

Today's Suggested Schedule—June 14, 2026

Bible Story: The Story of the Lost Sheep • *Luke 15:1-7 (supporting 1 Timothy 1:15)*

Bottom Line: Jesus made a way for you to be part of God's kingdom.

Monthly Memory Verse: "May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven." • Matthew 6:10 NIV

Check out our Pinterest page here <https://bit.ly/447HSZj> 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

Social

Opening Activity

Made to Explore

What You Need:

- Tray
- Common items from the classroom
- Hand towel
- Timer (or smartphone or watch)

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Arrange the items on the tray.

During the Activity:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Gather the kids around the tray and explain that they have 30 seconds to look at the tray and memorize the items on it.
- After the time is up, cover the tray with the hand towel.
- Reach under the towel and secretly remove one item. Hide it in your lap, pocket, or behind your back.
- Remove the towel and ask: “Who can tell me what item is missing?”
- Once they guess correctly, put the item back.
- Repeat the game several times, removing different items or increasing the difficulty by removing two items at a time.

What You Say:

“You all have very sharp eyes! Even though there were a lot of things on that tray, you noticed when just one thing was gone. In our Bible Story today, Jesus told a parable about a shepherd who had 100 sheep. That’s a lot of sheep, but one went missing! Let’s go find out what the shepherd did.”

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.

Groups **(After Videos)**

1. Found Sheep

Talk about God | Bible Story Review
Made to Move

What You Need:

- Bible
- Sticky notes
- Coloring supplies

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Draw a simple sheep figure on several sticky notes and stick to a wall in your activity area.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a sticky note and something to draw with.
- Ask each kid to draw a sheep on their sticky note.
- Collect the sheep and randomly stick the sheep to a wall across the room with the sticky note-sheep you already drew.
- Open the Bible to Luke 15:1-7 and show the kids where the story is in the Bible.
- Review the Bible Story in parts:
 - “There were people who always made good choices who were wondering why Jesus hung out with people who made wrong choices.”
 - “Jesus wanted to teach something about God, so He told them a story.”
 - “The story was about a shepherd who had 100 sheep, but one got lost!”
 - “The shepherd left the 99 and looked and looked for his lost sheep.”
 - “When he found it, he brought it home and was so happy!”
- Invite one kid at a time to go find their sheep, stick the sheep sticky note to their shoulder, then walk back to the group.
 - “The shepherd found his lost sheep! He was so happy!”
- Ask: “Was it hard to find the sheep you drew? (*Pause for responses.*) No matter what, you are important to God! He wants you to come home to Him!”
- Say: “Everyone, place your sheep in the middle.”
- Say: “Now let’s all celebrate like the shepherd did in the story! Everyone jump for joy or have a little dance party! You found your sheep!”

What You Say:

“Great job, everyone! That was so much fun and helped us remember our Bible Story from today! Jesus told the parable or story of the lost sheep to help us know that you are that very loved little sheep that Jesus went after.

“You had a problem with something called sin. It kept pulling you away from God, like that little sheep that was so far away from God. You were lost, and you couldn’t find your way back home.

“But Jesus loves you so much! He gave His life, He paid for your sin, and went and picked you up and brought you back home to Him!

“Every single person had the same need. Every single person had a sin problem. And Jesus paid for the sin of anyone who would choose to accept what He did on the cross. Jesus made a way for all of us to be a part of God’s kingdom!

“And heaven gets so excited when just one person comes home to God! God’s kingdom is for everyone who knows they are lost and helpless and need to be rescued. God sent Jesus to make a way for each one of us to be a part of God’s kingdom. **[Bottom Line] Jesus made a way for you to be part of God’s kingdom.**”

2. Would You Rather?

Live for God | Application Activity Made to Connect

What You Need:

- Paper plates
- Cheerios® or oyster crackers

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Prepare two plates for each kid, one with a pile of Cheerios®/crackers on it and the other with only one on it.

During the Activity:

- Offer each kid the choice of the two plates.
- Ask them, “Would you rather have this big pile of 99 Cheerios®/oyster crackers, or just this one all by itself?”
- Let them choose and eat their snack.
- While they eat, ask them why they made their choice. Most will say they wanted more.
- Connect their choice back to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

“It totally makes sense that you chose the big pile! But isn’t it amazing that the shepherd in today’s parable didn’t think that way? Jesus told the story of the lost sheep to show us all how much God loves us.

