

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 9, 2026

Bible Story: Created for a Purpose • *Ephesians 2:10; 1 Timothy 4:12*

Bottom Line: God made me for a purpose.

Monthly Memory Verse: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* • Psalm 139:14 NIV

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 Connect

Uses Minimal Supplies

What You Need:

- ☐ “Purposeful Objects” Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print “Purposeful Objects” on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Encourage kids to sit together in your Small Group spot.
- Call one kid up to pick a card from the “Purposeful Objects” Activity Page, and ask them to look at the picture on their card without showing everyone else.
- Instruct that kid to tell the group what the purpose of the item in their picture is. *(For example, if they pick the lawnmower, they will say, “Its purpose is to cut the grass!”)*
- Encourage the group to guess what the item is. Give the group several guesses, then ask the kid to show their picture. Continue with each kid until all the pictures are picked.

What You Say:

“Great job! You figured out the purpose for every single object. Just like every one of those things was made for a special reason, YOU were made for a special reason too. In our Bible Story today, we’re going to learn the amazing truth that **[Bottom Line] God made me for a purpose**. Let’s go find out more!”

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

1. A to Z of Good Works

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Play

What You Need:

- ☐ No supplies needed

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Have the kids sit with you in a circle.
- Explain that you're going to go around the circle and try to name a "good work"—a way to show God's love—for every letter of the alphabet.
- Let them know it's a team effort, and everyone can help if someone gets stuck.
- Start with the letter 'A.' Say: "A is for 'Asking someone to play.'"
- The person to your left tries to think of a good work that starts with B (like, "Be a good friend").
- Continue around the circle from A to Z.
- Help with ideas as needed (e.g., C—Compliment someone, D—Do your chores, E—Encourage a teammate).

What You Say:

"Incredible job! We came up with so many ways to do good works. First Timothy 4:12 NIV says: *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure.*

"Timothy didn't wait until he was old and experienced to do the good works God had prepared for him. He didn't study for years and years and get an important degree. Instead, Timothy spent time as a young man learning to know God. He was kind to the people around him and grew in his faith. And when God provided an opportunity for Timothy to help Paul, he said, 'Yes!' Timothy just showed God's love right where he happened to be!

"Our Bible Story reminds us that God has prepared these good things for us to do. It's not about being perfect—it's about looking for chances to show His love and say, 'Yes!' When we do these things, we are living out the truth that **[Bottom Line] God made me for a purpose.**"

2. Sparkle Toss

Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Soft playground ball or beanbag

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Give every kid a Bible and direct them to look up Psalm 139:14.
- Demonstrate how to look up the Memory 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.
- Invite the kids to put their Bibles aside.
- Have the kids join you in a standing circle.
- Explain the rules of the game: You will say the Memory Verse together as a group while tossing the ball/beanbag across the circle from person to person.
- The goal is not to be the person holding the ball/beanbag when the verse ends.
- Start saying the verse, and toss the ball/beanbag to a kid. They must quickly toss it to someone else.
- Keep tossing the ball randomly across the circle.
- When the verse is finished, whoever is holding the ball is out and can sit down.
- The kids who are sitting can still say the verse and cheer for their friends.
- Continue playing until only one kid is left standing.

What You Say:

“That was a fun and fast-paced game! You all did a great job saying our Memory Verse. Remember that before you do anything at all, God made you and loves you. You belong to Him and are valuable to Him before you do a single good thing. God made you just as you are, wonderful and amazing, and He put you where you are to show His love to others. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the good works that God has prepared for you. You might be young, but don’t forget: **[Bottom Line] God made you for a purpose!**”

3. Pray and Dismiss

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- ☐ “Fitting Together” Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Coloring supplies

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- ☐ Print “Fitting Together” on cardstock and cut, one cutout per kid.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a paper shape from “Fitting Together” and a pen.
- Read this truth from today’s story: “Before you try to do or become anything, it’s important to know who you already are. You are God’s creation ... And He made you to belong to Jesus. You always fit in. You always have a place.”
- Ask the kids to write their name on their shape. This shows that they have a special place in God’s family.
- Show them how the slits on the shapes allow them to slide their piece together with another.
- Invite the kids to bring their shapes to the center of the circle, and work together to connect them, building one large, beautiful sculpture.

What You Say:

“Look at what we built! Every single one of your pieces was needed to make this sculpture. It shows us how we all fit together in God’s family. God has prepared completely different ways for each one of us to do that! You might cheer up a friend by baking them cookies, while someone else might do it by telling a joke. You might be called to share God’s love by taking care of sick people, or you might be called to do it as a pilot, flying to remote places to tell people about Jesus. God made each of us unique and for a purpose. God can use everything in your life to help you share His love. Let’s thank God for making us and giving us a purpose.”

Prayer:

“Dear God, thank You for making each of us. Thank You for creating us to be Your special masterpiece. Help us to remember that we belong to You, and we always have a place in Your family. Help us to live out our purpose by showing Your love to others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

As adults arrive, remind each and every kid that God made them for a purpose, and although they may be young, God has good works for them, and only them, to do this week!