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Today's Suggested Schedule—May 2026, Week 1

Bible Story: Villages, Towns, Countryside • Mark 6:53-56
Jesus cares about everyone.

Key Question: Who does Jesus care about?

Bottom Line: Jesus cares about everyone.

Memory Verse: *How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.* • Ephesians 3:18 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.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Hat's Off!
Hearts of Care
Around Town

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

Memory Verse with Motions
Jesus Everywhere
Jesus and the Parachute
Move Jesus

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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Bottom Line

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Memory Verse

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15 min

Social

5 min

Hat's Off! | Made to Move

What You Need

-  Assortment of dress-up hats (firefighter, 1 doctor, chef, etc.)
-  Painter's tape 1
-  Optional: "Dress-Up Hats" Activity Several Page, cardstock, and scissors.



EveryChild tips

- Provide a seated version where children press stickers onto a lap tray or vertical board.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Create a large heart on the floor with tape. Place hats around the edge of the heart. *Optional: Print "Dress-Up Hats" on cardstock and cut one or more sets per Small Group.*

During the Activity: Invite children one at a time to pick up a hat, count to three together, and toss their hat into the heart. Talk about the hat the child tossed and what that helper does. Repeat until all hats are tossed into the heart. Ask children to stand inside the heart and toss the hats out of the hat. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Talk together about the different people who wear the hats and how they help others.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Look at this shape on the floor. *(Pause.)* It's a great, big heart! Today we're going to toss hats into the heart and talk about the helpers who wear these hats."

During the Activity: "Let's take turns tossing the hats. [Child's name], pick a hat. *(Pause.)* Everyone, count with me. *(With children.)* One, two, three! Now toss the hat into the heart. *(Pause.)* Wow! You tossed the [firefighter's hat] into the heart! Firefighters help when there's trouble. [Child's name], pick a hat and toss it into the heart. *(Continue with each child until all the hats have been tossed.)* We tossed lots of cool hats into the heart. Let's play again! This time we'll toss the hats out of the heart."




After the Activity: "Come stand in the heart with me. *(Pause.)* Hearts make us think of love, and in our Bible Story today, we're going to hear about people who ran through towns to bring their friends to Jesus. They believed Jesus could help! Jesus cares about everyone, so let's go hear what Jesus did!"

5 min

Hearts of Care | Made to Play

*Uses Minimal Supplies

What You Need

 Little People	12
 Small heart stickers in several colors	1
 Muffin tin	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place a heart sticker on the bottom of each Little People and place a matching heart sticker on the inside bottom of each muffin cup. Place the Little People and muffin tins on the table.

During the Activity: Encourage children to look at the feet of the Little People figures to see what color heart sticker they have. Then ask children to match that heart to a heart in the muffin tin. Continue until all the hearts have been matched. Celebrate their matches and remind children what it means to care for people.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come to the table with me and look at all these people! They have something special on the bottom of their feet. (*Hold up one of the Little People.*) What is that? (*Pause for responses.*) That's right! It's a heart! And this muffin tin has hearts too! Let's play a game and match all the hearts."

During the Activity: "These people have different colored hearts! Let's help them find the matching-colored heart. [Child's name], pick a person and look at the bottom of their feet for the heart. (*Pause.*) Do you know what color that heart is? (*Pause for response.*) Yes! It's [color]. Great job! Now, let's look for the other [color] heart in the tin. (*Pause.*) There's the [color] heart! Put your person in that spot. (*Pause.*) Good job matching! Let's find another heart to match! (*Pause.*) Wow! You matched a lot of people and hearts. Great job!"



After the Activity: "Today, we are going to hear a true story from the Bible about Jesus and how He cares about everyone. One time, some people brought their sick friends to Jesus. Let's go hear how Jesus cared about them."

5 min

Around Town | Made to Imagine

*Uses Minimal Supplies

What You Need

-  Car mat 1
-  Toy vehicles (ambulance, fire truck, mail truck, etc.) 1



EveryChild tips

- Encourage children to use their hands to rescue the person.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Set the car mat and vehicles on the floor in an open area.

