

3-5's | W3

Today's Suggested Schedule—June 2026, Week 3

Bible Story: The Story of the Prodigal Son • Luke 15:11-32

God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom.

Key Question: Who can be a part of God's kingdom?

Bottom Line: I can be a part of God's kingdom.

Memory Verse: "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." • Matthew 6:10 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

How Far Can You Jump?

Pack and Travel

Play Store

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

Treasure Chest Verse

Party Time

Pass the Ring

Celebration Parade

Paper Ring

Journal and Prayer

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (print or email)

Parent Cue App

***Allergy Alert**



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15 min

Social

5 min

How Far Can You Jump? | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

-  Painter's tape 1
-  Optional EveryChild Supplies: Several Beanbag or ball



EveryChild tips

- For a version with less movement, children can throw a beanbag or roll a ball to see how far it can travel.
- Celebrate the effort and fun of jumping, not the distance. Emphasize that every jump is a great jump.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Create three parallel tape lines on the floor, two to three feet apart in an open area of the room.

During the Activity: Encourage children to line up at one end. Challenge them to see how far they can jump. Can they jump to the first line? Can they jump to the second line? Celebrate every jump, no matter how far. Continue with each child. Repeat as time and interest allow.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, friends! I'm so happy to see you. Come over to this line. We are going to see how far our bodies can travel with just one big JUMP!"







During the Activity: "[Child's name], stand at the starting line and get ready ... set ... JUMP! *(Pause.)* Wow! Look how far you jumped! You made it to the second line! Can you jump to the third line? *(Pause.)* Woohoo! Look at your go! Let's have [child's name] try! *(Continue with each child.)* You are all such amazing jumpers!"

After the Activity: "You all jumped so far! Today in our Bible Story, we'll hear a story that Jesus told about a son who went far away from home, but the best part is what happened when he came home. Let's go get ready to hear all about it!"

5 min

Paper Ring | Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

 Cardstock, one quarter piece	1
 Crayons	Several
 Jewel stickers	Several
 Clear tape	1
 Scissors	1
 "Paper Rings" Activity Page	3

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Paper Rings" on cardstock and cut three cutouts per child. Write each child's name on the backside of their cutouts.

During the Activity: Give each child three cutouts and let them decorate. Encourage children to put one fancy jewel on each of their cutouts. Measure the cutouts around the child's fingers and tape the ends together. Allow children to wear their fancy rings as you review the Bible Story.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I have a super fancy way for us to remember today's Bible Story. Come to the table and let's make our own special rings to wear!"




During the Activity: "Here are the bands for your rings. We'll each get to make three different rings to wear! Color each band. *(Pause.)* Fantastic! Now add one special jewel to each ring. *(Pause.)* You made them super fancy and special. Now let me help you make it fit your finger. *(Wrap and tape the ends together.)* Look at your special rings! These rings can help you remember that God loves you no matter what."

After the Activity: "When the father saw the younger son coming home, he was SO happy to see him that he ran to his son. The father hugged and kissed his younger son, and the younger son told his father that he was sorry for leaving. The father said: *"Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet"* (Luke 15:22 NIV). Wear these special rings to remember that God loves you just like the father in the story. God loves you no matter what! And He wants us to share that love with others because God wants everyone to be a part of His kingdom. You can be part of God's kingdom and **[Bottom Line] I can be part of God's kingdom. Who can be part of God's kingdom? [Bottom Line] I can be part of God's kingdom."**

5 min

Journal and Prayer | Made to Reflect

What You Need

-  "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in 1 your Bible
-  Journal 1
-  Fun-shaped pen 1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" from Week One, print "Memory Verse Card" from the Home folder on cardstock and cut one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Matthew 6:10. *Note: Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

Encourage the children to do a little dance party 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 help you make a list of people God wants in His kingdom.

