

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Say Anything

No Secrets with God
1 John 1:9

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Being truthful with God
keeps you close to Him.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Anyone who lives
without blame walks safely.
But anyone who takes a
crooked path will get caught.
Proverbs 10:9, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Integrity—Choosing to be truthful
in whatever you say and do

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.

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 ("Friend Like You" from *This Love*, "Jesus, I Will Trust You" from *This Love*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: No Matter How Hard You Try
Bible Story Review: Stay Close
Memory Verse Activity: Safe!
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
GodTime devotional for kids
Studio252.tv
Parent Cue App

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DROP THE ACT

WEEK
TWO
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SMALL GROUP

K-1

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. In preparation for today's content, take a moment to be honest with God about where your heart is today, confessing anything that may weigh on you. Thank God for always forgiving us, no matter what the situation is. Thank God that He is always accessible and will always draw close to us when we ask Him to.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, ball or object

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to place their offerings in the container.
- Give a kid the ball and invite them to name their favorite animal then pass the ball to another kid, who will also share.
- Continue until every kid has a turn.
- Continue the game as time allows, inviting kids to name their favorite color, favorite pet, favorite holiday, or favorite place to go for vacation.
- Be sure to share your favorites, too.

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Taped items under art paper on table or hardback books, unwrapped crayons

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell kids that you've hidden some items under the paper.
- Show kids how they can rub the side of a crayon over the paper to find the hidden objects.*

*In art lingo, rubbings are called frottage [fraw-tahzh]: creating an image by rubbing a crayon, chalk, pencil, charcoal, etc. over a textured surface.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! Look what you found! How many keys did you find? How many coins did you find? Can you find a quarter? (Pause.) Yes, that looks like a quarter. Those look like pennies, and those look like nickels!

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"Even though I tried to hide the keys and coins under the paper, were they still there? Yes! I tried to hide them, but you found them, didn't you? **[Transition]** Let's go to Large Group where we'll hear about some things that WE might try to hide from God. Do you think that God still knows about them? (Pause.) Let's go learn more."

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Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



1. NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "The Trouble with Sin" cards (Activity Page), colored cardstock squares

WHAT YOU DO:

- Show kids the "sin" card.
- Explain that sin is the bad stuff we do: Disobeying, lying, stealing, being disrespectful or selfish, and saying or doing mean or unkind things. Sin breaks our relationship with God.
- Set the card on the floor and lead kids to line up about six feet away from it.
- Give the first kid three pieces of cardstock and show them how to throw them like a frisbee, trying to get the squares to land and cover the "sin."
- Continue until each kid has a turn.
- If time allows, collect the cardstock squares and play again.

HINT: If you have more than six in your group, guide kids to form two lines and let the first kid in each line throw at the same time. That way kids won't be waiting and inactive for quite as long.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Were you able to completely cover the sin? (Pause.) No! No matter how much you tried, you couldn't cover it up. It's like that in life, too. We all mess up and sin sometimes. And when we mess up, we might feel bad about it and try to cover up what we've done. We might tell lies to hide what we did, or we might try to do good things to make up for it.

[Make it Personal] (Tell kids about a time when you were a kid and you tried to hide something that you did, then talked to God about it. Maybe you told a lie then told more lies to cover it up. Maybe you disobeyed your parents but said that it was an accident. Maybe you did something wrong and didn't speak up to say that it was your fault. Talk about how your attempts were unsuccessful as well as how you felt.)

"You can talk to God and tell Him the truth about what you did wrong, too. You can tell Him that you're sorry. And you know what? Because Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins, when you ask God to forgive you, He will! So, when you sin, don't try to hide it. Talk to God and tell Him that you're sorry. He loves you. **Being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.**"

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MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



2. STAY CLOSE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bowls, water, pepper packets, cotton swabs, liquid soap, tape, marker, sticky note, towels

WHAT YOU DO:

- Before kids join you, dip one end of a cotton swab in the liquid soap. Keep track of which end is soapy!
- Guide kids to gather around you.
- Set a bowl in front of you. (If it's a clear bowl, place it on a piece of white paper.)
- Pour some water into the bowl then sprinkle a generous amount of pepper on the surface. Tell kids that the pepper is "us."
- Pick up the prepared swab and tell kids that it represents God. Use tape and a marker to label the swab "God" so that the concept is clearer and more concrete for the kids.
- Dip the dry end of the swab in the water and gently move it around. Lift it up to show kids that some pepper is sticking to it.
- Tell kids that God wants to be close to us. He made us so that we can be friends with Him!
- Next, tell kids that there's a problem—we all sin sometimes.
- Print "sin" on the sticky note and stick it to the bowl.
- Tell kids that one way we sin is by telling lies. Ask kids to name some ways that people lie.
- Dip the soapy end of the swab in the bowl and gently move it around.
- Ask, "What's happening?"
 - Explain that when we sin, it keeps us away from God.
 - God still wants to be near us, but our sin gets in the way and comes between us.
- Add some extra water to the bowl.
- Then read 1 John 1:9, either from the Bible or from here. *But God is faithful and fair. If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure. (NIRV)*
- Explain that when we're truthful with God about what we've done wrong, and ask Him to forgive us, He will! (The pepper should begin to spread over the surface again.)
- Take away the "sin" note.
- Finally, dip the non-soapy end of the cotton swab in the water again, gently moving it through the pepper.
- Emphasize that **being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.**
- After this discussion and object lesson, help kids pair up.
- Give each pair a set of supplies, reminding them that doing the experiment by themselves is a privilege, and they need to show self-control with their supplies.
- Lead kids to practice the experiment with each other, talking about which items represent God, us, sin, and truthfulness as they go.

