

3-5's | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule—June 2026, Week 4

Today's Bible Story: The Stories of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl • Matthew 13:44-46

Loving God and His Kingdom is most important.

Key Question: Who can be part of God's kingdom?

Bottom Line: I can be part of God's kingdom.

Memory Verse: "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." •

Matthew 6:10 NIV

Note: 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 EveryChild tips. Check out the additional Special Needs resources included.

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 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Find the Hidden Treasure

Jewel Roll

Treasure Telescopes

Large Group (20 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship

Bible Story

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Pass the Treasure

Hidden Treasure Field

Treasure Match

Pearl Relay

Oyster with a Pearl

Journal and Prayer

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (print or email)

Parent Cue App



Bible Story

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***Allergy Alert**

15 min

Worship

5 min

Worship Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

WORSHIP

(Worship Leader enters.)

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. I am SO happy to see you today!

"Can you make yourself really big?

(Make yourself 'big' by stretching your arms out wide or standing tall with arms raised high overhead.)

"Oh, even bigger than that! Make yourselves REALLY big!

(Make yourself even bigger by stretching your arms and legs out wide or standing on tiptoes with arms raised over your head.)

"Wow! You are really big! Now, can you make yourselves small? Can you curl yourselves into a little ball?

(Crouch down low with your arms wrapped tightly around you.)

"Make yourselves as small as you can. Wow! Look at how small you are. Okay, when I say the word 'big,' I want you to pop up and make yourself really, really big. Ready? One ... two ... three ... BIG!

(Make yourself really big.)

"Now when I say the word 'small,' I want you to make yourself super tiny. Okay? One ... two ... three ... SMALL!

(Make yourself really small.)

"One ... two ... three ... BIG!

(Make yourself really big.)

"One ... two ... three ... SMALL!

(Make yourself really small.)

"Tell me, friends: Is our God *(make yourself big)* big or *(start shrinking down)* small? *(Listen.)* Our God is big! He made the whole world and everything we see! Our God is big and strong!"

5 min

OPTION 1 (Amazing Music)**What You Need**

No supplies needed

5 min

Memory Verse**What You Need**

No supplies needed

What You Say:**AMAZING MUSIC**

WORSHIP LEADER: "Now, let's worship our big, strong God because He is super wonderful. Sing with me!"

SONG: "Super Wonderful" Preschool Video is available from Amazing Music.

"Great singing, friends! God gave us Jesus, and those are words that Jesus said. Jesus was saying that He wanted whatever God wants. Jesus always wants to go God's way, and when we follow Jesus, that's where He's going to lead us. Let's sing!"

SONG: "Roll with You" Preschool Video is available from Amazing Music.

"Thanks for worshipping with me!"

(Worship Leader exits.)

Now let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. *(Open hands like a book.)* Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

(Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, and on Pinterest.)

"Your kingdom come *(point up)* your will be done, *(hold hands out, palms up)* on earth *(point down)* as it is in heaven" *(point up)* Matthew 6:10 NIV. *(Open hands like a book.)*

"Can you do that with me?"

(Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.)

"Great job, friends!"

25 min

Bible Story Section (Stage)

5 min

Intro Sketch

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

- No preparation needed

What You Say:

INTRO SKETCH

(Host enters. Host carries a backpack with a personal treasure in it.)

HOST: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]!"

"Who's ready to go on an adventure? (*Listen.*) Our adventure begins by marching through a forest. Who's with me? Let's go!

(Swing your arms and march in place for a bit.)

"March! March! March! March!

(Look down and hold up your arms dramatically.)

"Oh no, stop! I see lots of mud in front of us. (*Smile.*) Should we squish through the mud? (*Listen.*) Here we go!

(Twist your upper body with every "Squish!")

"Squish! Squish! Squish! Squish!

(Point excitedly in front of you.)

"Ooh, I see a big, tall mountain! Climb with me!

(Pretend to climb by reaching high in the air and pulling yourself up.)

"We made it! Let's celebrate!

(Do the ASL sign for "celebrate." Hold your hands with the index fingers bent like hooks, and then twirl hands as if twirling cheerleading pom-poms.)

"Yay! Thank you for going on an adventure with me!

"Do you like to go on adventures and pretend to look for a hidden treasure? (*Listen.*) What kind of treasure do you pretend to find? (*Listen.*) Those treasures sound wonderful!

"But not all treasures are shiny gold coins or beautiful sparkling jewels. Some things are treasures because we love them and they mean so much to us.

"In today's true story from the Bible, Jesus tells two stories about the greatest treasure of all, and I am so excited for you to hear about it!"

(Host exits with backpack.)

Preschool

First Look

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5 min

Wonder Bible Story (Video)










What You Need

No supplies needed

WONDER! LOOK AT GOD'S STORY: First Look offers weekly videos to engage preschoolers with the Bible Story. Join our Bible storytellers, Treehouse friends, and, of course, Ollie the Owl to discover the wonder in God's story. Available in your media files and APlay.

5 min

Bible Story (live)**What You Need**

 Bible	1
 Table	1
 Chair	1
 Several books	Several
 Treasure box or shoebox	1
 Large toy gold coins (Anything less than 1.5" in diameter is a choking hazard for young children.)	Several
 White pom-poms or beads (Choose large pom-poms or beads for better visibility.)	Several
 Optional: Cardboard, utility knife, and aluminum foil	1
 Optional: Cardstock	1

What You Do:

- Place the table and chair in the storytelling area.
- Stack the books on the table.
- Put the gold coins inside the treasure box, and "hide" the treasure box in the storytelling area.
- Set the pom-poms on the table.
- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.
- *Optional: Make your own "coins" by cutting out 2-inch cardboard circles and covering them with aluminum foil.*

What You Say:

BIBLE STORY

(There is a table and chair in the storytelling area. On the table, there is a small stack of preschool books and a white pom-pom or bead. The prepared treasure box is "hidden" in plain sight in the storytelling area.)

