

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Hey Brother Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

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MONTHLY LIFE APP

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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



SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction Just for Fun Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God Welcome/Opener Worship ("All About Love" from *Can't Stop Won't Stop*, "Give a Little Kindness" from *This Love*, and "Who You Say I Am" from *Who You Say I Am* single) Bible Story (Communicator Script) Key Question Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25

MIN

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) GodTime devotional for kids Studio252.tv Parent Cue App





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Before kids arrive, take a couple moments to be quiet with God and pray for your Small Group time today. Ask God to work in each of your kids' hearts to be moved by the story of the Good Samaritan and to be inspired to treat others with extra kindness, especially those who are different from them.

1. JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

- Invite kids to put their offering in the offering container as they arrive.
- Instruct kids to sit a safe and comfortable distance apart from each other facing you.
- Ask for a volunteer to stand in front of the group.
- Tell the group you're going to change one thing about the volunteer and they'll have to figure out what is different.
- Encourage the volunteer to strike several "modeling" poses so the group can get a good look at them.
- Instruct kids to turn around so their backs are facing the volunteer and to close their eyes.
- Allow the volunteer to change one thing about their appearance.
 - For example, untie their shoes, tuck or un-tuck their shirt, remove glasses, remove a watch and place it on the other wrist, etc.
- When the change has been made, instruct the group to turn around facing the volunteer.
- Let the group guess what is different. The kid who guesses correctly gets to be the next volunteer.





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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Read one set of three items from the list below and challenge kids to figure out what they have in common.
- Picnic, Card, Pool (types of tables)
- Birthday, Pokeman, Baseball (types of cards)
- Yard, Pogo, Chop (types of sticks)
- Brown, Black, Grizzly (types of bears)
- Skunk, Nose, Garbage (things that smell)
- Wagon, Cart, Steering (types of wheels)
- Onion, Tree, Bells (they all have rings)
- Elephant, Car, Tree (they all have trunks)
- Swiss Cheese, Doughnut, Bowling Ball (they all have holes)
- Ballet, Tennis, Horse (types of shoes)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"All the items had something in common even though they were very different. We are all made in the image of God so we have that in common but we are still different, aren't we? **[Transition]** Let's head to Large Group to hear about what being different has to do with kindness."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY] WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

- Pair kids up.
- Instruct pairs to learn one thing they have in common with each other and one thing that is different about them.
- Instruct kids to join with another pair and share with each other what they have in common with their partners and what they don't have in common.
- Instruct the entire Small Group to join together and figure out something different/unique about each kid.
- Encourage the group to share something they learned about someone in the group that they didn't know before they came to church today.
- Ask:
 - What are ways people are different from each other? (looks, culture, how they talk, what they eat, what they like or dislike, etc.)
- Explain that we are all different from each other in some way and that there will be times at school or on the soccer field you will meet someone who doesn't look like you, act like you, or talk like you. How can you can show kindness to someone who seems very different from you? (Ask questions, try to get to know people who are different, listen, etc.)



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2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW] WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, "Sentence Starter Cards"

Activity Page, markers or pencils

- Review the Bible story by saying: Jesus answered the question, "Who is my neighbor?" with a story. The story starts, "A man was going from Jerusalem to Jericho." What happens next?
- After each sentence kids provide, ask, "What happens next?" until the entire story is reviewed. If necessary, refer to The Story of the Good Samaritan from the Bible, Luke 10:25-37.
- Once the story is reviewed, give each kid a set of "Sentence Starter Cards".
- Give kids time to complete the sentences. [Make it Personal] Be sure to participate by completing the sentences as well.
- Spend time sharing the completed sentences.
 - Use the "neighbors" question to guide kids to realize that EVERYONE is a neighbor.
- For further discussion, ask:
 - The Samaritan could have ignored the injured man and walked right on by, but he didn't. How do you feel when someone ignores you or simply doesn't listen to what you have to say?
 - How do you feel when someone shows interest in what you are doing or what you have to say?
 - Do you think it was hard for the Samaritan to show kindness to the injured man? Why or why not?
 - What can make it hard for kids to show kindness to people who are different from them?



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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO: Ask:

• Without naming names, think of someone who is different from you. Maybe they dress differently or their family is very different from yours. Maybe they act differently at school. Whatever the reason, think of someone you don't get along with or don't understand. How could you show this person they are valuable—how would you show them kindness?

- Why might a kid your age be treated unkindly? When have you seen someone treated unkindly?
- Why might showing kindness to someone make you uncomfortable?
 - You see someone being treated unkindly, maybe it is the annoying kid at school. What does it look like to respond with kindness? Is it kind to walk away when you see someone being treated unkindly? Why or why not?





MADE TO MOVE

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

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4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY] WHAT YOU NEED: Painter's tape, masking tape, markers, Bible

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Using masking tape, create a starting line for each team.
- Tape a long piece of painter's tape on a wall directly across from each team.
- Encourage kids to look up Colossians 3:12 and read it aloud as you write it along the tape lines.
 - Enlist kids' help writing, if possible.
- Tell kids that the group is going to compete in a relay race.
 - Kids take turns racing to the wall, tearing off a piece of masking tape with the words to the memory verse on it, sticking the tape to their clothes and racing back to their team.
 - The last kid from each team removes the remaining piece of tape from the wall, sticks it to their clothes and returns to their team.
 - Though kids will have different amounts of tape on their clothes, everyone from the team must have at least one word of the verse stuck to their clothing.
 - The first team to line up on the starting line in the correct order of the memory verse wins.
- Gather kids in a circle and instruct them to sit arm's length from each other.
 - Give kids a Bible.
 - Explain the story of the Good Samaritan starts with Luke 10:27.
 - Look up and read Luke 10:27 to the group.
 - Ask:
 - When Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself," who are our neighbors? Depending on how kids answer, be sure to guide kids to realize everyone is our neighbor. To help direct kids, ask:
 - What about people who are different from us? Are they our neighbor?
 - What about people who don't live in our community? Are they our neighbor?
 - What about the kid who goes to a different church? Are they our neighbor?
 - If time allows, repeat the relay race writing Luke 10:27 on the tape for the teams to retrieve and to put in the correct order.



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MADE TO REFLECT

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5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY] WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

- Encourage kids to sit in a circle and to sit a safe and comfortable distance from each other.
- Lead a group prayer. Consider the following format for prayer time:
 - "God, You are (encourage kids to fill in the sentence with a word describing God)
- We know we will have many opportunities to show kindness this week. Help us to remember to show kindness to everyone by (encourage kids to fill in the sentence with a way to show kindness)
- Thank You, God, for making us in Your image and yet making each of us different, with different cultures, languages, likes, and dislikes. You are so creative. Help us to think of creative ways to show others they are valuable to You and to us. Amen!"



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.)**

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- WHAT YOU NEED:
- Offering container

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

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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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[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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- Bibles
- Print the "Sentence Starter Cards" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart; one set for each kid
- Markers or pencils

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Masking tape
- Bibles
- Markers

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:

• No supplies needed

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.**