



WEEK
FOUR
FEBRUARY 2022

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Anytime You Need a Friend
Jesus Heals Bartimaeus
Mark 10:46-52

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

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TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Make time to help others.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Micah 6:8, NIV

Compassion—Caring enough
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BASIC TRUTH

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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

Just for Fun
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

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

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Live Differently" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 5*,
"Love One Another" from *Make a Move*, and "Who You
Say I Am" from *Who You Say I Am* single)
Bible Story (Communicator Script)
Key Question
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Review and Discussion
Questions
Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



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Before kids arrive, take some time to pray for each of your kids by name, asking God to reveal to you areas in each of their lives where you can push them to care for others around them, whether it's friends, family members, authority figures, etc.

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1. JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, balls, mobile device or timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offering in the offering container as they arrive.
- Pair kids up and instruct them to stand back-to-back.
- Give each team a ball.
- Challenge teams to throw the ball to their partner while still standing back-to-back.
- (Optional) Give the group a time limit and see which team can catch the ball the most often in the allotted time.

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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Beach balls

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pair up kids.
- Line up teams at one end of the environment.
- Give each team a beach ball.
- Instruct teams to stand back-to-back holding the beach ball between their backs.
- Challenge teams to race to the other end of the environment while holding the ball between their backs. If teams drop the ball, they start over.
- Declare the first team to reach the finish line while still holding the beach ball between their backs the winner.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"To hold on to the beach ball, you really had to work together—you could say you had to have each other's back! **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to hear what it might look like to have someone's back.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Masking tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tape two lines on the floor.
- Identify one line as "MORE" and one line as "LESS."
- Ask kids to stand in the middle of the two lines.
- Read one of the statements below and tell kids run to the line that best describes them.
 - Do you spend MORE or LESS than one hour a day on an electronic device?
 - Do you spend MORE or LESS than 15 minutes a day brushing your teeth?
 - Do you spend MORE or LESS than 15 minutes a day waiting for you parents stop talking to friends after church?
 - Do you spend MORE or LESS than one hour a day being outside?
 - Do you spend MORE or LESS than 30 minutes a day talking to friends?
 - Do you spend MORE or LESS than 15 minutes a day being nice to your siblings?
- After the activity, gather kids together and ask:
 - When has someone made time to help you? Encourage kids to share stories. **[Make it Personal] (Share a time someone made time to help you with something.)**
 - When have you made time to help someone? **[Make it Personal] (Share a time you didn't do something you wanted to do to make time to help someone else.)**

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2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Action Cards" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Play a game of "Slow Motion Charades."
 - Select a kid to be the first actor.
- Fan out the "Action Cards" and let them select a card.
- Tell the actor to silently act out the action on the card, while moving in super slow motion.
- The first kid to guess correctly what the action is gets to be the next actor.
- Play several rounds. Be sure everyone gets an opportunity to be an actor.
- If time, allow kids to come up with actions for the group to guess.
- Play several rounds before gathering the group together for discussion.
- To review the Bible story, encourage the group to help each other retell the story. For further discussion, ask:
 - Think about the stories you've heard about Jesus this month. Who did Jesus make time for? What did you learn from Jesus about what it looks like to show compassion?
 - When we are busy, it is hard to remember to make time for others. What can help us to remember to slow down and notice the people around us?
 - Think of a time you needed help and no one made time to listen to you. How did you feel?
 - Think of a time someone took the time to help you. How did it make you feel?
 - How do you think it affects other people when we slow down to make time for them?

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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- Can you think of someone in your life who has a need you can help with? What could you do to make time to help them?
- What gets in our way of making time for others? When is it hard to make time to help someone else?
- What can we do to remember to make time for others?

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4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, "Clock" Activity Pages, "Verse" Activity Page, scissors, mobile device or timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask if anyone has the memory verse, Micah 6:8, memorized. Challenge kids to recite the verse from memory.
- Kids who don't want to try to recite the verse can follow along in the Bible.
- Give each kid a "Clock" Activity Page and a "Verse" Activity Page.
- Provide scissors and tell kids to cut out the verse pieces.
- As kids are cutting out their activity page, engage them in conversation.
 - What is one of your favorite things to spend time doing?
 - Give an example of when you saw someone caring enough to help someone else.
 - How have you tried to show compassion this past month?
 - What's something you've learned about compassion that you feel confident enough to put into practice?
- Tell kids to put their "Verse Pieces" face down on the floor and mix them up.
- Challenge kids to race to see who can be the first to put their verse pieces on the "Clock" Activity Page in the correct order.
- For an additional challenge, set a random timer and challenge kids to see how many verse pieces they can place in order on their clock before time runs out.
- The kid with the most consecutive pieces in order wins the round.
- Say: Micah 6:8 starts by saying, *The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you.* (NIRV)
- Ask:
 - What good thing did Jesus show you today?
 - What is something you could spend less time on so you could spend more time helping others?

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Large piece of butcher paper, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle around a large piece of paper and put the markers where everyone can reach them.
- Ask kids to think of one or two ways they could make time to help someone this week and to write those in various places on the butcher paper.
- When everyone has finished, ask kids to close their eyes.
- Set a timer for one minute and ask kids to pray silently.
- When the timer goes off, close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, You are never too busy for us! You are always there, ready to listen to us, ready to help and guide us. We are so thankful for the stories we read about Jesus in the Bible. Jesus shows us what is good. We know caring enough to help others is important to Him and; therefore, it is important to us. Help us slow down and notice the people around us; help us to see opportunities to make time to help others. In Jesus' name we pray, 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)

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. JUST FOR FUN

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container
- Ping pong balls; one for every two kids
- Mobile device or timer

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Beach ball; one for every two kids

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.)

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Action Cards" Activity Page and cut apart; one set for each group

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- Print the "Verse" Activity Page; one for each kid
- Scissors
- Bibles
- Mobile device or timer

5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Large piece of butcher paper
- Markers

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.**