenger Hunt

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Start the Party"
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

All the Time
Find It in the Jar
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Memory Verse Card
Parent Cue Card (print or email)
Parent Cue App



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MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



GOOD THINGS SCAVENGER HUNT

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Scavenger Hunt Checklist" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Copy "Scavenger Hunt Items" on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Copy "Scavenger Stickers" on label paper, one set per child. Peel off the top layer of the sticker sheet, leaving the stickers intact on the backing paper, and cut out individual stickers. Tape "Scavenger Hunt Items" around the room. Put one set of matching stickers in each bowl, and place one bowl under each picture.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to walk around the room looking for pictures that match their checklist. Once they find a match, ask them to take a sticker from the bowl and place it in the box on their checklist. Continue until each child finds all the items.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends! Let's go on a scavenger hunt today! Here is your checklist with pictures of all the things we need to find."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Ready to play? Let's go! (Pause.) Yay! You found one! It's a [picture]! There is a bowl of stickers next to the picture. Take one and stick it in the square next to the picture on your checklist. (Pause.) Let's go search for another one! (Continue until all the pictures have been found and all the stickers are added.) Hooray! You found all the pictures!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "It looks like a party on your checklist! Who made the sun, the trees, and the flowers? God did! Who made the animals and the people? God did! God made all the things on your checklist! And all of these things are in our Bible Story today!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by calling out different things that God made and encouraging children to shout, "Hooray!"

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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



ALL THE TIME

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "All the Time" Activity Page, cardstock, dot markers or washable markers, heart stickers, self-adhesive Velcro® dots, scissors, and permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "All the Time" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write each child's name on their watch cutout. Adhere the smooth side of the Velcro® to the back of the buckle end.

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. Help children put on their watches.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review 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 dot.) Now your watch is ready to wear! (Help put each child's watch on.) Your watch can help you remember that YOU can have joy all the time. **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time.**"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story, we heard that King David loved God so much, he wrote a song because everywhere he looked, King David saw things God made that gave King David joy. King David thanked God with his whole heart for the things that God made, and we can too! We can look around and see what God has made and we can have joy all the time. **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time.**"

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MADE TO EXPLORE
an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts



FIND IT IN THE JAR
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]
WHAT YOU NEED: a large, wide-mouth plastic jar with lid; paper shreds; an apple or orange; a small bottle of water; greenery; cotton balls; toy animals; Little People® male and female figures; star cookie cutter; and duct tape

Note: A pretzel or cheese ball barrel container would be a great size to use.

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy when I see what God has made.

**JOY IN THE PSALMS
PSALMS 8 AND 19**

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Create a large sensory jar by placing some of the paper shreds in the jar and then adding the rest of the items. Add more paper shreds to the jar. Close the lid and secure it with tape.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask children to explore the bottle and identify the different items they find. Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart is good medicine."

PROVERBS 17:22, ESV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, look at this super-cool jar! It has a lot of different things in it. Let's explore and see what we can find."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "[Child's name], look at the jar and turn it around. Tell me one thing that you see inside. (Pause.) Yes! There is a [item] inside! Who made the [item]? God made the [item]! (Continue with each child.) We found so many neat things in the jar today, and God made each and every one of them! Thank You, God, for the (name several of the items in the jar)! Thank You, God, for everything!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Just like King David, we can look around and thank God for all He has made, and we can have joy all the time. **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time.**"

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Proverbs 17:22. Keep this card in your Bible all month.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to pretend to be any animal they want to be as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you. Review the Memory Verse and hand motions, then encourage the children to help you make a list in the journal of things God made.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to pretend to be animals. Think about what animal you want to be. Maybe a lion or a bunny rabbit or a bird flying through the air! I'm going to pretend to be a (*name your animal*). Now you choose what you want to be and follow me to our Small Group spot! (*Pretend to be an animal as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) That was fun! Now I need all of you animals to be boys and girls again so we can sit down and talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) "In our Bible Story today, King David loved God. And he liked to write songs to God. One time he wrote a song because everywhere he looked he saw things God made that gave him joy. When King David saw the sun, he thought of God and had joy! When King David saw the stars, he thought of God and had joy! When King David saw people, he thought of God and had joy! Do you know what that means? We can have joy when we see what God has made too! And since we can see what God has made all the time, we can have joy all the time! **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!** Yay! (*Clap.*)"

