

3-5's | W1

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

Doctor Kit Relay

Everyone

Community Helper Dress-Up

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

Villages and Countrysides Game

Watch Your Heartbeat*

Everyone, Everywhere Corners

Flat Jesus

Journal and Prayer

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (print or email)

Parent Cue App



Bible Story

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***Allergy Alert**





15 min

Social

5 min

Doctor Kit Relay | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies

What You Need

 Toy doctor kit	1
 Basket or bin	1
 Painter's tape	1
 Optional: "Doctor Kit Relay" Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors	Several



EveryChild tips

- In place of running, encourage children to move, roll, walk, crawl, etc to get to the doctor's kit.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Create a start line in an open area of your room with tape. Place the doctor's kit items inside the basket and set it on the opposite side of the room. Line children up behind the tape line, and lined up to participate one at a time.

During the Activity: Encourage children to run to the basket/bin, grab one item, and run back. The leader names the item and says what it's used for. Reset and repeat until all children have had a turn.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, hello friends! Come over here with me. We are going to play a game with all the toys that go in a doctor's kit. (*Hold up the empty doctor's kit.*) Let's line up behind the tape line right here, and we'll take turns running to the basket/bin and pulling one item, and then run back."

During the Activity: "Okay! [Child's name], run to the bucket/bin and pick one thing to bring back. (*Pause.*) Oh wow! Do you know that that is? (*Hold item up for everyone to see.*) It's a [name of item] and a doctor uses it to [name its use]! Great job! (*Place it in the doctor's kit.*) [Child's name], your turn! (*Continue with each child. Reset the items as needed if you have more children than items.*) Hooray! We did it! We learned about a lot of tools that doctors use to help people."

After the Activity: "Today in our true story from the Bible, we're going to hear how Jesus cared about everyone everywhere He went. In towns, villages, and countrysides! Let's go hear how Jesus helped the people in our story today."

5 min

Flat Jesus | Made to Create

*Uses Minimal Supplies

What You Need

👤	"Flat Jesus" Activity Page	1
👤	11-inch x 17-inch paper	1
👤	Crayons or washable markers	Several
👤	Permanent marker	1
👤	Optional 1: Scissors	1
👤	Optional 2: Camera and photo paper	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Flat Jesus" on 11-inch x 17-inch paper, one per child. *Optional:* For each child, cut out around Jesus. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Give each child a picture to decorate. *Optional:* Take a picture of each child with their picture of Jesus and either print or text/email to their parent/guardian.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello friends! Come to the table and let's get ready to make some super fun story art to take home today."

During the Activity: "Tell me who this is a picture of. (Pause for responses.) That's right! It's a big picture of Jesus! Color your picture as I review today's story. Today, we learned that wherever Jesus went, He did amazing things to help people. Wherever Jesus went, small towns, big towns, or out into the countryside, people ran throughout the area and carried their sick friends on mats to Jesus. They knew that Jesus cared about them and could help them. Friends, Jesus is so powerful that sometimes just touching Jesus' clothes could heal the sick. In one town, people crowded around Jesus to reach for His robe, and Jesus healed every single person who touched His clothes. Jesus loves and cares about everyone!"

After the Activity: "You can take your picture of Jesus everywhere you go and tell people in those places that Jesus loves them and cares about them. **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.** Who does Jesus care about?**[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!"**

5 min

Journal and Prayer | Made to Reflect

What You Need

👤	"Memory Verse Card" from the Home folder	1
👤	Cardstock	1
👤	Bible	1
👤	Journal	1
👤	Fun-shaped pen	1
👤	Scissors	1
👤	Clear, plastic jar	1
👤	Pom-poms	1
👤	Small plastic bowl or bin	1

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Ephesians 3:18. *Note: Keep this card in your Bible all month long.* Pour pom-poms into the bowl/bin. Carry the bowl/bin and jar with you to your Small Group area.

Encourage the children to point to different places and people in the room as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

During the Activity: Review the Bible Story and the Memory Verse Hand Motions. Ask the children to name a person that Jesus cares about and place a pom-pom in the jar for that person while you write the names in the journal. Continue until the jar is full of pom-poms.

After the Activity: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "It's Small Group time! Today, we are going to point to all the different places and people in our room. Let's go! Point to the block area. (*Point.*) Point to the kitchen center. (*Point.*) Point to our friend [leader/child's name]! (*Point.*) Keep going all the way to our Small Group spot because Jesus cares about everyone everywhere! (*Continue with places and people.*) We made it! Now we can sit down and talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

During the Activity: (Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.) "In our Bible Story today, we heard how Jesus did amazing things to help people everywhere He went. Jesus went to help people in lots of different places, small towns, big towns, or out into the countryside. People ran throughout the area and carried their sick friends on mats to Jesus because they knew that Jesus cared about them and could help them. Jesus is so powerful that a sick person could be healed, just by touching Jesus' clothes. People crowded around Jesus to reach for His robe and Jesus healed every single person who touched Him.

"The Bible verse we are learning talks about how big Jesus' love is for us. It says, '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.*) Did you hear that? Jesus loves us wide, (*stretch arms out wide*), and long (*stretch arms forward*), and high (*reach arms up*), and deep! (*Crouch down low.*) Jesus loves everyone, everywhere that much because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.** Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do! 'How

Getting Ready | 3-5's Small Group

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*).