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 have a celebration dance all the way to our Small Group spot. Let's dance! *(Pause.)* We made it! Great dancing! 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, Jesus told a story about a father and his two sons. The younger son asked his dad for all his money and left home. He used his money to buy whatever he wanted, when he wanted, until one day, the money was all gone! He went to work feeding pigs, and he was so hungry that he thought about eating the pigs' food! The son knew he had done something wrong, so he went back home to tell his dad that he was sorry. When the father saw his son, he was so happy that he ran to hug him. The father was so happy that he threw a party to celebrate. The older son was angry and didn't think they should be celebrating him. But the father loved both his sons, no matter what! Jesus told this story because He wanted EVERYONE to know that God loves them and wants them to be part of His kingdom.

"The Bible verse we are learning talks about how we can be part of God's kingdom. It says, 'Your kingdom come, *(point up)* your will be done, *(hold hands out, palms up)* on earth *(point down)* as it is in heaven.' *(Point up.)* Matthew 6:10. *(Open hands like a book.)* Now do what I do and say what I say. 'Your kingdom come *(point up)*, your will be done *(hold hands out, palms up)*, on earth *(point down)* as it is in heaven' *(point up)*. Matthew 6:10 *(open hands like a book)*. Great job, everyone! God's kingdom is very special. You can be part of God's Kingdom, and **[Bottom Line] I can be part of God's kingdom.**

"Jesus knows that God loves us just like that father loved his sons. God loves us all the time, no matter what! God loves us so much, and He wants everyone of us to be part of His kingdom, forever! Let's make a list in our journal of people God wants in His kingdom. Who can you think of?" *(Remember to print as you write in the journal so children can recognize their names and the letters. Remind children that God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom.)*

After the Activity: (Hold up the journal.) "This is a great list of names! Let's pray. Dear God, thank You for loving us no matter what! Thank You for showing us that You want everyone to be part of Your kingdom. Please help [say names from list] know that God loves them and wants them to be part of His kingdom. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Getting Ready | 3-5's Small Group

GETTING READY

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

Social

1. How Far Can You Jump?

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Painter's tape, one roll per Small Group

Optional EveryChild Supplies:

- Beanbag or ball

What You Do:

- Create three parallel tape lines on the floor, two-three feet apart in an open area of the room.

2. Feed the Pig*

Made to Play

What You Need:

- "Allergy Alert Poster", one per Small Group
- Cardstock, one per Small Group
- Trifold board, one per Small Group
- Washable markers, several per Small Group
- Ruler, one per Small Group
- Utility knife, one per Small Group
- Serving spoon, one per Small Group
- Plastic bowls, two per Small Group
- Dry lima or northern beans, one bag per Small Group
- Additional leader/helper, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock, list lima/northern beans, and post at the door.
- Leaving two inches from the bottom of the trifold board, create a two-inch wide heart-shaped or other simple outline on the board and cut.
- Draw a simple picture of a pig on the board at the end of the path. See our Pinterest board for an example.
- Stand the board on a table.
- Pour beans into one bowl and place in front of the board with the spoon handle sticking through the opening of the path.
- Place the other bowl next to the board near the picture of the pig.

3. Play Store

Made to Explore

What You Need:

- "Ollie Dollars" Activity Page, six cutouts per child
- Cardstock, one half piece per child
- Small items and toys from the room, several per Small Group
- Table, one per Small Group

- Scissors, one pair per Small Group
- Laundry basket, one per Small Group
- *Optional: Toy cash register, shopping baskets or toy shopping carts*

What You Do:

- Print "Ollie Dollars" on cardstock and cut, five cutouts per child.
- Set up your store on a table.

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. Treasure Chest Verse**Hear from God | Memory Verse Review**

Made to Create

What You Need:

- "Treasure Chest Motion Cards" Activity Page, one set per Small Group
- Cardstock, one piece per Small Group
- Bible, one per Small Group
- Scissors, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Treasure Chest Motion Cards" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Place each card in different parts of the Bible.

