



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Just Want to Celebrate

David Dances
2 Samuel 6:12b-22a

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Celebrate what God has done.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Give thanks to the Lord,
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MONTHLY LIFE APP

Gratitude—Letting others know
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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

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 ("Super Wonderful" from *Little Praise Party Taste and See* and "[I Want to Say] Thank You" from *This Love*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Celebrate Our God, Come On!
Application Activity: His Story
Memory Verse Activity: Mega Shout-Out
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



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. Take a moment to celebrate what God has done in their lives. Pray specifically for each kid, thanking God for something He has done for them. Then, thank God for what He's done for you. Thank Him for using you to lead your few as they learn more about Him.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: "Megaphone" Activity Page, scissors, offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive. Tell them that you're grateful to see them!
- Invite kids to put their offering in the offering container. Thank them for their gift!
- Give kids a "Megaphone" Activity Page and scissors.
- Instruct kids to cut out the megaphones.
- Allow kids to cut out as many megaphones as time allows.
- As kids cut, ask:
 - Can you think of something you do to celebrate a holiday?
 - Do you do something special to celebrate birthdays?
 - What do you do to celebrate Thanksgiving? How about Christmas or Easter?
- **[Make It Personal] (Be prepared to share a way you celebrate a holiday.)**



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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Charade Cards" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Shuffle the "Charade Cards."
- Explain that each action on the "Charade Cards" is related to celebrating.
- Play a game of charades.
 - Choose a kid to go first and draw a card.
 - Without talking or making a sound, they act out what is on the card.
 - The first kid who correctly guesses what is on the card gets to be the next actor.
- After the card is guessed correctly, allow kids to give ideas how the card might relate to a celebration.
- For example, ask: What could you be celebrating?

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"There are so many reasons we celebrate—birthdays, holidays, Christmas, and Easter. We celebrate when we get a good grade in school or when we make the winning shot on our basketball team. **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to hear about what we should definitely celebrate.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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*** 1. CELEBRATE OUR GOD, COME ON!**
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Boxes, Jerusalem sign

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide each small group into two teams.
- Line both teams along a wall opposite the "Jerusalem" sign.
- Set the scene by telling kids:
 - Imagine you're soldiers in King David's army. The ark hasn't been with God's people for a long time, but you got it back! Now, you must carry the ark back to Jerusalem where it belongs.
- Give each team an "Ark" box.
- Ask kids to quickly come up with a name for their group.
- Play a version of "Red Light, Green Light."
 - There will be two commands: MARCH and CELEBRATE.
 - When you say, "MARCH," a team begins to carry the ark to "Jerusalem." When you say, "CELEBRATE," a team must set down the ark and dance.
 - Set a few rules:
 - Teams can't move forward when they're dancing.
 - Everyone on the team must be touching the ark when moving forward.
 - Each team must listen and respond to the commands directed to their group.
 - Give separate commands to each group, using their group names.
 - Vary the time you have each group MARCH and CELEBRATE.
 - Try to have both groups get to "Jerusalem" at the same time, or close to the same time.
 - Declare the first team to get the ark to "Jerusalem" the winner. (If both groups don't arrive at the same time.)

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"When King David thought about God and all He had done for His people, he just needed to stop and honor God by celebrating! He couldn't help himself! King David danced and everyone joined along as he celebrated God. King David didn't care if he didn't look like a king. What King David cared about was celebrating to thank God. We can be like King David, too. We can **celebrate what God has done**. We can celebrate God by singing songs about how great He is. We can celebrate God by reading His story in the Bible or by going to church. God did amazing things in King David's life, and He is still at work in our lives, too. You can talk to God about the great things He has done in your life, and you can thank Him for them! That's another way to **celebrate what God has done**. God loves when you celebrate!"