During the Activity: Encourage children to drive vehicles around the town while identifying what vehicle they're driving and where they're going.

After the Activity: Talk about how Jesus went to many places and helped people wherever He went.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's get ready to drive our cars around town! Where do you think they will go?"

During the Activity: "Your fire truck is on the move! It's going to help people. Your mail truck is going to deliver something kind. Your ambulance is helping too! Just like our helpers, Jesus traveled to different places to help people."

After the Activity: "In our Bible Story today, we are going to hear about some people who saw Jesus. When they saw Him, they ran through their town to bring their sick friends to Him. Let's go hear what Jesus did when people came from all over town to see Him."

20 min

Groups

5 min

Memory Verse with Motions | Made to Move

What You Need

 No supplies needed

Several



EveryChild tips

- **Optional EveryChild Supplies:**
 - "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF
 - Cardstock
 - VELCRO® dots
 - Scissors
- Invite children to say it with you or repeat words after you.
- Set out the picture cutouts made from the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF for children to hold up or point to as an alternative to saying or repeating the verse out loud.

What You Do

Before the Activity: Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

During the Activity: Teach the Memory Verse motions. Invite the children to do them with you several times.

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come stand with me! Let's learn our brand-new Memory Verse. It tells us how BIG Jesus' love is. It goes like this: 'How wide (*stretch arms out wide*) and long (*stretch arms forward*) and high (*reach arms up*) and deep (*crouch down low*) is the love of Christ. (*Hug yourself.*) Ephesians 3:18." (*Open hands like a book.*)





During the Activity: "Now, let's learn the motions! The first part says, 'How wide.' Everyone, stretch your arms out as wide as you can. (*Stretch arms out wide.*) Great! The next part says, 'and long.' Stretch your arms out in front of you. (*Stretch arms forward.*) The next part says, 'and high.' Put your arms up way up high over your head. (*Reach arms up.*) Next part says, 'and deep.' Squat and get really small. (*Crouch down low.*) Super! And the last part says, 'is the love of Christ.' Give yourself a great big hug. (*Hug yourself.*) Ephesians 3:18 (*open hands like a book*). Let's do it again!" (*Repeat several times.*)

After the Activity: "Our verse teaches us that Jesus' love is big! Huge! In our true story from the Bible, Jesus helped people in every town and village. Jesus didn't miss anyone because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.** Who does Jesus care about? **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!**"

5 min

Jesus Everywhere | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies

What You Need

	"Jesus Everywhere" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	Several
	Jumbo craft stick	Several
	Painter's tape	Several



EveryChild tips

- For an option with less movement, have every kid participate by using action figures to act out the crouching and standing.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Jesus Everywhere" on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Tape Jesus to the end of the craft stick. Tape the three places to the walls around the room, at child's height.

During the Activity: Explain that you are going to walk to different places around the room and Jesus is going with you! The leader will carry the picture of Jesus to each place. Identify and talk about what you do at each of the places. Talk about how Jesus cares about the people in each of those places.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We're going to take Jesus (*hold up the picture of Jesus*) to different places today! Let's see where Jesus can go."






During the Activity: "In our Bible Story today, Jesus went all around to different places; towns, villages, and homes. Everywhere Jesus went, people came to see Him and asked Him for help. Jesus helped people because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!** Let's walk over to the house and take Jesus with us. (*Pause.*) Hooray! We made it! What do you do at your house? (*Pause for responses.*) Yes! We eat and sleep and play at our house. Jesus cares about everyone at your house. Let's walk to the picture of the playground. (*Pause.*) We're here! What do you like to do at the playground? (*Pause for responses.*) Yes! We can have so much fun at the playground, and Jesus cares about everyone at the playground because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.** Okay! Let's walk with Jesus one more place, the grocery store! (*Pause.*) There are always so many interesting people at the grocery store—the lady at the bakery who always gives a free cookie, and the man who puts all the yummy fruit and veggies. And the nice people at the checkout who sometimes give us stickers. Jesus cares about everyone at the grocery store because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.**

