

3-5's | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule—June 2026, Week 4

Today's Bible Story: The Stories of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl • Matthew 13:44-46

Loving God and His Kingdom is most important.

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

Bottom Line: I can be 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

Note: This leader guide is designed to be inclusive of children with a special need, learning difference, or disability who attend a group with their peers. See highlighted sections below for additional EveryChild tips. Check out the additional Special Needs resources included.

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

Find the Hidden Treasure

Jewel Roll

Treasure Telescopes

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

Pass the Treasure

Hidden Treasure Field

Treasure Match

Pearl Relay

Oyster with a Pearl

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

Find the Hidden Treasure | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

 Preschool Bible	1
 Wrapping paper	1
 Clear tape	1
 Scissors	1
 Optional EveryChild Supplies: Shiny, crinkly wrapping paper	Several



EveryChild tips

- Hide the treasure in an accessible spot so everyone can find it.
- Use shiny, crinkly wrapping paper that is visually and auditorily stimulating to help engage more of their senses.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Wrap the Bible in wrapping paper like a present. Hide the wrapped "treasure" somewhere in the room that is easy for the children to find.

During the Activity: Tell the children you have hidden a very special treasure. Encourage them to search the room for it. When a child finds it, celebrate and ask them to bring it to you. If time and interest allow, hide the "treasure" and play again. Ask the child(ren) to bring the treasure to you, then sit together and unwrap it together. Talk about how the Bible is the best treasure.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, hello! It's wonderful to see you today! I've hidden a very special treasure in our room. Let's see if we can find it!"







During the Activity: "Let's look high and low! Where could the treasure be? (*Search with the children.*) Is it under the chair? Behind the table? Keep looking! (*Pause.*) You found it! Hooray! You found the treasure! Let's hide it again and let someone else find it. (*Play a few rounds.*) Now, what do you think this special treasure is? (*Pause for responses.*) Let's open it up and see what this special treasure is! (*Unwrap the Bible.*) It's a Bible! The Bible is a treasure because it tells us special stories that teach us important things, like how much God loves us!"

After the Activity: "The Bible is the best treasure! Today, we are going to hear stories from the Bible that Jesus told about finding treasure. Let's go get ready to listen!"

5 min

Oyster with a Pearl | Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	Avery® Labels #5160 or equivalent	1
	Paper egg cartons, one section	1
	White, sparkly pom-poms	1
	Craft glue	Several
	Optional: Crayons or dot markers	Several
	"Oyster with a Pearl Sticker" Activity Page	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Oyster with a Pearl Sticker" on label paper, one sticker per child. Cut the egg cartons apart so there are two cups attached, one two-cup section per child. Pre-fold each egg cup in half to look like an oyster shell that can open and close.

During the Activity: Give each child a folded egg cup "oyster." Let them color it. Then, give each child a white pom-pom "pearl." Show them how to open their oyster, place the pearl inside (securing it with a glue if desired), and then close it. (See our Pinterest Board for an example.)

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Jesus told a story about a man who found a special pearl. Jesus told this story to teach us about God's kingdom. Let's make our own pearl in an oyster shell."





During the Activity: "Here is your oyster shell. It can open ... and close! (*Demonstrate.*) Now, here is your special, sparkly pearl. (*Give each child a pom-pom.*) Let's hide our pearl inside the clam. Open your clam ... put the pearl inside ... and close it tight! Now your treasure is safe! You can play peek-a-boo with your pearl. Open ... close! Great! Add your sticker to your oyster. (*Pause.*) It tells you where to look in the Bible to find today's story and says, **[Bottom Line] I can be part of God's kingdom.**"

After the Activity: "Your special pearl will help us remember the story Jesus told ... Jesus said God's kingdom is the best treasure of all! God's kingdom is the most important, the most special thing there is! And, being loved by God and loving Him back is the most important thing we can do. Jesus made a way so 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 your Bible	1
	Journal	1
	Fun-shaped pen	1
	Rewards stickers or stamp	Several

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.

Encourage the children to pretend to dig with a shovel 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 special things.

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 use our pretend shovels to dig. Keep digging all the way to our Small Group spot. (Pretend to dig with a shovel.) Let's go! 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, Jesus told a story about a hidden treasure and the pearl because He wanted His disciples to know that God's kingdom was the most important, the most valuable thing there is! Being loved by God and loving Him back is the most important thing we can do. Jesus shows us exactly who God is and how to live in God's kingdom. And when we follow Jesus, you and, **[Bottom Line] I can be part of God's kingdom!**

That's why when I ask you, '**Who can be part of God's kingdom?**' you can say, **[Bottom Line] 'I can be part of God's kingdom!'** Ready? **Who can be part of God's kingdom? [Bottom Line] I can be part of God's 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*). That was wonderful! (*Two thumbs up*.) I think you're ready to say that verse all by yourself. I want everyone to sit down, and we will take turns saying it. Who wants to go first? I have a sticker/stamp for everyone who tries to say the Bible verse! (*Hold up stamp/stickers*.) Way to go, [child's name]! (*Give two thumbs up*.) You get a stamp/sticker! (*Say and do this with each child as they try and say the Bible verse*.) I'm very proud of you for trying to say that Bible verse.

