Today's Suggested Schedule— November 29, 2026

Bible Story: God's Plan to Send Jesus • John 1:1-5,14; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 7:14-15
Bottom Line: We can thank God for giving us hope.
Monthly Memory Verse: *Every good and perfect gift is from God. This kind of gift comes down from the Father who created the heavenly lights. These lights create shadows that move. But the Father does not change like these shadows.* • James 1:17 NIrV

Check out our Pinterest page here https://bit.ly/447HSZi for a visual on some of the activities.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING SMALL GROUP (20 minutes)
SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction
Early Arriver /
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP (30-35 minutes)
WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God
STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways
- Introduce Monthly Theme Poster
- Review Monthly Memory Verse Poster
- Review Weekly Bottom Line Poster
- Teaching (Video)
- Review Weekly Bottom Line Poster

SMALL GROUP (25-30 minutes)
GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect
Reinforcement Activity
Prayer Journal

TAKE HOME
Devotional Page

© 2026 Amazing Life Foundation. All rights reserved. JoinAmazing.com
If you change the content of this document, please add to the copyright: Adapted by (your name/organization name/date).

Opening / Early Arriver Activity

What You Need:

- Plastic cups
- Balloons
- Table

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Inflate two balloons and tie the ends in a knot.
- Set up two sets of cups on a table four across and six deep.

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Split the kids into two groups.
- Say: “Today we are going to have a cup stacking race. You will take a balloon and toss it up in the air. You have that amount of time to stack as many cups as you can. You must catch the balloon before it hits the table or floor and pass it to the person behind you. The next person tosses the balloon in the air and continues stacking cups. Repeat. The team that gets all their cups stacked first wins.”
- Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

“That was fun! In that game, you were hoping your team could stack all the cups before the other team. Sometimes when we say, ‘I hope,’ we mean, ‘I really want this to happen, but I’m not sure it will.’

“Today, we’re going to hear about a different kind of hope. God gives us hope that is strong and sure because God’s hope comes through Jesus.

[Bottom Line] **We can thank God for giving us hope**. Let’s go hear more!”

© 2026 Amazing Life Foundation. All rights reserved. JoinAmazing.com
If you change the content of this document, please add to the copyright: Adapted by (your name/organization name/date).

LARGE GROUP

What You Need: TV, Pre-Loaded Video Content

What You Do:

1. Introduce/Remind kids about the
a. Monthly Theme
b. Monthly Memory Verse
c. Today's Bottom Line
2. Play Worship Songs
3. Allow kids to grab a snack
4. Play Teaching Video
5. Review Today's Bottom Line

Lead your group to the Small Group activity.

© 2026 Amazing Life Foundation. All rights reserved. JoinAmazing.com
If you change the content of this document, please add to the copyright: Adapted by (your name/organization name/date).

1. Hope Tower Challenge

What You Need:

- [ ] "Hope Tower Challenge" Activity Page
- [ ] Paper
- [ ] Markers
- [ ] Plastic disposable cups
- [ ] Plastic bowl

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Hope Tower Challenge" Activity Page on paper and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Fold the strips of paper several times and put them in a bowl.

During the Activity:

- Split the kids into two teams.
- Say: "I will ask you some questions and the first team to answer correctly earns a cup. There may be a few silly challenges in the stack of questions as well. Doing the silly challenge will also earn your team a cup. The goal is to earn enough cups to build a great tower, taller than the other team."
- After all questions are answered, the teams will compete to see who can build the tallest tower.
- *Optional: Have the teams work together to build one big tower of hope.*

What You Say:

"In our Bible Story, we learned about hope. True hope from God isn't shaky at all. It's strong and sure and confident. And true hope begins before the beginning. Even before we were created, God knew that we would turn away from Him. That we would sin and choose our way instead of His. But God loves us so much that He still chose to give us life!

"God promised a baby would be born—a child who would grow up to rescue and rule forever. And that baby would be born in a very real, specific place: the little town of Bethlehem. Jesus lived a perfect life and then gave up His life to rescue you and me and every single person ever who chooses Him. God gave us hope that we can count on every time. And that hope has a name: Jesus.

"If hope is hard for you, ask the Holy Spirit to remind you of God's story and plan—and of the ways that God has already worked in your life. Thank God for all the good things He has already given you—and trust Him to give you true hope. ***[Bottom Line]*** **We can thank God for giving us hope."**

© 2026 Amazing Life Foundation. All rights reserved. JoinAmazing.com
If you change the content of this document, please add to the copyright: Adapted by (your name/organization name/date).

2. A Gift for You

Live for God | Application Activity
Made to Play

What You Need:

- Cardstock
- Permanent marker
- Table
- Dice
- Small gift for each kid; candy, sticker, pencil, bookmark, etc.

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Fold the cardstock in half and write “Gift Table” on one side.
- Set up the table on one side of your room the sign and gifts laid out.

During the Activity:

- Say: “When I say, ‘Roll,’ everyone will roll their die at the same time. If two or more kids roll the same number, those kids may go to the Gift Table, choose one gift, and come back to the group. If you already have a gift, cheer for the others while they keep playing.”
- Continue having the remaining kids roll until every kid has chosen one gift.

What You Say:

“In this game, everyone received a gift. You did not have to earn it by being the fastest or the best. The gift was given to you. That reminds us of something important. The hope God gives us is a gift. God sent Jesus because He loves us, not because we could earn it.

“God promised His people that a Rescuer would come. He promised Immanuel, God with us. He promised a forever King. He even promised that the Savior would be born in Bethlehem. Then God kept every promise by sending Jesus. So when life feels hard, we can remember that God has already given us the greatest gift: hope through Jesus. **[Bottom Line] We can thank God for giving us hope.**”

© 2026 Amazing Life Foundation. All rights reserved. JoinAmazing.com
If you change the content of this document, please add to the copyright: Adapted by (your name/organization name/date).

3. Pray and Dismiss

Pray to God | Prayer Activity
Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- Coloring supplies
- Paper

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a piece of paper and make coloring supplies available.
- Say: “For our prayer time, we are going to draw something that reminds us that God gave us hope. Whatever that looks like to you.”
- Encourage kids to share their drawings if they want to.

What You Say:

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us remember that we have hope because He gave us Jesus!”

Prayer:

“Dear God, thank You for giving us hope! We know that the ultimate hope is in Jesus, and we thank You for that great gift. Help us to always remember that we are loved by You and that we can thank You for giving us hope. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

*As adults arrive to pick up, remind the kids that **[Bottom Line]*** **we can thank God for giving us hope.”**

© 2026 Amazing Life Foundation. All rights reserved. JoinAmazing.com
If you change the content of this document, please add to the copyright: Adapted by (your name/organization name/date).