After the Activity: "You did a great job helping Jesus visit all these places! The Bible shows us, Jesus helped people everywhere He went. Jesus always stopped to help people because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone. Who does Jesus care about? [Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!**"

5 min

Jesus and the Parachute Live for God | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies

What You Need

	"Jesus and the Parachute" Activity Page	1
	Copy paper	Several
	Small soft ball	Several
	Clear tape	1
	Scissors	1



EveryChild tips

- Move this activity to a tabletop to accommodate all children.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Jesus and the Parachute" on Copy paper and cut one cutout per Small Group. Tape the Jesus cutout to the ball. Spread out the parachute and gather children around. Place the ball on the parachute.

During the Activity: Encourage children to bounce the parachute gently until "Jesus" bounces off. Ask children to look and see where Jesus went and name that place. Call on one child to go collect Jesus and put Him back on the parachute and play again. Repeat as time and interest allow.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We're going to play with our parachute today. And Jesus is going to join us! (*Hold up the ball with the picture of Jesus on it.*) Let's see where Jesus goes!"

During the Activity: "Let's bounce the parachute gently. Bounce, bounce, bounce, there He goes! Where did Jesus land? (*Pause for response.*) Over here? That's great, [child's name], go get Jesus and put Him back on the parachute. (*Pause.*) Let's play again. Bounce, bounce, bounce, there He goes! Where did Jesus land this time? (*Pause for response.*) Over there? [Child's name], go get Jesus and put Him back on the parachute. (*Pause.*) Good job! This is fun seeing Jesus go everywhere because Jesus really went everywhere!"









After the Activity: "In our Bible Story today, people ran from all over to bring their sick friends to Jesus. Wherever Jesus went, Jesus helped people because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone. Who does Jesus care about? [Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!**"

5 min

Move Jesus | Made to Create

*Uses Minimal Supplies

What You Need

	"Move Jesus" Activity Page	1
	"Move Jesus Town" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	Several
	Crayons	Several
	Yarn	Several
	Hole punch	1
	Scissors	1
	Permanent marker	1



EveryChild tips

- Offer gloves for children with sensory sensitivities.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Move Jesus" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child. Print "Move Jesus Town" on cardstock, one per child. Punch a hole in the top left-hand corner of each child's town and countryside picture. Punch a hole in each child's Jesus cutout. Cut yarn in 12-inch lengths, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to color both their town picture and their picture of Jesus.

Tie one end of each child's yarn to their town picture and the other end to their cutout of Jesus.

Show children how to move Jesus along their paper to different locations.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, look at your picture. Jesus is on one side and the woman on the other side."

During the Activity: "In our Bible Story, Jesus saw a woman who was hurting and bent over for a long time, eighteen years! Color your picture. *(Pause.)* Great! Now let's help connect Jesus and the woman with this line. Trace the line with the glue. *(Help as needed.)* Now trace the glue line with your piece of yarn. *(Pause.)* Super-duper! Jesus saw the woman and said, 'You are now well.' Then He placed His hands on her—and she stood up tall! Your yarn made a heart in between Jesus and the woman. Jesus cared about the woman because **[Bottom Line]**

Jesus cares about everyone.

After the Activity: "This heart shows the love that brought Jesus and the woman together. She was healed because Jesus cared for her, even when others didn't. **[Bottom Line]** Jesus cares about everyone. Who does Jesus care about? **[Bottom Line]** Jesus cares about everyone!"

Getting Ready | 2's Small Group

GETTING READY

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

Social

1. Hat's Off!

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Assortment of dress-up hats (firefighter, doctor, chef, etc.), one or more per child
- Painter's tape, one roll per Small Group
- *Optional: "Dress-Up Hats" Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors.*

What You Do:

- Create a large heart on the floor with tape.
- Place hats around the edge of the heart.
- *Optional: Print "Dress-Up Hats" on cardstock and cut, one or more sets per Small Group.*

2. Hearts of Care

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Little People, twelve or more per Small Group
- Small heart stickers in several colors, two sets of 12 colors
- Muffin tin, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Place a heart sticker on the bottom of each Little People and place a matching sticker on the inside bottom of each muffin cup.
- Place the Little People and muffin tins on the table.