"Yay! (*Clap.*) I'm so glad that Jesus loves and cares about everyone everywhere! Let's sit down so we can name different people who Jesus cares about. As you name someone, place a pom-pom in the jar, and I'll write those names in our prayer journal. (*Open journal. Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*) In our Bible Story, Jesus cared for everyone, everywhere He went. Look at our jar! It's filled to the top! You added beautiful colored pom-poms for each person you named that Jesus cares about. We could keep adding more and more pom-poms for the people that Jesus cares about because Jesus cares about everyone!"

After the Activity: "Let's pray. Dear God, thank You for all the people You care about. We named so many people today as we filled our jar. What a great reminder that You care about everyone! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."

GETTING READY

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

Social

1. Doctor Kit Relay

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Toy doctor kit, one per Small Group
- Basket or bin, one per Small Group
- Painter's tape, one roll per Small Group
- *Optional: "Doctor Kit Relay" Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors*

What You Do:

- Create a start line in an open area of your room with tape.
- Place the doctor's kit items inside the basket and set it on the opposite side of the room.

2. Everyone

Made to Play

What You Need:

- "Everyone" Activity Page, eight cutouts per Small Group
- Cardstock, one per Small Group
- Butcher paper, one per Small Group
- Crayons, eight per Small Group
- Smiley face stickers, twenty-five or more per Small Group
- Large paper clips, eight per Small Group
- Masking tape, one roll per Small Group
- Scissors, one per Small Group
- *Optional: Markers in place of smiley face stickers.*

What You Do:

- Print "Everyone" on cardstock and cut, eight per Small Group.
- Tape a paperclip to the back of each picture of Jesus, leaving about an inch showing.
- Cover the table with butcher paper and tape to secure.
- Stick smiley face stickers all around the table.
- *Optional: Draw smiley faces around the table in place of stickers.*

3. Community Helper Dress-Up*Made to Imagine***What You Need:**

- Dress-up clothes (community helpers), several per Small Group
- Dress-up hats, several per Small Group
- Preschool-safe standing mirror, one per Small Group
- *Optional: "Community Helper Dress-Up" Activity Page, cardstock, sentence strips, stapler, clear tape, and scissors in place of dress-up hats.*

What You Do:

- Place the dress-up clothes near the mirror.
- *Optional: Print "Community Helper Dress-Up" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group. Staple each hat cut out to a sentence strip, close the ends and staple shut. Place a piece of tape over the staple closures.*

Groups**Creating a Safe Place to Connect****25 minutes**

Create a safe place to connect through activities written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Bottom Line introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real-life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or offer two activities at once and allow half the children to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.

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. Villages and Countrysides Game**Talk about God | Bible Story Review**

Made to Create

What You Need:

- "Villages and Countrysides Game" Activity Page, one per child
- "Game Piece" Activity Page, one cutout per child
- 11-inch x 17-inch paper, one per child
- Cardstock, one page per child
- Crayons or washable markers, several per Small Group
- Dice, one per child
- Gallon-size resealable bags, one per child
- Scissors, one per Small Group
- Permanent marker, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Villages and Countrysides Game" on 11-inch x 17-inch paper, one per child.
- Print "Game Piece" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child.
- Write each child's name on their bag.

3. Watch Your Heartbeat*

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Think

What You Need:

- "Allergy Alert Poster", one per Small Group
- Cardstock, one per Small Group
- Toothpick, one per Small Group
- Mini marshmallow, one per Small Group
- Heart stickers, two per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock, list marshmallows and post at the door.
- Stick a toothpick into the center of the marshmallow.
- At the top of the toothpick, place a heart sticker on each side, sandwiching the toothpick in between.

4. Everyone, Everywhere Corners

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- "Everyone, Everywhere Corners" Activity Page, one set per Small Group
- Cardstock, four pieces per Small Group
- Painter's tape, one roll per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Everyone, Everywhere Corners" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
- Tape the pictures around the room on the walls at child's height.

5. Flat Jesus

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create

What You Need:

- "Flat Jesus" Activity Page, one per Small Group
- 11-inch x 17-inch paper, one per Small Group
- Crayons or washable markers, several per child
- Permanent marker, one per Small Group
- *Optional 1: Scissors*
- *Optional 2: Camera and photo paper*

What You Do:

- Print "Flat Jesus" on 11-inch x 17-inch paper, one per child.
- *Optional: For each child, cut out around Jesus.*
- Write each child's name on their paper.

6. Journal and Prayer**Pray to God | Prayer Activity***Made to Reflect***What You Need:**

- "Memory Verse Card" from the Home folder, one per Small Group
- Cardstock, one per Small Group
- Bible, one per Small Group
- Journal, one per Small Group
- Fun-shaped pen, one per Small Group
- Scissors, one per Small Group
- Clear, plastic jar, one per Small Group
- Pom-poms, one bag per Small Group
- Small plastic bowl or bin, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group.
- Place one card in your Bible at Ephesians 3:18.
- *Note: Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

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

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Memory Verse with Motions | Made to Move

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2. Optional EveryChild Supplies: Cardstock	1
3. Optional EveryChild Supplies: VELCRO® dots	1
4. Optional EveryChild Supplies: Scissors	1

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