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Today's Suggested Schedule—April 2026, Week 3

Today's Bible Story: Great Commission • Matthew 28:16-20
I can tell others about Jesus.

Key Question: Who wants to be your friend forever?

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Memory Verse: "I have called you friends." • John 15:15 NIV

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.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Stop and Go

Talk, Talk

Anywhere You Go

Large Group (20 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship

Bible Story

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Pom-Pom Review

Go, Go, Go and Tell

Move to Tell

Celebrate the Good News

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (print or email)

Parent Cue App

*Allergy Alert



Bible Story

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5 min

Stop and Go | Made to Move

*Uses Minimal Supplies

What You Need

No supplies needed



EveryChild tips

- Select movements so all children can participate.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather children on one side of the room while you stand on the other side, across from them.

During the Activity: Play a version of "Red Light, Green Light." Encourage children to walk/march/skip towards you on "Go" and on "Stop" encourage children to freeze in place.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, friends! Let's play a game of Stop and Go!"

During the Activity: "When I say GO! You can walk, march, or skip to me, and when I say STOP! I want you to freeze where you are. We'll keep going until everyone makes it over to me. Ready? Go! (Pause.) Stop! (Pause.) Great job freezing where you are. Go! (Continue until everyone makes it across to you.)

Hooray! Everyone shout, 'Go and Tell' with me. (With children) 'Go and Tell!' Great job. Let's play again! You stay here and I'll go over there. Get ready to listen for when I say Go." (Repeat as time and interest allow.)

After the Activity: "Great job playing Stop and Go! In our Bible Story today, we'll hear about something Jesus wants us to do. Jesus wants us to GO and tell people about Him. Let's go hear the story!"