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Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2026, Week 5

Bible Story: Gifted Together (Building the Tabernacle) • Exodus 25:1-2; 8-9; 28:1-3; 31:1-11, 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43

Bottom Line: God grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom.

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: Our World Masterpiece (K–1st grade), Tabernacle Relay Race (2nd–3rd grade), Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions (Preteen)

Application Activity: Masterpiece Gallery—Collage (K–1st grade), Tabernacle Trek (2nd–3rd grade), Take a Snapshot (Preteen)

Memory Verse Activity: Amazing and Wonderful Web (K–1st grade), Kick the Cup Verse (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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5 min

Social

5 min

23 - Opening Activity | Made to Play

What You Need

	Offering container	1
	Plastic cup	Several
	Facial tissues	1
	Rubber band	Several
	Marble	1
	Dice	1
	Toothpicks	Several
	EveryChild Supplies: Noise-canceling headphones	Several



EveryChild tips

- Offer noise-canceling headphones for kids with sound sensitivities.

Providing Time for Fun Interaction

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Place a tissue over the opening of the cup, and secure with the rubber band.

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.
- Put the marble on top of the tissue.
- Place the cup on the floor in the middle of the kids.
- Give each kid a toothpick.
- Instruct kids to take turns rolling the dice. Whichever number is rolled is the number of times they poke the tissue with their toothpick.
- The goal is not to be the one who makes the marble on the tissue fall.

What You Say:

"Wow, just one hole in the tissue couldn't make the marble fall, could it? But when we poked lots of holes in the tissue, the weight was enough to make it fall! The goal of this game was not to make the marble fall. But in our Bible Story today, things are a little bit different. The people were working together to make something big happen that they really wanted to happen! In our Bible Story today, we'll see how God's people brought all the different things He had given them together to build something amazing for God. Let's go!"

5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

23 - Tabernacle Relay Race | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	Bible	1
	Floor tape	1
	Variety of supplies (e.g., a ball of yarn, fake jewels or shiny beads, small wood blocks, squares of colorful fabric)	Several
	Large basket	1



EveryChild tips

- *Modify the movement based on abilities; kids can walk, skip, or roll to the basket.*

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Create a start line on one side of the room and a finish line on the opposite side of the room with tape.
- Place the pile of supplies near the start line.
- Place the basket at the finish line.

During the Activity:

- Open your Bible to Exodus 25 and flip the pages to Exodus 39 to show the kids where the Bible Story is.
- Review the Bible story by sharing some key points, like this:
- When Moses was on Mount Sinai, God gave him all of the laws He wanted the people to live by.
- God also wanted His people to have something super-special! God told Moses to build a special place where the people could worship Him and know that He was near and with them. God wanted a place to come close to His people!
- This special place was called the tabernacle. It was a special tent with lots of special furnishings.
- So God gave Moses very, very specific instructions on how to build the tabernacle. When Moses wrote those instructions down, they filled up so much of the book of the Bible we call Exodus!
- The tabernacle would require lots of people working on it, and lots of materials, but God gave the people everything they would need for the build.
- Divide the group into two teams, and have them line up.
- Explain the relay: "In our Bible Story, the people were so excited to build God's special tent that they brought all their best things to help. We're going to act that out! When I say, 'Go!,' the first person from each team will grab one supply, run it down to the basket, and drop it in. Then they'll run back and tag the next person."
- On "Go!," let the relay begin.
- Encourage the kids to keep going, bringing one item at a time, until the supply pile is gone, and the basket is overflowing.
- Once the basket is full, have everyone gather around it.

What You Say:

"Look at this! You brought so many amazing supplies! In our Bible Story, the people brought so many supplies that Moses had to tell them to ... (pause, then shout dramatically) '... STOP! That's enough!' They had more than they needed because everyone shared what they had."

"Constructing the tabernacle took many months to complete, but the people all came together, using what they had been given, to prepare the beautiful place where God Himself would live. God has given each one of us unique gifts, skills, and even possessions. Like God's people building the tabernacle, we can use everything God has given us together. And when we do that, we can shine God's light and point to His kingdom.

"Ask the Holy Spirit to help you find opportunities to use what He has given you! ***[Bottom Line]*** God grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom."

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

23 - Tabernacle Trek | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	Floor tape	1
	Balloons	Several
	EveryChild Supplies: Playground balls or small pillows	Several
	EveryChild Supplies: Noise-canceling headphones	Several



EveryChild tips

- For a kid with mobility challenges or who is uncomfortable with close physical contact, they can be the "Caterpillar Guide." Their job is to walk alongside the caterpillar and give directions, such as: "Okay, team, slow down a little!" or "You're doing great!"
- If you have kids who are sensitive to the sound of balloons popping, you can use soft playground balls or small pillows instead of balloons. Also offer noise-cancelling headphones.

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Create a start line and a finish line on opposite sides of your group space with tape.