When I count to three, I want everyone to stand up and point to your stamp/sticker. One, two, three! *(Pause to look.)* Yay! *(Clap.)*

“Way to go! Now let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Open the journal.)*”

Jesus taught us that God’s kingdom is most special! God’s kingdom isn’t hidden like the treasure or the pearl in the stories. It isn’t hard to find because Jesus shows us exactly who God is and how to live in God’s kingdom. And when we follow Jesus, you and I can be a part of God’s kingdom. Let’s make a list in our journal of special things. What can you think of? *(Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

After the Activity: (Hold up the journal.) “This is a great list! Let’s pray. Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus so we can be part of Your kingdom forever. Thank You for giving us special things like [say the special things from the list]. Thank You for showing us that Your kingdom is the most special, most important treasure. 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. Find the Hidden Treasure

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Preschool Bible, one per Small Group
- Wrapping paper, one per Small Group
- Clear tape, one roll per Small Group
- Scissors, one per Small Group

Optional EveryChild Supplies:

- Shiny, crinkly wrapping paper

What You Do:

- Wrap the Bible in wrapping paper like a present.
- Hide the wrapped "treasure" somewhere in the room that is easy for the children to find.

2. Jewel Roll

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Large sheet of brown butcher paper, one per Small Group
- Jewel stickers in various colors, one hundred per Small Group
- Washable markers, one per child
- Large die, one per Small Group
- Masking tape, one roll per Small Group

Optional EveryChild Supplies:

- Large foam die
- Stickers

What You Do:

- Cover a table with the brown butcher paper and tape to secure.
- Stick the jewels all over the table.

3. Treasure Telescopes

Made to Explore

What You Need:

- "Treasure Telescopes" Activity Page, one set per Small Group
- Copy paper, one piece per Small Group
- Craft tubes, five per Small Group
- Clear tape, one roll per Small Group
- Scissors, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Treasure Telescopes" on copy paper and cut, one set per Small Group.

- Tape one cutout to the end of each craft tube with the picture facing inside the tube.

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. Pass the Treasure

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Play

What You Need:

- "Memory Verse Stickers" Activity Page, one per child
- Avery® Labels #22830 or equivalent, one sticker per child
- Small treasure chest, one per Small Group
- Scissors, one per Small Group
- Music player, one per Small Group
- Upbeat worship music, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Memory Verse Stickers" on label paper, one sticker per child.
- Remove the outer edge of the label paper and cut it apart.
- Place the stickers in the treasure chest.

2. Hidden Treasure Field

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Create

What You Need:

- "Field Pocket" Activity Page, one per child and leader
- "Hidden Treasure Chest" Activity Page, one per child and leader
- Cardstock, one and a quarter pieces of paper per child and leader
- Crayons or washable markers, several per child
- Clear tape, one roll per Small Group
- Scissors, one per Small Group
- Glittery stickers, three per child
- Jewel stickers, three per child

Optional EveryChild Supplies:

- Dot markers or puffy stickers

What You Do:

- Print "Field Pocket" on cardstock, one per child.

- Print "Hidden Treasure Chest" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child.
- For each child, fold the "Field Pocket" along the line and tape the sides together.
- Write each child's name on their paper.

3. Treasure Match

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Think

What You Need:

- "Treasure Match" Activity Page, one per child
- Copy paper, one piece per child
- Crayons, one per child

What You Do:

- Print "Treasure Match" on copy paper, one per child.
- Write each child's name on their paper.

4. Pearl Relay

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Plastic spoons, one per team
- White, sparkly pom-poms, one bag per Small Group
- Sandcastle buckets or small treasure chests, two per Small Group
- Painter's tape, one roll per Small Group

What You Do:

- Create a start line on the floor with tape on one side of the room.
- Place two buckets in the middle of the start line and fill with pom-poms.
- Place two empty buckets or treasure chests at the opposite side of the room, one for each team.

5. Oyster with a Pearl

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create

What You Need:

- "Oyster with a Pearl Sticker" Activity Page, one per child
- Avery® Labels #5160 or equivalent, one sticker per child
- Paper egg cartons, one section per child
- White, sparkly pom-poms, one per child
- Craft glue, several per Small Group
- *Optional: Crayons or dot markers*

What You Do:

- Print "Oyster with a Pearl Sticker" on label paper, one sticker per child.
- Cut the egg cartons apart so there are two cups attached, one two-cup section per child.
- Pre-fold each egg cup in half to look like an oyster shell that can open and close.

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
- Rewards stickers or a stamp, one per child

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.

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

Find the Hidden Treasure | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

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1. Preschool Bible	1
2. Wrapping paper	1
3. Clear tape	1
4. Scissors	1
5. Optional EveryChild Supplies: Shiny, crinkly wrapping paper	Several

Jewel Roll | Made to Play

	Quantity
1. Large sheet of brown butcher paper	1
2. Jewel stickers in various colors	100
3. Washable markers	1
4. Large die	1
5. Masking tape	1
6. Optional EveryChild Supplies: Large foam die	1
7. Optional EveryChild Supplies: Stickers	Several

Treasure Telescopes | Made to Explore *Uses Minimal Supplies*

	Quantity
1. Copy paper	1
2. Craft tubes	1
3. Clear tape	1
4. Scissors	1
5. "Treasure Telescopes" Activity Page	1

Treasure Match | Made to Think

	Quantity
1. Copy paper	1
2. Crayons	1
3. "Treasure Match" Activity Page	1

Pearl Relay | Made to Move

	Quantity
1. Plastic spoons, one per team	Several
2. White, sparkly pom-poms bag, one per team	Several
3. Sandcastle buckets or small treasure chests	2
4. Painter's tape	1

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2. Small treasure chest	1
3. Scissors	1
4. Music player	1
5. Upbeat worship music	1
6. "Memory Verse Stickers" Activity Page	1

Hidden Treasure Field Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies*	Quantity
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2. "Hidden Treasure Chest" Activity Page	1
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5. Clear tape	1
6. Scissors	1
7. Glittery stickers	3
8. Jewel stickers	3
9. Optional EveryChild Supplies: Dot markers or puffy stickers	Several

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