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TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Anytime You Need a Friend

Jesus Heals Bartimaeus
Mark 10:46-52

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Make time to help others.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God."

Micah 6:8, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's need

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

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.

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15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
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STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("This Little Light" from *Living Inside Out* and "Love One Another" from *Make a Move*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Stacking Story Review
Application Activity: Busy Hand Maze
Memory Verse Activity: Memory Verse Pick-Up
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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Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Thank God for never being too busy for us. Thank God for those who have made time to care for you lately. Ask God to show your few how they can put aside some of the things they want to do in order to stop and show compassion to those around them. Pray that kids would look for opportunities to make time for others and that God would give them hearts that gladly care for others.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container; whiteboard and dry-erase marker or butcher paper and marker; paper; and colored pencils

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Make time to help others.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite kids who brought an offering to place it in the container.
- Before kids arrive, write the following three options on the whiteboard or butcher paper and a square border around each option.
 - Make a travel brochure (including pictures) of a place you'd love to visit.
 - Draw a squiggly line on your paper. Use your imagination to create a picture using the squiggly line.
 - Design a new piece of playground equipment (on paper). Label your drawing and explain why it would be so much fun.
- Give each kid a piece of paper and colored pencils.
- Instruct them to choose to spend their time on one of the three options.
- If any kids finish early, invite them to choose another one to do.

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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Jumbo craft sticks, two-inch ends of jumbo craft sticks, duct tape, buttons, washable markers, scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a jumbo craft stick, an end of a jumbo craft stick, markers, and a four-inch piece of duct tape.
- Encourage kids to color their craft sticks with the markers.
- Instruct them to use the duct tape to attach the two-inch piece to the bottom of the full-size craft stick to create a miniature hockey stick.
- Once finished, direct the kids to find another kid who has a different colored shirt on than them.
- Give each pair of kids a button to use as a hockey puck.
- Guide the kids to play a round of craft stick hockey by trying to get the puck past the other kid to score a goal.
- Once each kid has scored a point, direct them to find a different kid who has on shoes that are different than theirs and play them.
- Continue for as long as time and interest allow.
- Challenge the kids to find someone who is different than them in some way when finding a new opponent.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"That was so much fun! I love getting to see you guys take time to play with each other. **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group and hear a story about how Jesus took time to help someone.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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1. STACKING STORY REVIEW

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Stacking Story Review" Activity Page,
clear tape, plastic cups, and Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Look up the Bible story passage using the navigation tips below.
- Ask a volunteer to read the Bible story out loud from Mark 10:46-52.

***Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd graders:** Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like. When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Mark in the list under "New Testament." When the kids find Mark, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Mark. Help the kids find the page. When they find Mark, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 10. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 46 in chapter 10.*

- Divide kids into groups of three or four.
- Give each group a shuffled set of "Stacking Story Review" phrases, clear tape, and eight plastic cups.
- Instruct the kids to tape the story phrases to the plastic cups and arrange them in story order.
- Direct the kids to stack the cups into a tower in the correct order of the story. (They can refer to their Bibles if needed.)
 - If the kids struggle to make an effective tower, show them how to make one by placing a cup upside down, placing the next one right side up on top of it, and the next one on top of that one upside down and continue.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"That was a lot of fun, and you guys did such a great job of working together to get the story in the right order. Jesus was busy, but He still stopped to help Bartimaeus. What do you think Jesus was on His way to do when Bartimaeus stopped Him? (Allow kids to answer—He was traveling to Jerusalem; no answer is wrong) We may not know exactly what Jesus was on His way to do, but we do know He took time to help and heal Bartimaeus. Just like Jesus, we can **make time to help others.**"

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*2. BUSY HAND MAZE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Busy Hand Maze" Activity Pages,
paper towel tubes or craft tubes, crayons, acetate paper
pieces, clear tape, red marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "Busy Hand Maze" Activity page, some crayons, clear tape, and a piece of acetate paper.
- Invite the kids to decorate their maze with crayons but not solve it.
- Instruct the kids to tape the maze to their tube so it's covered.
- Draw a red dot with the permanent marker on each kid's piece of acetate paper.
- Instruct the kids to roll the acetate paper around the tube and tape it to itself, creating a circle.
 - *NOTE: Instruct the kids not to tape the acetate paper to the tube. It should move freely up and down.*
- Encourage the kids to move the acetate paper so the red dot is at the beginning of their maze.
- Instruct them to move the red dot through the maze until it gets to the end.
- Once everyone has finished their maze, remind them of the Bible story.
 - Jesus was busy—super busy. After all, He is Jesus.
 - But Bartimaeus asked for His help, so Jesus changed the direction of what He was doing and where He was going.
 - Jesus was headed somewhere else, but He made time to help someone in need.
 - He changed the direction of His day to help someone else.
 - Jesus stopped to see Bartimaeus and the need He had. Then He did something to help.
 - Just like Jesus, there are a lot of people in our lives, and sometimes it takes us changing our plans and the direction of our day for us to see them and help them when they have a need.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"To get your dot to the end of the maze, you had to change directions a few times, and it definitely took longer than just a straight line. Sometimes we can be really busy. Maybe we have school all day and then head to practice and your family grabs something to eat while driving to your cousins' house and you're just busy. Even in your busyness, did you stop to ask the adult in your life how their day was when you got in the car with them?"

