



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
JULY 2024

SMALL GROUP  
**K-1**

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**At the End of the Day**  
Heaven  
Revelation 21, 22:1-5

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Celebrate what God will do.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!"  
Philippians 4:4, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Joy—Choosing to celebrate what God is doing

### BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

### 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.

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

### SMALL GROUP

**15**  
MIN

#### SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver  
Opening Activity

### LARGE GROUP

**35**  
MIN

#### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Welcome/Opener  
Worship  
Bible Story  
Bottom Line  
Prayer  
Closer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN

#### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Celebrate!  
Application Activity: Messy Middle Mingle  
Memory Verse Activity: What God WILL Do!  
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)  
Devotionals for Kids  
Parent Cue App



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

**MADE TO CONNECT**

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



*Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Think about the ways that God is at work in your own life. Ask God to help the kids in your group to be encouraged, inspired, and hopeful that God is going to make the world right again.*

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**1. EARLY ARRIVER**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container, paper, markers, and/or crayons

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Warmly welcome each kid by name.
- Encourage kids who have brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Ask: "Have you ever had a happy or unusual dream? Would you mind sharing about it?"
- **[Make It Personal] Share an age-appropriate dream with the kids too.**
- Give each kid a piece of paper.
- Set out the coloring supplies.
- Ask kids to think about a dream and draw it.
  - If they can't recall a dream, invite them to draw a dream they'd LIKE to have, whether it's a dream where they can fly, where they're a superhero who saves a city, or where they ride a unicorn through the clouds.
- **[Make It Personal] Draw your own dream too.**
- If time allows, invite kids to share their drawings.

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### 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Hula-Hoops® (or optional: floor tape), and device to play upbeat music

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Scatter the Hula-Hoops® around your group space.
  - If using the floor tape option, create large tape squares on the floor.
- Say: "Each Hula-Hoop® (or square) is an 'island' and the floor is 'water.'"
- Start the music and instruct the kids to listen for how you want them to move throughout the "water" (plain floor).
  - For example: Swim like sharks, wiggle like jellyfish, "row" a boat.
  - Ask kids to suggest ways for the group to move.
- Stop the music and direct the kids to stand on an "island" (inside a Hula-Hoop or square).
- Play multiple rounds, removing an "island" each time and varying the amount of time the music is played.
  - By the end of the game, kids will have to squish onto one "island."
- If time allows, reset the game and begin again.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Great job getting yourselves to those islands! **[Transition]** In our Bible Story today, we'll hear about a man who was sent to an island and the AMAZING things God showed him while he was there. Let's go to Large Group to find out more."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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25 MINUTES

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## 1. CELEBRATE!

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Celebrate! Stickers" Activity Page; holographic stickers, self-adhesive gems, or other shiny embellishments; string; and compact discs; *Optional:* Use "Disco Ball" Activity Page and a hole punch instead of compact discs.

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#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a compact disc (or a cutout from the "Disco Ball" Activity Page) and a sticker from the "Celebrate! Stickers" Activity Page.
- Guide kids to attach the stickers to their compact discs (or the "Disco Ball" Activity Page).
- Read the sticker aloud, encouraging kids to point to each word as you read.
- Say: "God gave John a very special dream to tell him about Heaven. God told John that in Heaven:
  - "There will be no more death. And there will be no more sadness. There will be no more crying or pain" (Revelation 21:4, NIV). Everything will be made right!
  - God also showed John what Heaven LOOKS like. There was SO MUCH LIGHT! John wrote: *The city does not need the sun or moon to shine on it. God's glory is its light* (Revelation 21:23, NIV). WOW!"
- Set out the holographic stickers, self-adhesive gems, or other shiny embellishments.
- Invite kids to embellish their compact discs (or disco balls from the "Disco Ball" Activity Page) with the stickers, gems, or other embellishments.
- Show kids how to tie a piece of string through the compact disc (or the disco ball from the "Disco Ball" Activity Page).
  - For the compact disc:
    - Thread the string through the hole in the middle and pull it through so one side is much longer
    - Tie the short end of the string to the long end so a knot forms at the top of the compact disc
    - Click here for an example: <https://bit.ly/3IJs5aC>
  - For the "Disco Ball" Activity Page, punch a hole at the top. Then, thread and tie the string through it.
- Encourage kids to hang their creations in a sunny spot and let their creations shine to remind them what Heaven will be like.