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

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



2. HIS STORY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Story Cards" Activity Page, butcher paper, markers, and masking tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Give each team a stack of "Story Cards." Each team will have a different color set of cards.
- Tell teams to work together to put the "Story Cards" into two piles:
 - A "History" pile for things God has done throughout history.
 - An "Our Story" pile for things God has done in our own lives.
- As teams work, write "History" on one side of the butcher paper and "Our Story" on the other side.
- Tape the butcher paper on the wall.
- Tear 20 smaller pieces of masking tape and stick them on the wall next to the butcher paper for later use.
- Create a starting line across from the butcher paper with masking tape.
- After kids have separated the cards into two piles, allow teams to compete in a relay race.
 - Line teams up at the starting line.
 - Kids take turns racing to the butcher paper, grabbing a piece of tape off the wall, and taping a "Story Card" under the correct heading on the butcher paper. (If space is limited, instead of running, provide other ways for kids to move during the race— hopping, crab crawl, etc.)
 - Award a point to the first team to tape all of their cards to the butcher paper.
 - Allow the other team to finish taping their cards to the butcher paper.
 - Review the cards as a group.
 - Award additional points to each team for each card taped under the correct heading.
 - Declare the team with the most points the winner.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"The amazing thing about God's story is it is never ending. In the Bible, we read stories of what God has done. We read about God creating the earth and everything in it. We read how God was with King David, how He healed Naaman of his skin disease, and how God helped Daniel and his friends. We know that God loves us so much that He sent Jesus as our Savior so we can be with Him now and forever. God's story continues in our lives, too. God gives us friends and a family. God provides us with a church where we can talk about Him and celebrate all He has done. God gave us the Bible to read.

"God made it so we can have a personal relationship with Him that lasts forever. God made each of us with a purpose because He has special things



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(2. HIS STORY, CONTINUED)

that only we can do. When we look at all God has done, it makes sense we should give Him thanks and **celebrate what God has done.**" *[Make it Personal] (Share a way you celebrate what God has done in your life.)*



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

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



3. MEGA SHOUT-OUT
[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, colored paper, tape, markers, stickers, (optional) mobile device

WHAT YOU DO:

- Lay out supplies for each kid to make a megaphone: colored paper, tape, and markers
- Give kids a Bible.
- Look up the memory verse, Psalm 136:1, and read it out loud.
- Encourage the kids to decorate a piece of paper with markers, using the words of the memory verse.
- Instruct kids to make a megaphone by rolling the paper into a cone shape.
- Help kids tape the paper to hold their megaphone in place.
- Challenge the group to work together to create a cheer or a chant using the words of the memory verse.
- Encourage kids to use their megaphone to shout-out their cheer.
- (Optional) Using a mobile device, record the cheer and play it for the kids.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"What a great way to **celebrate what God has done!** We can celebrate by giving Him thanks because He is good. Reading the Bible is a way we can **celebrate what God has done.** The Bible is full of stories of real people, like King David, who have experienced God's goodness and His love. When you remember what God has done and what He is doing in your life right now, celebrate Him by giving thanks. And if you can't find the words, just remember our memory verse. Let's show God our gratitude by shouting out Psalm 136:1 one more time." (Shout-out Psalm 136:1 together.)



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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: "GRATITUDE SHOUT-OUTS" wall, megaphones from "Early Arriver," tape, scissors, and markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set out the megaphones that kids cut out earlier. (If you didn't have time to cut out the megaphones earlier, instruct kids to cut out a couple now.)
- Set out the markers.
- Encourage kids to write a "SHOUT-OUT" to God thanking Him for what He has done on the megaphones.
- Prompt kids to finish the sentence, "Thank You God for . . ."
- Encourage kids to share their "SHOUT-OUTS" with the group.
- Tell kids to tape their "SHOUT-OUTS" on the wall labeled "GRATITUDE SHOUT-OUTS."
- Challenge kids this week to celebrate God by thanking Him and celebrate the people God put in their lives by thanking them, too.
- Close in prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God has been at work since the beginning of time. There is so much He has done and so much He is still doing! Remember this week to **celebrate what God has done**. Let's pray.

"God, You are good! You are faithful! We are so thankful for what You have done in the world. We are so thankful for what You are doing in our lives today. Open our eyes to see the good things You are doing—in the world around us and in our own lives. Show us ways to celebrate all You have done, God! Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up the kids, encourage kids to share the cheer they created.



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:

- Print the "Megaphone" Activity Page; one for each kid
- Paper
- Offering container
- Scissors for each kid

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

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

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 #1.*

* 1. CELEBRATE OUR GOD, COME ON! [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:

- Two big boxes (The boxes should be big enough that four or five kids can pick it up together. Ideally the bigger the better.)
- One sheet of paper
- Markers
- Tape
 - Write "Ark" on both boxes. Write "Jerusalem" on the piece of paper and tape it to one wall of your small group area.

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print two "Story Cards" Activity Pages on different colored paper and cut apart; one set of each color for every small group
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- Markers
- Masking tape

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- Markers
- Fun stickers
- (Optional) mobile device

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- The "GRATITUDE SHOUT-OUT" wall from Week 1



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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

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HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

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- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.