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Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2026, Week 3

Bible Story: In All Things God Works for Good • Romans 8:28-29

Bottom Line: God can use all things.

Monthly Memory Verse: How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. • Psalm 139:14 NlrV

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

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.

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

- Opening Activity

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

- Opener
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Prayer

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Bible Story Cube (K-1st grade), Guess the Story (2nd-3rd grade), Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions (Preteen)

Application Activity: Masterpiece Gallery—Messy to Beautiful (K-1st grade), Remembrance Rocks (2nd-3rd grade), Take a Snapshot (Preteen)

Memory Verse Activity: Dance Your Purpose (K-1st grade), Praise People (2nd-3rd grade), Verses to Take with You (Preteen)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss (K-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade), Make It Personal with Prayer (Preteen)

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue App



Bible Story

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Memory Verse

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Kids

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5 min

Social

Providing Time for Fun Interaction

5 min

23 - Made to Connect *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	Offering container	1
	"Circle Creations" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Clipboard	1
	Coloring supplies	Several



EveryChild tips

- Encourage kids to work with a partner to come up with ideas and decorate their page together.

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Circle Creations" on cardstock, one per kid.

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a "Circle Creations" Activity Page, a clipboard, and coloring supplies.
- Point out all the empty circles on the page.
- Challenge the kids: "Your job is to turn these simple circles into something totally new and different. What can a circle become?"
- Encourage their creativity by giving a few examples: A circle could become the sun, the wheel on a car, a smiley face, a basketball, or a ladybug.
- Give them several minutes to draw and transform their circles into a page full of unique creations.
- When they're done, invite them to share their favorite creation with the group.

What You Say:

"These are so creative! You started with just plain circles, and you turned them into all these amazing new things. That's kind of what God does in our lives. He can take any situation—even a hard or confusing one—and turn it into something good. Today, we're going to hear a Bible Story that reminds us **[Bottom Line] God can use all things.** Let's go!"

5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

23 - Guess the Story | Made to Play *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	Bible	1
	"Guess the Story" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	File folders	1
	Scissors or a craft knife	1



EveryChild tips

- For kids who struggle with guessing, give them two options to choose from. Say: "Do you think this is the picture of baby Moses in the basket or Moses with the burning bush?"

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Guess the Story" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
- Cut one one-inch square out of the front of each file folder, and change the position of each square.
- Place one "Guess the Story" picture inside each folder so that only a tiny part of the picture is visible through the cutout. You may need to try out different pictures in each file folder to make sure you have the best fit for each picture.

During the Activity:

- Open the Bible to Romans 8:28-29, and read the verses.
- Share the following key points:
 - These verses are part of a letter that Paul wrote to the followers of Jesus who lived in Rome.
 - Paul was sharing an important truth about God: In the life of a Jesus-follower, God works all things for good!
- Gather the kids around, and hold up the first file folder.
- Explain that the kids need to guess what the story picture is based on the tiny bit of the picture they can see through the square.
- After they lock in their guess, open the folder to see if they guessed correctly.
- Continue with each folder until all six pictures have been revealed.
- As a final challenge, have the whole group work together to place the six pictures in the correct story order.

What You Say:

"That was tricky! It was hard to know the whole story just by looking through that tiny hole, right? Sometimes, our lives feel like that. We only see one small, confusing part of what's happening, and we can't see the big picture. But God always sees the whole story. And He promises in these verses that He is using every single thing to make something good.

"God used all the experiences that Moses and Paul faced to bring about good in their lives—and in the lives of many other people too!

"You may know people who have seen God work something good from the hard things they faced. You may have even experienced it yourself. Perhaps you were super-anxious about starting at a new school—but then, you made a new friend you wouldn't have met without moving schools. Once you see where God has worked something difficult for

good in your life before, you can trust that He will continue to be at work for good when you face something new that's not-so-easy.

