

Today's Suggested Schedule—May 24, 2026

Today's Bible Story: Woman at the Well • John 4:1-26, 39-42
Jesus cares about everyone everywhere.

Key Question: Who does Jesus care about?

Bottom Line: Jesus cares about everyone.

Memory Verse: *How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.* (Ephesians 3:18 NIV)

First Look Pinterest Page

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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.

SERVICE DURATION (75-80 MINUTES)

9:15am/11:00am thru 10:35am/12:20pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING SMALL GROUP (30-35 minutes)

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Early Arriver /
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP (10-15 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

- Introduce Monthly Theme Poster
- Review Monthly Bottom Line Poster
- Play video:
 - a. Worship (Songs-Video)
 - b. Teaching (Clubhouse - Video)
 - c. Review Monthly Memory Verse

SMALL GROUP: (25-30 minutes)

- Reinforcement Activities

TAKE HOME:

Monthly Placemat

Social

Providing Time for Fun Interaction

15 minutes

1. Heavy Water

Made to Move

***Uses Minimal Supplies**

What You Need:

- Gallon jug of water (heavy enough to feel the weight but safe to carry)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Set the water in an open space in your activity area.

During the Activity: Encourage children to take turns trying to carry the jug a short distance.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come over here and look at this big jug of water. Do you think it's heavy? Let's find out."

During the Activity: "When I call your name, come give it a try. [Child's name], come try to pick up the water. *(Pause.)* Wow! Can you walk a few steps and carry the water? *(Pause.)* Great job! Put the water down, and our friend [child's name] can take a turn. Come try to pick up the water [child's name]. *(Continue with each child.)* You all did such a good job. That jug of water is really heavy!"

After the Activity: "In our true story from the Bible, when people needed water, they went to a well to get it. A well is like a hole deep in the ground that has water in it. You would scoop the water out of the well and put it in a jug to carry back to your house. There's a woman in our story who gave Someone special a drink of water. Let's go hear all about it!"

Move to worship and story and play May 24th Videos

Groups

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

1. Who Am I?

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Think

What You Need:

- "Who Am I?" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Who Am I?" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group. Place the cards in the hat.

During the Activity: Leader will pick a card from the hat and give children three clues about the helper on the card. Encourage children to guess who the helper is and show the card once the correct answer is said. Repeat as time and interest allow.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come find a spot at the table! We are going to play a guessing game today, so everyone put your thinking caps on! (*Pretend to put on a hat.*) It looks like we're ready!"

During the Activity: "I'm going to pick a card from the basket/container and give you three clues about the helper on my card. I want you to help each other figure out who is on my card. Are you ready? (*Firefighter card.*) I wear a uniform. I help when people are in trouble. I drive a big red truck. Who am I? (*Pause for responses.*) Yes! I'm a firefighter! (*Show card.*) Jesus cares about the firefighters because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!** (*Continue with each card. When finished, lay all the cards on the table face up.*) Jesus cares about all these people and Jesus cares about you!"

After the Activity: "Jesus cared about the woman at the well and her friends in her town. Jesus loves and cares about everyone, everywhere. That means Jesus cares about us, right here. And Jesus cares about the people who live in the next town, and Jesus cares about the people that live all the way across the world from us, because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!** Who does Jesus care about? **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!**"

2. Buckets of Fun

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move

***Uses Minimal Supplies**

What You Need:

- Small plastic water bottles
- Playground ball
- Painter's tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place water bottles on the floor on one side of your activity area. Create a start line on the floor opposite the bottles with a piece of tape.

During the Activity: Invite children to roll a ball toward the bottles and try to knock them over. Repeat as long as interest allows.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come over and stand behind this tape line with me. Let's play a game with this ball and those bottles over there. They have water in them."

During the Activity: "[Child's name], roll the ball at the bottles and try to knock them down. *(Pause.)* Woohoo! You knocked the water over! *(Reset the bottles as needed.)* [Child's name], it's your turn! Roll the ball at the *bottles!* *(Continue with each child. Repeat as time and interest allow.)* That was a fun game!

After the Activity: "The woman in our Bible Story went to the well to fill her jar with water. She met Jesus there that day, and He told her something amazing. He said He could give her *living water*. That means Jesus' love never runs out—just like a fountain! Jesus cared about her and all her friends in town, because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone**. Who does Jesus care about? **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!**"

3. Journal and Prayer

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- “Memory Verse Card” from Week One in your Bible
- Journal
- Fun-shaped pen

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the “Memory Verse Hand Motions” PDF and video, and on Pinterest.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: If you do not have the “Memory Verse Card” from Week One, Print “Memory Verse Card” and cut one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Ephesians 3:18. *Note: Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

Encourage the children to pretend to travel any way they want (in a train, a bus, a plane) 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, then ask the children to help you make a list in the journal of people who live in different places.

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 pretend to travel like we are in a car, or a bus, a train, or even a plane! Ready? Let’s travel! Great job, everyone! I see some of us are riding in a plane. And some of us are on a train—choo-choo! And some of us are riding in a car! (*Pretend to turn a steering wheel.*) We’re almost there! Hooray! 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 met a woman at a well in a place called Samaria. People there were different from Jesus’ friends, but Jesus still talked to her and cared about her. She was so surprised because she didn’t think someone like Jesus would care about someone like her. But Jesus cares about everyone, everywhere! That’s why today we are going to pray for people who live in all kinds of places. Tell me, who does Jesus care about? **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.** Great job, everyone!”

“The Bible verse we are learning talks about how big Jesus’ love is for us. It says, ‘How wide (*stretch arms out wide*) and long (*stretch arms forward*) and high (*reach arms up*) and deep (*crouch down low*) is the love of Christ. (*Hug yourself.*) Ephesians 3:18 (*open hands like a book.*) Did you hear that? Jesus loves us wide (*stretch arms out wide*), and long (*stretch arms forward*), and high (*reach arms up*), and deep! (*Crouch down low.*) Jesus loves everyone, everywhere that much because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.** Let’s stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do! ‘How wide (*stretch arms out wide*) and long (*stretch arms forward*) and high (*reach arms up*) and deep (*crouch down low*) is the love of Christ. (*Hug yourself.*) Ephesians 3:18 (*open hands like a book*).

“Yay! (*Clap.*) I’m so glad that Jesus loves and cares about everyone everywhere! Let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Today we travelled in lots of different ways to our Small Group spot. Some of us pretended to ride in an airplane. Some of us pretended to ride a train, some of us were on a bus or in a car! Let’s think about some people you know who live in different places. Maybe you rode in a plane or on a train to go see them. I’ll go first. My sister lives in Asheville. That’s in the mountains of North Carolina. I drive there in my car. What about you? (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*) Those are some amazing people living in amazing places!”

After the Activity: “Wow! Look at this list! (*Hold up journal.*) There are people in all kinds of places, all over the world. And Jesus cares about ALL of them. The woman at the well ran to tell her whole town about Jesus because she knew His love would never run out. Let’s thank Jesus for loving and caring about everyone, everywhere. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love us no matter where we live! Please be with our friends and family who live all over, like (*read the list*). And help us love and care for them too. You’re the best, God. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”