“The shepherd had 100 sheep, but one was lost. The shepherd left the 99 sheep to go find the one lost sheep.

“We are all like that one lost sheep in the parable. Every single one of us has made decisions that don’t line up with God and His ways. That’s sin, and it has broken our friendship with God.

“But God wants us to be with Him! So God came to find us. God sent Jesus, who paid for our sin. And in doing so, Jesus rescued us, just like the shepherd saved the lost sheep!

“Jesus made a way for us to be in relationship with God again. He made a way for us to come back home to God.

“You are the very, very loved sheep that God went after! God loves you very much!

“Because of that, you may feel like, ‘Oh, I need to do a lot of good things to earn God’s love for me.’ Don’t try to earn God’s love. He just loves you—you can’t earn His love.

“Or you may feel like, ‘Oh, I need to do lots of good things to pay God back. Surely this big rescue isn’t free.’ But don’t do good things to try to pay God back. His rescue was free!

“Just rest that you are the very loved sheep. And be so, so thankful to Jesus, who loves you so much that He rescued you. **[Bottom Line] Jesus made a way for you to be part of God’s kingdom.**”

3. Find the Lost Sheep Verse

Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Bibles
- “Find the Lost Sheep Verse” Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print “Find the Lost Sheep Verse” on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.

During the Activity:

- Give every kid a Bible and direct them to look up Matthew 6:10.
- Demonstrate how to look up the verse using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

Finding verses for 2nd -3rd graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. When they find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the correct chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Guide the kids to put their Bibles aside.
- Show the kids each sheep. Lay them on the floor in order, and say the Memory Verse together, pointing to each sheep as you go.
- Say: “Okay, everyone, close your eyes! A sheep is about to get lost!”
- While their eyes are closed, scramble the sheep, then hide one of the sheep in your lap.
- Say: “Okay, open your eyes! Oh no, one of our verse sheep is lost! Which one is missing?”
- Say: “Let’s put the sheep verse in order to help us figure out which sheep is missing.” (Read the words on each sheep as they are put in order.)
- Say: “Hmm, that’s kind of hard. Let’s say the whole verse together, and I’ll point to each sheep as we say that part. You can help me discover which sheep is missing.” (Say the verse, and point to each sheep.)
- Say: “You figured out which sheep was missing! (Reveal the sheep from your lap, and place it in the correct spot.) Yay! You found the missing sheep!”
- If time allows, scramble the sheep cards, hide a different one, and play again.

What You Say:

“You found the missing sheep! You are such good shepherds. The shepherd in our story was so happy when he found his lost sheep, and we are so happy we found our missing verse piece!”

“This verse that we found the missing piece to is actually part of a bigger prayer that Jesus taught His followers to pray. But these words that we just put together are actually a prayer that we can pray every day!”

“This prayer is asking God to bring His kingdom on earth, like it is in heaven. And God’s kingdom is such a great place! God is loving, joyful, kind, good, trustworthy, and just—among lots of other good things. And His kingdom is anywhere that He reigns as King. It’s where all of these good things are the way things operate. We want God to spread His good kingdom everywhere!

“And this awesome kingdom is the one that we learned that Jesus made a way for you to be a part of because you are His much-loved sheep! ***[Bottom Line]*** **Jesus made a way for you to be part of God’s kingdom.**”

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4. Pray and Dismiss

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Coloring supplies
- Clear tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Cut paper into one-inch to two-inch wide strips, one per kid.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a strip of paper and ask them to write or draw one way they can show God's love.
- Take one kid's strip, form it into a circle, and tape it closed.
- Take the next kid's strip and loop it through the first circle before taping it, starting a chain.
- Continue adding each kid's strip to create a long paper prayer chain.

What You Say:

“Look how our small circles are making one big, long chain! Our prayers are like this. Each one is small, but when we pray together, they make something big and beautiful. Our Kingdom Quest is to push back the darkness and bring the light of God's love wherever we go, always relying on God's Holy Spirit to guide us. Not only do we get to share God's story, but we get to live it out, every day of our lives. We can live it out and share God's love at school, at the park, and in our neighborhood. We can do small things every single day to point to God's kingdom wherever we go. Let's pray and ask God to help us share His love this week.”

Prayer:

“Dear God, thank You for loving us so much. Thank You for being like the shepherd who comes to find us when we're lost. We are so happy that Jesus made a way for us to be part of God's kingdom. Help us share Your love with others this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, give each kid a copy of the weekly devotional page.