"When we choose to love God and give our lives to Him, we can be confident that He will bring good out of everything we've experienced and everything we've done. This doesn't mean God *causes* hard things to happen—but it does mean that God is so good and powerful, He can work good through every single thing in our lives. **[Bottom Line] God can use all things.**"

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

23 - Remembrance Rocks | Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	Smooth, flat rocks	1
	Washable paint in various colors	1
	Paintbrushes	1
	Paper plates	Several
	Plastic or paper cups	Several
	Water	1
	Paper towels	Several
	Plastic tablecloth	1
	EveryChild Supplies: Paint pens or permanent markers	Several
	EveryChild Supplies: Gloves	Several



EveryChild tips

- For kids with sensory sensitivities who may not like the feel of paint, offer paint pens or permanent markers as an alternative.
- Offer gloves for kids to wear if they want to paint but are worried about getting messy.
- Use larger rocks and brushes with thick handles to support kids who need help with fine motor skills.

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Spread out the tablecloth on the floor or table.

During the Activity:

- Gather the kids around the tablecloth, and give each kid a rock and a paper plate.
- Ask them to think about the story of Moses. Ask: "What were some of the hard things that happened in Moses' life?" (*He was born when the king was being cruel; he had to run away after he did something wrong; he lived in the desert for a long time.*)
- Ask: "Did God use those hard things for good?" (*Yes! God used them to prepare Moses to lead His people.*)
- Instruct the kids to paint their rocks. You can suggest they paint one side a dark color to represent something hard, and the other side bright, happy colors to remember that God can bring something good from it. Or they can paint a symbol of hope—like a cross, a sun, or a rainbow.
- Allow the rocks to dry while you talk.

What You Say:

"These rocks look so beautiful! You took a plain, hard rock and turned it into a work of art. This is a great picture of what our Bottom Line means today. Sometimes, we go through things that feel hard and plain, just like this rock. But our story about Moses and our Bible verses from Romans remind us that God is always working toward something good. He can take the hard, sad, and confusing things in our lives and use them to create something good and beautiful. He did it for Moses, and He can do it for us. Remember, **[Bottom Line] God can use all things.**

"Take this rock home, and put it somewhere you can see it. When you feel sad or face something hard, let it remind you that God is with you, and He is working for good.

"If you need help trusting that God is working for good, just talk to Him about it. You can tell Him, 'God, I don't like this, and I don't understand it, but help me trust that You are good and You are working for good.'"

5 min

Prayer

5 min

23 - Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	Large craft feathers	1
	Blue or green food coloring	1
	Water	1
	Small cups	1
	Paper	1
	Clipboard	1
	Paper towels	Several
	Hand wipes	Several
	Plastic tablecloth	1
	Toothpicks	Several
	Scissors	1
	EveryChild Supplies: Fine-tip pens and tape	Several

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Cut the tip of each feather quill at a sharp angle.
- Scrape out any insides of the quill with a toothpick.
- Spread out the tablecloth.
- Fill cups with about an inch or two of water, and mix in several drops of food coloring, one for every three kids.

During the Activity:

- Gather the kids at a table or on the floor.
- Give each kid a piece of paper and a feather.
- Place one cup of "ink" near every three kids.
- Say: "Long ago, before people had pens like we do today, they wrote letters with feathers just like these! They were called quill pens. Today, we're going to write a special kind of letter—a prayer to God—using our very own quill pens."
- Demonstrate how to gently dip the very tip of the feather into the paint, then use it to write on the paper. Show them they might need to dip the feather a few times.
- Ask the kids to use their quill pens to write a short prayer to God. They can write words or draw pictures.
- Give them several minutes to write or draw their prayers.
- Encourage them to take their paper prayer and their quill pen home with them.

What You Say:

"It can be tricky to write with a feather. Moses wrote on a scroll with a quill pen, kind of like how you did. In our story, God used all the things that happened to Moses and Paul and turned them to good. God promises that He does that with us too.

"We have lots of different pieces that make up our lives—happy things, sad things, confusing things. But our Bible Story today reminds us that God is an expert at putting all the pieces together to make something good. He can take every single part of our story and use it for good.

[Bottom Line] God can use all things to show His love. Let's pray and thank Him for that."