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25 MINUTES

(2. STAY CLOSE, CONTINUED)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"In 1 John 1:9, John wrote that, *God is faithful and fair. If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure (NirV).* What this verse means is that when you're honest with God about the things you've done wrong, and you ask Him to forgive you, He will! God loves you, and He wants to be close to you. And **being truthful with God keeps you close to Him**. So, when you do something wrong, talk to God and tell Him the truth. Tell Him you're sorry. And remember that **being truthful with God keeps you close to Him!**"

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



3. SAFE!

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Walk Safely" Activity Pages, Bibles, floor tape, pom poms, straws, hula hoop

WHAT YOU DO:

- Help kids look up and "read" (or follow along as you read) the verse using the Bible navigation tips from Week 1.
- Secure the "Walk Safely" cards to the floor in order, with each page touching the page(s) beside it.
- Make one path for every four kids.
- Set the hula hoop on the floor nearby.
- Guide kids to line up by the first card.
- Give each kid a straw and a pom pom.
- Lead kids to take turns blowing their pom pom along the path, saying each word or phrase as they come to it. For kids who aren't reading yet, read the cards for them, guiding them to repeat after you.
- Guide the group to say the verse together whenever a kid successfully completes the path.
- If a kid's pom pom goes off the path, they go sit inside the hula hoop.
- Kids are "freed" from the hoop when someone completes the path and "tags" them back into the game.
- Play as many rounds as time and interest allow.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Proverbs 10:9 tells us that 'anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught.' Taking a crooked path means that we're not truthful in what we say and do. But Who always knows the truth? (God!) Yes, God always knows the truth. Does God want us to be honest and tell the truth? Yes! He loves us and wants us to be honest in everything we say and do. Because when we're truthful, we can be close to Him! So, remember that **being truthful with God keeps you close to Him!**"

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



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

WHAT YOU NEED: *Optional:* prepared pepper and cotton swab bags

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids into

prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“When we sin and do something wrong, it’s easy for us to want to hide it from God and from other people. But when we tell the truth, we don’t have to hide. Because telling the truth keeps us close to God. We say it this way, **being truthful with God keeps you close to Him**. Let’s pray.”

Gather kids close to you then lead them in prayer, asking God to help both you and the kids be honest. Ask Him to help you remember how much He loves you and to help you tell the truth when you’ve sinned. Thank Him for sending Jesus to forgive our sins and thank Him for His love and forgiveness.

As adults arrive to pick up, give each kid a bag if you chose to provide the kits. Encourage kids to share and explain the experiment to their families. If you chose not to provide the kits, encourage kids to tell parents today’s **being truthful with God keeps you close to Him**.

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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.)

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a general summary of Social Distancing Recommendations. Please refer to this document so you can plan your Small Group experience with health and safety in mind.

1. EARLY ARRIVER

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An offering container
- Ball or object that can be passed kid to kid

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Coins, metal keys, or other thin objects with distinct outlines; three to five for each kid
- Double-sided tape (preferred) or tape
- Art paper
- Unwrapped crayons (jumbo crayons work great!)
- Arrange the objects on a table, securing them with double-sided tape or tape loops. Completely cover the table with art paper and tape the paper in place.

NOTE: If you don't have a table in your environment, you can use large hard cover books, clip boards, or sturdy cardboard. Prepare one for each kid.

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. NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY [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 Trouble with Sin" Activity Page on cardstock
- Colored cardstock cut into 4 x 4 ½ inch pieces; three pieces for each kid

HINT: Use only one or two colors of cardstock. Save the pieces for use during Week 4 Groups Activity #2.

*2. STAY CLOSE [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- White or clear non-breakable bowls; one for every two kids. If you provide clear bowls, also provide white paper.
- Water
- Packets of pepper; one for every two kids, plus one for the leader
- Cotton swabs; one for every two kids, plus one for the leader
- Masking tape
- Marker
- Liquid soap
- Towels or paper towels in case of spills
- One sticky note

3. SAFE! [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Walk Safely" Activity Pages; one set for every four kids
- Bibles; for kindergarteners, mark the Bibles at Proverbs 10
- Floor tape
- Pom poms; one for each kid

GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

- Straight straws; one for each kid
- Hula hoop

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:

- *Optional:* Provide kits of cotton swabs and pepper packets inside sealable plastic bags, one for each kid

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.