

3-5's | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule—July 2026, Week 4

Bible Story: The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up • Luke 18:1-8

God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up.

Key Question: Who teaches you about God's kingdom?

Bottom Line: Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom.

Memory Verse: "Put God's kingdom first." • Matthew 6:33 NIV

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

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.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

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Roll and Cover

Keep Going Experiment

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

Number One Jump

Praying Hands

Never Give Up Surprise

Don't Give Up Obstacle Course

Filled with Treasure

Journal and Prayer

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (print or email)

Parent Cue App



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***Allergy Alert**

10 min

Worship

5 min

Worship Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

What You Say:

WORSHIP

(Worship Leader enters.)

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. *(Smile really big.)* I am SO happy to see you today!

(Point to your smile.)

"Do you see my happy smile? *(Listen.)* Can you make a happy face too? Can you make a really, really BIG happy face?

(Look at the children's happy faces.)

"Wow! Those are some pretty awesome happy faces!

"What about sad faces?

(Make a sad face.)

"Can you make a sad face too?

(Look at the children's sad faces.)

"Yeah, everyone feels sad sometimes. Oh, I know another emotion everyone feels sometimes—EXCITED! Can you show me your most excited face ever?!

(Make a really excited face.)

"Wow! I love those excited faces! Do you know Who else loves those excited faces? Jesus! Jesus loves each and every one of you.

"Tell me: Does Jesus love you when you are happy?

(Make a happy face.)

"Does Jesus love you when you are sad?

(Make a sad face.)

"Does Jesus love you when you are really, really excited?

(Make a sad face.)

"Yes! Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend FOREVER!"

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WORSHIP

5 min

OPTION 1 (Amazing Music)

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: "We can celebrate and sing songs to Jesus because Jesus loves you SO much! Who's ready to sing? (*Listen.*) Who's ready to sing loud? (*Listen.*) It sounds like you're ready to worship!"

SONG: "Hosanna Rock" Yancy Music Video, Full Version or Instrumental Version, is available on APlay with Amazing Music.

"Great singing, friends! Now let's learn some words from the Bible. These are words that Jesus said. (*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.)

"Put God's (*point up with two hands*) kingdom (*make crown on head with hands*) first. (Hold up one finger.) Matthew 6:33 (*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! (*Point to yourself.*) **[Basic Truth] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** (*Point to children.*) And Jesus wants to be your friend forever. So we can all follow Jesus! Sing with me!"

SONG: "I'm Gonna Follow" Video is available on APlay with Amazing Music.

"Thanks for worshipping with me!"

(Worship Leader exits.)

25 min

Bible Story Section (Stage)

5 min

Intro Sketch

What You Need

No supplies needed

Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

What You Say:

INTRO SKETCH

(Host enters. Host ride a two-wheeled scooter into the storytelling area.)

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

(Step off the scooter.)

"Do you like my scooter? *(Pause.)* My scooter has two *(hold up two fingers)* wheels, and it took me a while to learn how to use it.

(Step back on the scooter, and wobble a bit while trying to balance on the scooter as you continue.)

"It is REALLY hard to balance!

(Wobble some more, and then catch yourself as you fall to the side.)

"Oof! Have you ever learned to do something that was really hard?

(Listen and acknowledge the children's responses.)

"You are all big kids, and you are learning to do so many things. You are learning to button *(point to the buttons on your shirt if you have them)* your shirts, ride scooters *(point to your scooter)* and tricycles, maybe even learning how to tie your shoes. *(Point to your shoes.)* And definitely you are learning how to put your toys away and clean up a mess. Those are all big kid things! And I'm really proud of you for learning to do big things.

"Sometimes it is hard when we are learning something new, but we should never give up, right? In today's Bible story, Jesus teaches us something very important about God: When things are hard, we can pray and talk to God and never ever give up ... because God is kind and loving!

"Clap your hands if you are ready for a story.

(Clap your hands.)

"Now wiggle your whole body!

(Wiggle.)

"Oh, I think you are ready for a Bible story. I'll see you later!"

(Host exits, riding away on the scooter with only a little wobble or two.)