"Or maybe you're working on your homework and your little sister asks you a question about her homework and you're just too busy to help. What are some ways you and your family get busy? (Allow kids time to share.) What does it mean to change direction? (Move in a different way than where you were



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(*2. BUSY HAND MAZE, CONTINUED)

headed.) Just like Jesus changed the direction of His day for Bartimaeus, who do you need to change direction for today? Maybe while you're headed to a friend's house down the street, you can stop to ask your little sister if she wants to join you. Or you can stop by your mom's bedroom on the way to the kitchen and ask if she needs anything.

[Make it Personal] (Share a kid-appropriate story of when someone made time to help you. This could be as simple as a friend taking time to listen to you when something was bothering you or a time your mom took off work when you were sick and stayed home with you.) Because this person changed the direction of their day for me, I hope it encourages you to **make time to help others.**"



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3. MEMORY VERSE PICK-UP

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Prepared "Memory Verse Pick-Up"
balls in two baskets, paper party cups, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Look up the verse using the navigation tips below and read it out loud together.

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- Divide your group into two teams.
- Instruct both groups to line up in the middle of the room but face different sides. (Teams should be back-to-back in the middle of the room.)
- Give each kid a paper party cup.
- Dump a basket of "Memory Verse Pick-Up" balls in front of each team then set the basket next to that side's team.
- Instruct the kids to run to their side of the room, pick up a ball with their cup, run it back to their team's basket, and get another one.
- Once the team has all balls in the basket, direct them to put the balls in memory verse order.
- The first team to get the memory verse in order, wins.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Our memory verse tells us we must be humble as we live in the sight of God. Being humble means living like other people are more important than we are. What are some ways we can live humbly by putting others before ourselves? (Allow kids time to answer—making our sister a snack before we get our own; sharing something we have that someone else needs) One of the best ways to be humble and show others we're putting them before ourselves is to **make time to help others.**"

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for personal processing
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4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Tube mazes from "Busy Hand Maze"
Activity, sticky notes, pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to hold their tube mazes.
- Give each kid a sticky note and a pencil.
- Remind the kids that you challenged them to think of someone they need to make time for today or this week. Ask the kids to think about that person.
- Instruct the kids to write that person or persons' names down on their sticky note.
- Challenge the kids to pray for the person or people they wrote down and ask God how they can intentionally change direction for that person today and make time to help them.
- Close your group time in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"I hope you guys enjoy playing with your maze throughout this coming week! Whenever you play with it, I hope you think of the person you just prayed for and you remember to change direction when someone needs help. I hope you remember that as busy as you may be, Jesus taught us that we are never too busy to **make time to help others**. Let's pray and ask God to help us change direction during our day and make time to help others.

"Dear God, thank You that You are never too busy for us and You always make time to help us. We want to be like You! Please help us remember to **make time to help others** throughout this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to show them their tube maze.

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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 Create: an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container
- Large whiteboard and dry-erase marker or large piece of butcher paper and marker
- Paper
- Colored pencils

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Jumbo craft sticks; one for each kid
- Two-inch ends of jumbo craft sticks; one for each kid
- Half-inch duct tape
- Medium buttons; one for every two kids
- Washable markers
- Scissors

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 #2.

1. STACKING STORY REVIEW

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Stacking Story Review" Activity Pages on cardstock and cut apart; one set for every three or four kids
- Bibles
- Plastic cups; eight for every three or four kids
- Clear tape

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Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Busy Hand Maze" Activity Page on cardstock and cut out; one for each kid
- Empty paper towel tubes or ten-inch craft tubes; one for each kid
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Four-inch-wide acetate paper cut acetate paper into five-inch long pieces
- Clear tape
- Red permanent marker

3. MEMORY VERSE PICK-UP

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Memory Verse Pick-Up" Activity Page on Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent; two sets for each small group
- 40 ball pit balls
- Paper party cups (9 oz.); one for each kid
- Two large baskets or buckets
 - Stick the "Memory Verse Pick-Up" labels to the ball pit balls and place one set in each basket.

4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

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



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- Sticky notes
- Pencils

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.