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#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"When we choose to believe in Jesus and follow Him, God promises that the end of our story will be life FOREVER with God in Heaven.

**[Make It Personal]** (Tell kids what you look forward to most about Heaven, whether it's spending time with Jesus, worshiping God, or seeing God face to face.) "What do YOU think Heaven will be like? (Invite responses.)"



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**(1. CELEBRATE!, CONTINUED)**

“It’s so AMAZING that God knows the end of the story, and that the end of the story isn’t just good—it’s MORE INCREDIBLE than we can EVEN IMAGINE! So when life gets hard, let your creation remind you of Heaven. And remember that NO MATTER WHAT is happening, you can always **celebrate what God WILL do!**”



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## 2. MESSY MIDDLE MINGLE [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Messy Middle" Activity Page, and prepared party hats

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Help each kid put on a prepared party hat without them seeing what picture is on their hat.
- Direct the kids to mingle around the group area.
- One at a time, read the story descriptions below.
- After each one, lead the kids to find someone whose picture on their party hat matches the story description and to stand near them. (More than one kid may have the story you're summarizing.)
  - I'm thinking of a story. In the beginning of this story, a grandmother gives a girl a red cloak. One day, the girl travels through the woods to visit her grandmother. In the middle of the story, the girl arrives at her grandmother's house and finds a wolf in bed disguised in her grandmother's clothes. **(Little Red Riding Hood)**
  - I'm thinking of a story. In the beginning of this story, three bears take a walk while they wait for their porridge to cool. While they're away, a curious young girl enters their home. In the middle of the story, the girl tastes the bears' porridge, sits in their chairs, lays in their beds, and falls asleep in the smallest one. **(Goldilocks and the Three Bears)**
  - I'm thinking of a story. In the beginning of this story, a boy sells a cow in exchange for magic beans that grow into a giant beanstalk. In the middle of the story, the boy steals a magic goose from a giant, who chases after the boy. **(Jack and the Beanstalk)**
  - I'm thinking of a story. In the beginning of this story, a mother duck's eggs hatch. One duckling looks different, and the other birds and animals on the farm are mean to him. In the middle of the story, the duckling wanders from place to place, trying to find a home and a family. **(The Ugly Duckling)**
  - I'm thinking of a story. In the beginning of this story, a young girl who says she is a princess needs a place to stay. In the middle of the story, she is put to the test when a tiny pea is placed underneath a stack of mattresses. **(The Princess and the Pea)**
  - I'm thinking of a TRUE, REAL story. One that's happening RIGHT NOW! In the beginning of this story, God created a beautiful, perfect world, but people turned away from God. But God had a plan to fix our relationship. God sent Jesus to live and die in our place and return to life! **(God's Story)**
- After each round, see if kids are able to name the story described (see titles in bold above).

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Many stories have what we might call a messy middle. It's the part of the story

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## (2. MESSY MIDDLE MINGLE, CONTINUED)

where things could be exciting, scary, and confusing—the part of the story before we know the ending.

“Right now, we’re in the messy middle of GOD’S big story. Bad things happen in the world, and we all experience difficult things. But when we follow Jesus, we know that what’s happening NOW is not the END of the story. We can focus on what God is doing now and what God will do when we get to live forever with Jesus. Those are the very best reasons to celebrate.”

“So remember that NO MATTER WHAT is happening, you can always **celebrate what God WILL do!** Because in the end, God will make everything right!”