3. Around Town

Made to Imagine

What You Need:

- Car mat, one per Small Group
- Toy vehicles (ambulance, fire truck, mail truck, etc.), one per child

What You Do:

- Set the car mat and vehicles on the floor in an open area.

Groups

1. Memory Verse with Motions

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Move

What You Need:

- No supplies needed

Optional EveryChild Supplies:

- "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF
- Cardstock

- VELCRO® dots
- Scissors

2. Jesus Everywhere

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Move

What You Need:

- "Jesus Everywhere" Activity Page, one set per Small Group
- Cardstock, four sheets per Small Group
- Jumbo craft stick, one per Small Group
- Painter's tape, one roll per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Jesus Everywhere" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
- Tape Jesus to the end of the craft stick.
- Tape the three places to the walls around the room, at child's height.

3. Jesus and the Parachute

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- "Jesus and the Parachute" Activity Page, one per Small Group
- Copy paper, one per Small Group
- Small soft ball, one per Small Group
- Parachute or large blanket, one per Small Group
- Clear tape, one roll per Small Group.
- Scissors, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Jesus and the Parachute" on Copy paper and cut, one cutout per Small Group.
- Tape the Jesus cutout to the ball.
- Spread out the parachute and gather children around.
- Place the ball on the parachute.

4. Move Jesus

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create

What You Need:

- "Move Jesus" Activity Page, one cutout per child
- "Move Jesus Town" Activity Page, one per child
- Cardstock, two sheets per child
- Crayons, several per Small Group
- Yarn, one skein per Small Group
- Hole punch, one per Small Group
- Scissors, one per Small Group
- Permanent marker, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Move Jesus" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child.
- Print "Move Jesus Town" on cardstock, one per child.

- Punch a hole in the top left-hand corner of each child's town and countryside picture.
- Punch a hole in each child's Jesus cutout.
- Cut yarn in 12-inch lengths, one per child.
- Write each child's name on their paper.

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's Parent Cue Card.
- Print the Memory Verse Card to hand out or make available to parents.
- Print "Going Home" and hang it on the door where Small Group Leaders can reference and remind parents of the Bottom Line and Memory Verse as parents pick up their children.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource, the Parent Cue App.

First Look Pinterest Page

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies.
bit.ly/FL_HatsOff

Supplies

Hat's Off! | Made to Move Quantity

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| 1. | Assortment of dress-up hats (firefighter, doctor, chef, etc.) | 1 |
| 2. | Painter's tape | 1 |
| 3. | Optional: "Dress-Up Hats" Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors. | Several |

Hearts of Care | Made to Play *Uses Minimal Supplies Quantity

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| 1. | Little People | 12 |
| 2. | Small heart stickers in several colors | 1 |
| 3. | Muffin tin | 1 |

Around Town | Made to Imagine *Uses Minimal Supplies Quantity

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|----|--|---|
| 1. | Car mat | 1 |
| 2. | Toy vehicles (ambulance, fire truck, mail truck, etc.) | 1 |

Memory Verse with Motions | Made to Move Quantity

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| 1. | No supplies needed | Several |
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Jesus Everywhere | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies Quantity

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| 1. | "Jesus Everywhere" Activity Page | 1 |
| 2. | Cardstock | Several |
| 3. | Jumbo craft stick | Several |
| 4. | Painter's tape | Several |

Jesus and the Parachute Live for God | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies Quantity

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| 1. | "Jesus and the Parachute" Activity Page | 1 |
| 2. | Copy paper | Several |
| 3. | Small soft ball | Several |
| 4. | Clear tape | 1 |
| 5. | Scissors | 1 |

Move Jesus | Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies Quantity

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|----|---------------------------------|---------|
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| 2. | "Move Jesus Town" Activity Page | 1 |
| 3. | Cardstock | Several |
| 4. | Crayons | Several |
| 5. | Yarn | Several |
| 6. | Hole punch | 1 |
| 7. | Scissors | 1 |
| 8. | Permanent marker | 1 |