

## Today's Suggested Schedule—June 28, 2026

**Bible Story:** The Stories of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl • *Matthew 13:44-46 (Supporting: Matthew 4:18-22)*

**Bottom Line:** Loving God and His kingdom is most important.

**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 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

## Social Opening Activity Made to Play

### What You Need:

- Deck of playing cards

### **EveryChild Supplies:**

- Optional: Oversized cards*

### What You Do:

#### *During the Activity:*

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Divide the kids into groups of two.
- Give each pair of kids a deck of cards. Help them divide the deck evenly between the two players, keeping the cards face down.
- Explain how to play “Slap the Heart.”
- On the count of three, both players flip over their top card.
- If either card is a heart, the first person to slap the heart card wins that pile of cards.
- If neither card is a heart, they leave the cards and flip the next top card from their deck. The winner of the next “slap” gets the cards in the played pile.
- The person with the most cards at the end wins.
- Shuffle, reset, and repeat.

### What You Say:

“Great job! You had to be fast to slap that heart! We use hearts to talk about things we love. A favorite pet, good snacks, a great book, soccer, dance, or a stuffed animal. Every single one of those things is good. God made you to love them. But none of them is the most important thing. In our Bible Story today, Jesus tells a story about finding something so important, so valuable, that it is the most important thing in the whole world. Let’s go find out what it is!”

### **EveryChild Pro-Tips:**

- *Use oversized cards to make them easier to handle and see.*

## **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. Hidden Message

Talk about God | Bible Story Review  
Made to Create

#### What You Need:

- Bible
- “Hidden Message” Activity Page
- Paper
- Coloring supplies

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:*

- Print “Hidden Message” on paper, one per kid.

*During the Activity:*

- Open the Bible to Matthew 13:44-46.
- Read the passage out loud.
- Review the stories of the hidden treasure and the pearl.
- Ask: “What can you tell me about the parable of the hidden treasure?” (*There was a man who found a treasure hidden in a field. He sold absolutely everything and bought that field!*)
- Ask: “What can you tell me about the parable of the pearl?” (*There was a pearl trader who found a very valuable pearl. He sold everything to buy that pearl!*)
- Emphasize how the men in the stories gave up everything they had to get the one treasure.
- Give each kid a “Hidden Message” Activity Page.
- First, let the kids color the treasure chest on every other section as it appears on their paper, and color in the letters appearing on the other sections.
- Then, guide them through the folding steps. Show them how to fold the paper on the fold lines to reveal the hidden message: “God’s kingdom.”

#### What You Say:

“Wow, look at that! When you folded the paper just right, a secret message appeared! It says, ‘God’s kingdom.’ That’s what the treasure in our story is all about.

“One day, Jesus taught a great crowd along the Sea of Galilee. He used stories called parables to explain what God’s kingdom is like and how it grows. Afterward, back at the house where they were staying, Jesus’ closest friends wanted to know more. Jesus told them that His kingdom was more precious than hidden treasure or the most valuable, valuable pearl.

“Jesus said that truly finding God’s kingdom is more exciting and more valuable than treasure. In fact, it’s worth giving up all the other important things to keep this one thing. **[Bottom Line] Loving God and His kingdom is most important.**”

## 2. What's Worth More?

### Live for God | Application Activity

#### Made to Play

#### What You Need:

- "What's Worth More?" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors

#### What You Do:

##### *Before the Activity:*

- Print "What's Worth More?" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.

##### *During the Activity:*

- Show the kids one set of pictures at a time and ask, "What's worth more?"
  - Hold up the pictures of the quarter and the penny. Ask, "What's worth more? The quarter or the penny?" (*the quarter*)
  - Hold the pictures of the dollar bill and the five-dollar bill. Ask, "What's worth more? The dollar bill or the five-dollar bill?" (*the five-dollar bill*)
  - Hold the pictures of the gold and the silver. Ask, "What's worth more? Gold or silver?" (*gold, at the time of publishing*)
- Finally, hold up the picture of the toy and the picture of Jesus.
- Ask, "What's worth more? What is the most important thing to love?" (*God/Jesus*)

#### What You Say:

"You are so smart! You know that some things are worth more than others. Jesus' stories about the treasure and the pearl teach us that God's kingdom is the most valuable, most special treasure of all. Nothing is better or more important.