"All of this talk about joy makes me want to say the Bible verse we've been learning. It says, 'A joyful (*brush flat hands upward twice*) heart (*tap chest twice with fingertip*) is good medicine,' (*move flat hand from chin to palm*) Proverbs 17:22. (*Open hands like a book.*) Wow! Joy is like good medicine that makes you feel better! Stand up with me and let's say our Bible verse together. Just say what I say and do what I do. 'A joyful (*brush flat hands upward twice*) heart (*tap chest twice with fingertip*) is good medicine,' (*move flat hand from chin to palm*) Proverbs 17:22. (*Open hands like a book.*)"

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(JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

"Hearing you say that Bible verse gives me joy! (*Give high fives.*) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Today, we're going to make a list of things God has made, because we can have joy when we see the things God has made! When I say your name, tell me one thing God has made and I will write it in our journal." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Look at all of the things God has made! (*Hold up journal.*) Let's pray and celebrate God together! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, You are amazing! No one can make things like You can. You made the whole world and everything in it! Thank You for making (*read the list the children made*). Help us think of You and have joy every time we see the things You have made. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."



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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Activities that encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and begin engaging with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing age-appropriate and hands-on fun while introducing new concepts they will hear in the day's Bible story.

Prepare to offer the following activity as your preschoolers arrive. Let one teacher lead the activity while another teacher greets parents and children at the door.

GOOD THINGS SCAVENGER HUNT

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Scavenger Hunt Checklist" Activity Page
- "Scavenger Hunt Items" Activity Page
- "Scavenger Stickers" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Avery® Labels #6450 or equivalent
- Scissors
- Plastic or paper bowls, five per Small Group
- Painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Scavenger Hunt Checklist" on cardstock and cut, one per child.
- Copy "Scavenger Hunt Items" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
- Copy "Scavenger Stickers" on label paper, one set per child.
- Peel off the top layer of the sticker sheet, leaving the stickers intact on the backing paper, and cut out individual stickers.
- Tape "Scavenger Hunt Items" around the room.
- Put one set of matching stickers in each bowl, and place one bowl under each picture.

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect through activities that are written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Bottom Line that was introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real-life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or, offer two activities at once and allow half the children to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.

ALL THE TIME

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "All the Time" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Dot markers or washable markers
- Self-adhesive Velcro® dots
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "All the Time" on cardstock and cut, one per child.
- Write each child's name on their watch.
- Adhere the smooth side of the Velcro® to the back of the buckle end.

FIND IT IN THE JAR



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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Large, wide-mouth plastic jar with a lid
- Paper shreds
- Apple or orange
- Small bottle of water
- Greenery
- Cotton balls
- Toy animals
- Little People® male and female figures
- Star cookie cutter
- Duct tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Create a large sensory jar by placing some of the paper shreds in the jar and then adding the rest of the items.
- Add more paper shreds to the jar.
- Close the lid and secure it with tape.

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible
- Journal (Check out the Ollie journal at bit.ly/3B4Z71j.)
- Fun-shaped pen (Check out the Ollie Pen at bit.ly/3Nwj0Wh.)

WHAT YOU DO:

- If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" from Week One, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place it in the Bible at Proverbs 17:22. *Note: Keep the Memory Verse Card in your Bible all month.*

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's Parent Cue card.
- Copy the memory verse card to hand out or make available to parents.
- Copy "Going Home" and hang it on the door where Small Group Leaders can reference and remind parents of the Bottom Line and memory verse as parents pick up their children.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource, the **Parent Cue app**.

FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

- Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. bit.ly/FL_StartTheParty_June

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