(Storyteller enters. Storyteller carries a Bible.)

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

(Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.)

"So it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!

"Today's true story from the Bible comes from the book of Matthew, and it begins with Jesus.

SLIDE: Story Image W4 01 (Jesus teaching)

"One day, Jesus was teaching His friends, the disciples, about God's kingdom, and He told a story about someone who found something that was so important that they would do anything to keep it.

SLIDE: Story Image W4 02 (Man finds hidden treasure)

"Jesus told them the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure that was hidden in a field.

(*"Find" the treasure box.*)

"One day, a man found the treasure.

(*Open the treasure box and pull out a handful of coins for the children to see.*)

"And he was SO happy!

"Can you show me how happy you would be if you found a hidden treasure?

(Act really excited.)

"Yes! The man wanted the treasure to be his forever! So, he hid the treasure again ...

(Put the coins back in the treasure box, and return the box to its "hiding spot.")

"... so no one else could find it.

(Walk to the table and chair.)

"Then he sold everything he had!

(Hold up the books.)

"His favorite books ...

(Put down the books, and point to the chair.)

"His favorite chair ...

(Arms out wide to gesture for everything.)

"Even his home! He sold everything, and then ...

(Retrieve the treasure box again.)

"He bought the whole field just because he wanted the treasure to be his.

SLIDE: Story Image W4 03 (Man finds pearl)

"Then, Jesus told His friends another story.

(Put the treasure box on the table, and pick up the white pom-pom.)

"Jesus said the kingdom of heaven is like a person who was looking for pearls.

(Hold up the white pom-pom so children can see it.)

"Pearls are tiny stones that are used to make jewelry, but they're very hard to find, because they grow inside an oyster—an animal that lives in a shell at the bottom of the ocean!

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Outro Sketch

"The man looked and looked at a lot of pearls, and one day he found a pearl that was more beautiful and more special than every pearl he had ever seen.

"The man wanted that pearl more than anything else in the whole world! It was so important to him that he sold everything (*arms out wide*) he had just so he could buy that one beautiful, valuable pearl.

(Put the pom-pom back on the table.)

SLIDE: Story Image W4 04 (Jesus points to heaven)

"Jesus told these stories because He wanted His friends to know that God's kingdom was the most important, the most valuable thing there is! Being loved by God and loving Him back is the most important thing we can do.

"But God's kingdom isn't hidden like the treasure or the pearl in the stories Jesus told. It isn't hard to find because Jesus shows us exactly who God is and how to live in God's kingdom. And when we follow Jesus, you and **[Bottom Line] I can be a part of God's kingdom. Who can be a part of God's kingdom?"**

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "I can be a part of God's kingdom."

STORYTELLER: "Yes, [Bottom Line] I can be a part of God's kingdom."

(Pick up and close Bible.)

What You Say:

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

"Dear God, we want to live in Your kingdom with You forever. Thank You for loving us so much and wanting us to be a part of Your kingdom. You're the best, God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

"I'll see you next time. Bye!"

(Storyteller exits with Bible.)

What You Say:

OUTRO SKETCH

What You Need

No supplies needed

(Host enters.)

HOST: "Wow! Jesus told two stories about people who found something really, really special. In the first story, the man found something hidden in a field. Do you remember what it was? (*Listen.*) He found a treasure hidden in the field. And in the second story, the person found a beautiful stone called a pearl.

"In both stories, the people sold everything they had just so they could have the treasure and pearl. Friends, God is the best! And God's kingdom is the most important, the most valuable thing there is!

"I'm so glad that you and I can be a part of God's kingdom. **Who can be a part of God's kingdom?"**

CHILDREN and HOST: [*Bottom Line*] "I can be a part of God's kingdom."

"I think I (*point to self*) got the story. Did you (*point to children*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?" (*Cup one hand behind ear.*)

CHILDREN and HOST: "Got it!"

HOST: (*Give two thumbs-up.*) "Good!"

(Host exits.)

Getting Ready | 3-5's Stage Large Group

GETTING READY

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive worship, the Intro Sketch, and the Bible Story. The Stage Script is written for those who gather their preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible Story. If you are pulling your children to a rug on one side of your preschool space, you may benefit from using the Rug Script.

APlay

APlay is your all-in-one presentation, preparation, and curriculum ecosystem that saves you time and money. APlay is free with your curriculum subscription! APlay offers powerful tools that build media playlists, compile curriculum documents, auto-update supply lists by child count, cast media to screens, and so much more.

Built to work in harmony with your curriculum, APlay Service Builder allows leaders to drop in, toggle on and off, or customize teaching plans, worship elements, and media assets in seconds. For even more value, upgrade to Amazing+ to unlock the parent app, Parent+.

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God (10 minutes)

A leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways (10 minutes)

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible Story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advance preparation is necessary.

1. Worship

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Super Wonderful"—available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Roll With You"—available on APlay with Amazing Music

What You Do:

- Prepare all songs and have them ready to use.
- Check out the Ministry Leader Guide for more information.

2. Intro/Outro

What You Need:

- No supplies needed

What You Do:

- No preparation needed

3. Bible Story

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Large Group Visuals:

- Story Image W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03
- Story Image W4 04

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Supplemental Resources

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First Look Pinterest Page

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

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