EveryChild tips

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- For kids with fine motor challenges or sensory sensitivities to paint, provide a fine-tip pen they can tape to the end of their feather. This gives the feel of a quill pen without the mess.
- Provide pre-written prayer prompts on the paper (like, "Dear God, help me see ...") that kids can trace or draw around.
- Have plenty of hand wipes available for easy cleanup, as this activity can get a little messy.

*As adults arrive, remind each kid that God made them unique and wonderful, and **[Bottom Line] God can use all things!***

Getting Ready | 23

Small Group

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

SOCIAL:

Opening Activity

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Offering container, one per Small Group
- "Circle Creations" Activity Page, one per kid
- Cardstock, one piece per kid
- Clipboard, one per kid
- Coloring supplies, several per kid

What You Do:

- Print "Circle Creations" on cardstock, one per kid.

GROUPS:

Choose as many of these activities as you like.

1. Guess the Story

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Bible, one per Small Group
- "Guess the Story" Activity Page, one set per Small Group
- Cardstock, six pieces per Small Group
- File folders, six per Small Group
- Scissors or a craft knife, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Guess the Story" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
- Cut one one-inch square out of the front of each file folder, and change the position of each square.
- Place one "Guess the Story" picture inside each folder so that only a tiny part of the picture is visible through the cutout. You may need to try out different pictures in each file folder to make sure you have the best fit for each picture.

2. Remembrance Rocks

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Create

What You Need:

- Smooth, flat rocks; one per kid
- Washable paint in various colors, several per Small Group
- Paintbrushes, one per kid
- Paper plates, one per kid
- Plastic or paper cups, one for every three kids
- Water, one for every three kids
- Paper towels, one roll per Small Group
- Plastic tablecloth, one per Small Group

EveryChild Supplies:

- *Paint pens or permanent markers, several per kid*
- *Gloves, one pair per kid*

What You Do:

- Spread out the tablecloth on the floor or table.

3. Praise People

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Explore**What You Need:**

- Bibles, one per kid
- "Praise People" Activity Page, one per kid
- "People" Activity Page, one per Small Group
- Colored cardstock, one piece per kid
- Cardstock, one piece per Small Group
- Tissue paper, one piece for every four kids
- Pencil, one per Small Group
- Glue sticks, one per kid
- Balloons, one per kid
- Scissors, one pair per Small Group
- *Optional: Small piece of wool fabric for each Small Group*

EveryChild Supplies:

- *Plastic ruler and wool fabric, one per kid*
- *Noise-canceling headphones*

What You Do:

- Print "Praise People" on colored cardstock, one per kid.
- Print "People" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group.
- Stack several sheets of tissue paper together. Place the "People" cutout on top of the stack and trace. Cut out the tissue paper people, one per kid.
- Inflate the balloons, one per kid.

4. Pray and Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- Large craft feathers, one per kid
- Blue or green food coloring, one bottle per Small Group
- Water, one per Small Group
- Small cups, one for every three kids
- Paper, one piece for every kid
- Clipboard, one per kid
- Paper towels, one roll per Small Group
- Hand wipes, one package per Small Group
- Plastic tablecloth, one per Small Group
- Toothpicks, several per Small Group
- Scissors, one pair per Small Group

EveryChild Supplies:

- *Fine-tip pens and tape, one per kid*

What You Do:

- Cut the tip of each feather quill at a sharp angle.
- Scrape out any insides of the quill with a toothpick.
- Spread out the tablecloth.
- Fill cups with about an inch or two of water, and mix in several drops of food coloring, one for every three kids.

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**.

Supplies:

- Offering container
- "Circle Creations" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Clipboard
- Coloring supplies (several per kid)
- Bible
- "Guess the Story" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- File folders
- Scissors or a craft knife
- Smooth, flat rocks
- Washable paint in various colors (several per Small Group)
- Paintbrushes
- Paper plates
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Supplies

23 - Made to Connect *Uses Minimal Supplies*

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3. "People" Activity Page	1
4. Colored cardstock	1
5. Cardstock	1
6. Tissue paper	Several
7. Pencil	1
8. Glue sticks	1
9. Balloons	Several
10. Scissors	1
11. Optional: A small piece of wool fabric for each Small Group	Several
12. EveryChild Supplies: Plastic ruler and wool fabric	Several
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