During the Activity:

- Divide your group into one or two large teams.
- Instruct each team to line up single file behind the start line.
- Give each team enough balloons so they can place one between each kid in line (one less than the number of kids on the team).
- Demonstrate how the first two kids will hold a balloon between them (chest to back) without using their hands. Have the rest of the team do the same, creating a long "caterpillar."
- Explain the challenge: On "Go!", the team must work together to walk like a caterpillar from the start line to the finish line without dropping any balloons.
- Share the rules:
- No hands allowed! You can only hold the balloons by pressing them between each other.
- If a balloon drops, the entire caterpillar must stop, work together to put it back in place, and then continue.
- Encourage the kids to talk to each other and move at the same speed.
- Cheer them on as they trek across the room!

What You Say:

"Awesome job, everyone! That was tricky, wasn't it? What did you have to do to keep the balloons from falling? (*Invite responses: talk to each other, walk slowly, stay close together*) You had to cooperate! This is a great picture of what it was like for God's people to build the tabernacle. God gave some people the gift of working with metal, some the gift of sewing, and some the gift of working with wood. Some people even had the metal, the fabric, and the wood to contribute to the project! Everyone used what God had given them, and they all carefully worked together to build a special place for God.

"Just like God's people had the assignment of building the tabernacle, you have the assignment of showing God's good heart and pointing to His kingdom. What you have—things like your abilities, your time, and your possessions—are gifts from God that He wants you to use. He's given you what you have for exactly this time! When you use what God has given you together with what He has given other people, you can do even more amazing things for God. Remember that **[Bottom Line] God**

grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom."

**[Make It Personal]* (Share an age-appropriate story about a time you were part of a team effort for God. For example, you can share something like: "One time at church, we had to get a room ready for a big party. I'm not very good at decorating, but I am good at organizing! So my friends who are good at art made all the decorations, and I helped figure out where everything should go. We used our different gifts together to get the job done, and it was so much better than if I had tried to do it all by myself!")*

5 min

Prayer

5 min

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

What You Need

	Toolbox	1
	Hammer	Several
	Index cards	1
	Pens	1

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Place the hammer in the toolbox.

During the Activity:

- Gather the kids in a circle, and show them the toolbox with only a hammer inside.
- Ask: "What would happen if a builder opened their toolbox, and this was all they had? Could they build a whole house with just a hammer?" (*No!*)
- Explain: "A toolbox needs lots of different tools to build an entire house, right? It needs a saw for cutting, a screwdriver for screws, a wrench for bolts. Just like tools have different jobs, God gives people different gifts."
- Give each kid an index card and a pen.
- Ask them to think of one gift God has given them. It could be being kind, being a good artist, being a fast runner, or being a great helper. Have them write or draw that gift on their card.
- Invite each kid to come up and add their "tool" to the toolbox.

What You Say:

"Look at our toolbox now! It's full of amazing and different gifts. God doesn't want a church full of only hammers. He uses all our different gifts when we work together. God has given you special gifts for a reason. Let's pray and ask Him to help us use them."

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
- Plastic cup, one per Small Group
- Facial tissues, several per Small Group
- Rubber band, one per Small Group
- Marble, one per Small Group
- Dice, two per Small Group
- Toothpicks, one per kid

EveryChild Supplies:

- *Noise-canceling headphones, one per kid*

What You Do:

- Place a tissue over the opening of the cup, and secure with the rubber band.

GROUPS:

Choose as many of these activities as you like.

1. Tabernacle Relay Race

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Bible, one per Small Group
- Floor tape, one roll per Small Group
- Variety of supplies (e.g., a ball of yarn, fake jewels or shiny beads, small wood blocks, squares of colorful fabric), several per Small Group
- Large basket, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Create a start line on one side of the room and a finish line on the opposite side of the room with tape.
- Place the pile of supplies near the start line.
- Place the basket at the finish line.

2. Tabernacle Trek

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Move**What You Need:**

- Floor tape, one roll per Small Group
- Balloons, one per kid

EveryChild Supplies:

- *Playground balls or small pillows, one per kid*
- *Noise-canceling headphones, one per kid*

What You Do:

- Create a start line and a finish line on opposite sides of your group space with tape.

3. Kick the Cup Verse**[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]****Made to Play****What You Need:**

- Bibles, one per kid
- Plastic cups, one package per Small Group
- Permanent marker, one per Small Group
- Stickers, twenty-five per Small Group
- Small, soft ball; one per Small Group
- Floor tape, one roll per Small Group

What You Do:

- Write one word or short phrase of the Memory Verse on each sticker, and place one sticker on each cup.

4. Pray and Dismiss**[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]****Made to Reflect****What You Need:**

- Toolbox, one per Small Group
- Hammer, one per Small Group
- Index cards, one per kid
- Pens, one per kid

What You Do:

- Place the hammer in the toolbox.

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
- Plastic cup
- Facial tissues (several per Small Group)
- Rubber band
- Marble
- Dice
- Toothpicks
- Bible
- Floor tape
- Variety of supplies (e.g., a ball of yarn, fake jewels or shiny beads, small wood blocks, squares of colorful fabric) (several per Small Group)
- Large basket
- Floor tape
- Balloons
- Bibles
- Plastic cups
- Permanent marker
- Stickers, twenty-five per Small Group
- Small, soft ball
- Floor tape
- Toolbox
- Hammer
- Index cards
- Pens
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Supplies

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5. Marble	1
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