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**\* 3. WHAT GOD WILL DO!**

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible (marked at Philippians 4:4), and device to play upbeat music

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give one of the kids the marked Bible, and ask them to turn to the Memory Verse.
- Read the verse out loud to the group.
- Invite the group to repeat the verse back to you a few times.
- Say: "We can ALWAYS be joyful because God knows the end of the story, and the end of the story isn't just good—it's MORE AMAZING than we can EVEN IMAGINE! In fact, it's SO amazing that we can **celebrate what God will do!**"
- Instruct the kids to scatter around your group area.
- Direct the kids to close their eyes while standing still.
- Instruct the kids that when they hear music, they are to open their eyes, and dance around or clap.
- Play the praise music, leading kids to open their eyes and dance.
  - Add fun by encouraging kids to do the robot, mashed potato, twist, free-style, or another dance.
- As the kids dance, say the Memory Verse followed by today's Bottom Line.
  - Encourage kids to say the Memory Verse and Bottom Line with you!
- After a brief time, stop the music, prompting kids to once again close their eyes and freeze.
- Continue play as time allows, but be sure to stop when interest is still high.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"We know that God is always with us. But John wrote about a time when we will be able to see and experience God face to face! Thinking about that brings me joy!

"So, no matter what's happening in your life—good things, happy things, sad things, or confusing things—you can always remember that God loves you SO MUCH that God sent Jesus to fix our relationship with God. And that's why, no matter what, you can always be joyful. (Read the Memory Verse one more time to the group.) So **celebrate what God will do!**"





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**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



**4. PRAY AND DISMISS**  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids in a responsive prayer.
- When you cue the kids with a celebratory motion, instruct the kids to say the Bottom Line with you.
  - Tell kids it's okay for them to pray with their eyes open so they can see your cues.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"I'm so thankful that God gave John a special vision about Heaven! Because of John's vision, we have an AMAZING, INCREDIBLE picture of what Heaven is like. And when we remember that the end of God's story is HEAVEN, we can **CELEBRATE what God will do!**"

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

**Celebrate what God will do.**

"Let's pray."

**MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE**

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Philippians 4:4, NIV

"Dear God, thank You SO MUCH for Heaven.

**CELEBRATE what God will do.**

You will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

**CELEBRATE what God will do.**

There will be no more death.

**CELEBRATE what God will do.**

No more sadness.

**CELEBRATE what God will do.**

No more crying or pain.

**CELEBRATE what God will do.**

You are making EVERYTHING new!

**CELEBRATE what God will do.**

Thank You, Lord, that in Heaven we will SEE YOUR FACE!

**CELEBRATE what God will do.**

We will live with You FOREVER!

**CELEBRATE what God will do.**

Thank You that the end of Your story is more AMAZING and INCREDIBLE than we can even IMAGINE.

**CELEBRATE what God will do.**

We love You SO MUCH, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

**MONTHLY VIRTUE**

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As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to show off their creations from the Celebrate! Activity and read the Bottom Line from it.



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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)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

**(Choose one or both of these activities.)**

#### 1. EARLY ARRIVER

**Made to Connect:** an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

- Offering container
- Paper, one piece for each kid
- Markers and/or crayons, enough for a Small Group to share

#### 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

**Made to Play:** an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Hula-Hoops®, three to four for each Small Group
  - Option: Use floor tape, one roll for each Small Group, instead of Hula-Hoops®.
- Device to play upbeat music (consider using Orange Kids Music)

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

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

**(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)**

\* If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #3.

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[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**Made to Create:** an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print the "Celebrate! Stickers" Activity Page onto two-inch circle labels (like Avery® Labels 22877 or similar), one sticker for each kid
- Holographic stickers, self-adhesive gems, or other

shiny embellishments

- String or yarn cut into two-foot pieces, one for each kid
- Compact discs, one for each kid
  - Optional: Instead of compact discs, print "Disco Ball" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart, one for each kid. Also supply one hole punch per group.

#### 2. MESSY MIDDLE MINGLE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print the "Messy Middle" Activity Page on paper and cut apart, one card for each kid
- Party hats, one for each kid
- Tape
- Before group time:
  - Attach one cutout from the "Messy Middle" Activity Page to each party hat.

#### \*3. WHAT GOD WILL DO!

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**Made to Move:** an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Bible marked at Philippians 4:4, one for each Small Group
- Device for playing upbeat music (consider Orange Kids Music)

#### 4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**Made to Reflect:** an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- No supplies needed

### HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource: **Parent Cue app.**