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Wonder Bible Story (Video)

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

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

No supplies needed

What You Say:

BIBLE STORY

(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 Luke, and it begins with God's Son, Jesus. Jesus told many stories about God, because He wanted people to know who God is. Jesus wanted us to know that God is good and that God always loves (cross arms over chest) us.**"Can you make the sign for 'love?'**(Make the ASL sign for 'love' by crossing your arms over your chest.)**"Yes, God (cross arms over chest) you! But in today's Bible story, Jesus tells a story about some people who were NOT loving. Let's listen to Jesus' story and see if we can figure out who isn't being kind and loving.*

SLIDE: Story Image W4 01 (Woman talks to judge)

*"The story Jesus told begins with a woman. Someone was treating her badly. Was that someone being kind and loving (cross arms over chest) to the woman? (Listen.) No! They were not kind and loving. They were treating her badly, so the woman asked a judge to help her.**(Judge volunteer enters and stands beside you. The Judge volunteer does not speak, but acts as an enthusiastic mime.)**"A judge is someone who makes sure that everyone follows the rules.**(The Judge volunteer stands tall and proud.)**"If a person does not follow the rules—like if someone steals your favorite toy—then a judge makes things right. A judge makes sure you get your toy back.**(The Judge volunteer points to himself smugly. Then they give the audience two thumbs up.)*

SLIDE: Story Image W4 02 (Judge does nothing)

"But when the woman asked the judge to help her, he did nothing!

(The Judge volunteer dramatically crosses his arms and looks away from you.)

"That's not nice! Is the judge being kind and loving *(cross arms over chest)* to the woman? *(Listen.)* No!

"This judge did not love God.

(The Judge volunteer shakes his head 'no' as you walk away from the him.)

"The judge wasn't good, and he didn't care for the people in his town. So, he didn't help the woman at all.

SLIDE: Story Image W4 03 (Woman does not give up)

"But the woman did not give up! She went to the judge again ...

(Walk back to the Judge volunteer who shakes his head 'no.' Then walk a few steps away.)

... and again

(Walk back to the Judge volunteer who shakes his head 'no.' Turn away from the judge, and then quickly turn back to him.)

... and again.

(Clasp your hands as if you are pleading. The Judge volunteer slowly becomes comically frustrated.)

"The woman begged the judge to make things right, and finally, the judge had had enough! He knew this woman was not giving up! She was going to keep asking him for help until he made things right for her.

SLIDE: Story Image W4 04 (Judge helps woman)

"So, the judge finally helped the woman.

(The Judge volunteer gestures to you as if giving you something, then shakes your hand before exiting quickly.)

"Everyone, say: 'Hooray!'"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "Hooray!"

STORYTELLER: "Jesus told this story because He wants us to know that God is not like the judge in the story. God is good, and God always cares for His people.

(Cross arms over chest.)

"God loves us, and God loves to help us! We can pray and talk to God, and never give up, and He will help us. And we know this because **[Bottom Line]** Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom. Who teaches you about God's kingdom?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: **[Bottom Line]** "Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom."

STORYTELLER: "Yes, **[Bottom Line]** Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom."

(Pick up and close Bible.)

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

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, thank You for loving us so much. You are so good and kind. You are the best, God. Thank You for giving us Jesus so we can learn more about You and Your kingdom. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

(Storyteller exits.)

5 min

Outro Sketch

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

OUTRO SKETCH

(Host enters.)

HOST: "Wow! Jesus tells the BEST stories! In this story, the woman never gave up, and Jesus doesn't want us to give up either. He always wants us to pray and talk to God, and when we do that, God's kingdom grows!"

"Tell me: **Who teaches you about God's kingdom?**"

CHILDREN and HOST: *[Bottom Line]* "Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom."

HOST: "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:

- "Hosanna Rock" by Yancy Music Video, Full Version or Instrumental Version—available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "I'm Gonna Follow"—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:

- Two-wheeled scooter for Host to use
- Bicycle helmet for Host to wear

What You Do:

- No preparation needed

3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Bible
- Teenage or adult volunteer to be the judge
- Biblical robe for volunteer
- *Optional: Cardstock*

Large Group Visuals:

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

Optional Video: (available in APlay)

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

- **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.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Countdown video

What You Do:

- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

First Look Pinterest Page

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies.

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