"That's why you should make getting to know God and His kingdom the most important thing in your life. You can do this by making spending time with God the most important thing you do. You can make it a priority to spend time with God every day—and you can get to know who He is by reading the Bible.

"And go through every day with Him as your closest friend too. Since God is the most important, talk to Him about absolutely everything. As you go through life, you can say, 'God, I loved that breakfast so much,' Or, 'God, I'm really nervous about swim practice.' Or, 'God, is there anything You would like me to do here?'

"Since Jesus is an exact picture of what God is like, we can make God's kingdom most important when we live like Jesus. Since Jesus is loving, joyful, just, compassionate, trustworthy, and kind, then God's kingdom is like that too. We can be loving, joyful, just, compassionate, trustworthy, and kind everywhere we go to show that God's kingdom is the most important.

"Invite God to be part of everything in your life—at home, at school, or wherever you are—because **[Bottom Line] loving God and His kingdom is most important.**"

### 3. Memory Verse Showdown

#### Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity

#### Made to Move

*\*Uses Minimal Supplies\**

#### What You Need:

- Bibles

#### What You Do:

*During the Activity:*

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

***Finding verses for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- Invite the kids to put their Bibles aside.
- Ask for two volunteers to have a “Memory Verse Showdown.”
- Instruct the two kid volunteers to stand back-to-back.
- On the count of three, the kids take one step and turn to face each other, like an old-fashioned showdown.
- The first one to say the complete Memory Verse correctly wins that round!
- Let the winner choose the next person to challenge.
- Continue until several kids have had a chance to have a showdown.

#### What You Say:

“Awesome showdowns, everyone! You are getting so good at that verse. When we pray for God’s kingdom to come, we are saying that we want what God wants more than anything else.

“But what is God’s kingdom? Well, God is loving, joyful, kind, just, and good. And His kingdom is like He is. The kingdom is like the King! So when we pray that prayer, we are asking God to spread His love, joy, kindness, justice, and goodness right here on earth. We are saying that **[Bottom Line] loving God and His kingdom is most important.**”

#### 4. Pray and Dismiss

##### Pray to God | Prayer Activity

##### Made to Reflect

*\*Uses Minimal Supplies\**

##### What You Need:

- Paper chain from Previous Weeks
- 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 think of and write or draw one way they can love God and His kingdom this week. (e.g., “I can pray,” “I can be kind,” “I can listen to my mom/dad.”)
- Go around the circle. As each kid shares their idea, take one strip of paper at a time and loop it through one of the end circles of the paper chain from Week Three, form it into a circle, and tape it closed.
- Take the next kid’s strip of paper and loop it through the first circle before taping it, adding to the chain.
- Continue with each kid’s strip of paper.

##### What You Say:

“Our prayer chain is so long and beautiful! It’s full of ways we can love God and His kingdom. When Jesus first called them, Peter, Andrew, James, and John all left their nets and boats and followed Jesus immediately. They knew in their hearts, if not yet in their minds, that Jesus is worth everything. These men left their families and their jobs behind in order to follow Jesus and help spread the news of God’s great love and His kingdom. God has offered this priceless treasure of following Him and being His friend in your life too. Let’s make **[Bottom Line] loving God and His kingdom most important** this week! Let’s pray together.”

##### Prayer:

“Dear God, thank You for being the greatest treasure. Nothing is more important than You. Help us to live like You are the most important. And help us to show You that we love You this week with our words and our actions. May Your kingdom come. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

*As adults arrive to pick up, remind kids that they can use their words and actions to show God that He is most important!*