2. The Path Home**Talk about God | Bible Story Review**

Made to Move

What You Need:

- "The Path Home" Activity Page, one set per Small Group
- Cardstock, seven pieces per Small Group
- Painter's tape, one roll per Small Group
- Plastic or toy coins, at least 3 per child
- Small baskets or containers for the coins, three per Small Group
- *Optional: "Ollie Dollars" Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors*

What You Do:

- Print "The Path Home" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Create a simple, winding path on the floor with painter's tape.

- Tape the story pictures in order along the path, leaving space between each one.
- Place an empty basket at the second and third pictures. (2nd: Son walking with money, 3rd: Son buying fancy clothes.)

3. Pass the Ring

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Think

What You Need:

- Yarn, five-foot length, one per Small Group
- Toy dress-up ring, one per Small Group
- Music player, one per Small Group
- Upbeat music, one per Small Group
- Scissors, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Cut yarn in five-foot lengths, one per Small Group.
- Thread the ring onto the yarn and knot the ends together.

4. Celebration Parade

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Rhythm instruments (shakers, bells, tambourines), one per child
- Party horns or blowers, one per child

5. Paper Rings

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create

What You Need:

- "Paper Rings" Activity Page, three cut outs per child
- Cardstock, one quarter piece per child
- Crayons, several per child
- Large jewel stickers, several per child
- Clear tape, one roll per Small Group
- Scissors, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Paper Rings" on cardstock and cut, three cutouts per child.
- Write each child's name on the backside of their cutouts.

6. Journal and Prayer

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in your Bible, one per Small Group
- Journal, one per Small Group
- Fun-shaped pen, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" from Week One, Print "Memory Verse Card" from the Home folder on cardstock and cut one per Small Group.
- Place one card in your Bible at Matthew 6:10. *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_KingdomQuest_June

Supplies

How Far Can You Jump? | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

	Quantity
1. Painter's tape	1
2. Optional EveryChild Supplies: Beanbag or ball	Several

Pack and Travel | Made to Play

	Quantity
1. "Allergy Alert Poster"	1
2. Cardstock	1
3. Trifold board	1
4. Washable markers	Several
5. Ruler	1
6. Utility knife	1
7. Serving spoon	1
8. Plastic bowls	2
9. Dry lima or northern beans bag	1
10. Additional leader/helper	1

Play Store | Made to Explore *Uses Minimal Supplies*

	Quantity
1. Cardstock, one half piece	1
2. Small items and toys from the room	Several
3. Table	1
4. Scissors	1
5. Laundry basket	1
6. Optional: Toy cash register, shopping baskets, or toy shopping carts	Several
7. "Ollie Dollars" Activity Page	6

Pass the Ring | Made to Think

	Quantity
1. Yarn, five-foot length	1
2. Toy dress-up ring	1
3. Music player	1
4. Upbeat music	1
5. Scissors	1

Celebration Parade | Made to Move

	Quantity
1. Rhythm instruments (shakers, bells, tambourines)	1
2. Party horns or blowers	1

Paper Ring | Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies*

	Quantity
1. Cardstock, one quarter piece	1
2. Crayons	Several
3. Jewel stickers	Several
4. Clear tape	1
5. Scissors	1
6. "Paper Rings" Activity Page	3

Journal and Prayer | Made to Reflect

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1. "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in your Bible	1
2. Journal	1
3. Fun-shaped pen	1

Treasure Chest Verse | Made to Explore **Quantity**
Uses Minimal Supplies

1.	Cardstock	1
2.	Bible	1
3.	Scissors	1
4.	"Treasure Chest Motion Cards" Activity Page	1

The Path Home | Made to Move *Uses **Quantity**
Minimal Supplies*

1.	Cardstock	7
2.	Painter's tape	1
3.	Plastic or toy coins	3
4.	Small baskets or containers for the coins	3
5.	Optional: "Ollie Dollars" Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors	Several
6.	"The Path Home" Activity Page	1