

## Today's Suggested Schedule—May 2026, Week 1

**Today's Bible Story:** Villages, Towns, Countryside • Mark 6:53-57  
Jesus cares about everyone.

**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

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. [bit.ly/FL\\_HatsOff](https://bit.ly/FL_HatsOff)

### 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

## Social

### Providing Time for Fun Interaction

#### 15 minutes

#### 1. Doctor Kit Relay

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#### **\*Uses Minimal Supplies**

##### What You Need:

- Toy doctor kit
- Basket or bin
- Painter's tape

##### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Create a start line in an open area of your room with tape. Place the doctor's kit items inside the basket and set it on the opposite side of the room. Line children up behind the tape line, and lined up to participate one at a time.

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to run to the basket/bin, grab one item, and run back. The leader names the item and says what it's used for. Reset and repeat until all children have had a turn.

*After the Activity:* Introduce the Bible Story.

##### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Hello, hello friends! Come over here with me. We are going to play a game with all the toys that go in a doctor's kit. (*Hold up the empty doctor's kit.*) Let's line up behind the tape line right here, and we'll take turns running to the basket/bin and pulling one item, and then run back."

*During the Activity:* "Okay! [Child's name], run to the bucket/bin and pick one thing to bring back. (*Pause.*) Oh wow! Do you know that that is? (*Hold item up for everyone to see.*) It's a [name of item] and a doctor uses it to [name its use]! Great job! (*Place it in the doctor's kit.*) [Child's name], your turn! (*Continue with each child. Reset the items as needed if you have more children than items.*) Hooray! We did it! We learned about a lot of tools that doctors use to help people."

*After the Activity:* "Today in our true story from the Bible, we're going to hear how Jesus cared about everyone everywhere He went. In towns, villages, and countrysides! Let's go hear how Jesus helped the people in our story today."

## **Move to worship and story and play May 3rd Videos**

## Groups

### Creating a Safe Place to Connect

#### 1. Memory Verse with Motions

##### Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

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##### What You Need:

- No supplies needed

*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:* Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

*During the Activity:* Teach the Memory Verse motions. Invite the children to do them with you several times.

*After the Activity:* Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

##### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Friends, come stand with me! Let’s learn our brand-new Memory Verse. It tells us how BIG Jesus’ love is, and it goes like this: ‘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.*)

*During the Activity:* “Now, let’s learn the motions! The first part says, ‘How wide.’ Everyone, stretch your arms out as wide as you can. (*Stretch arms out wide.*) Great! The next part says, ‘and long.’ Stretch your arms out in front of you. (*Stretch arms forward.*) The next part says, ‘and high.’ Put your arms up way up high over your head. (*Reach arms up.*) Next part says, ‘and deep.’ Squat and get really small. (*Crouch down low.*) Super! And the last part says, ‘is the love of Christ.’ Give yourself a great big hug. (*Hug yourself.*) Ephesians 3:18. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let’s do it again!” (*Repeat several times.*)

*After the Activity:* “Our verse teaches us that Jesus’ love is big! Huge! In our true story from the Bible, Jesus helped people in every town and village. Jesus didn’t miss anyone because **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.** Who does Jesus care about? **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!**”

## 2. Everyone, Everywhere Corners

### Live for God | Application Activity

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#### **What You Need:**

- “Everyone, Everywhere Corners” Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Painter’s tape

#### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Print “Everyone, Everywhere Corners” on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Tape the pictures around the room on the walls at child’s height.

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to run to the corner you call out. When everyone gets to the corner, ask children to say the Bottom Line. Continue with each of the corners. Then if time and interest allow, let children run to any of the corners they desire and say the Bottom Line.

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

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “Friends! Meet me in the middle of the room. *(Pause.)* There are different pictures around the room, do you see them? *(Point to the four pictures.)* Let’s play a game with those pictures.”

*During the Activity:* “Do you see the picture of the playground? *(Point to the playground picture.)* When I say go, I want you to run to the picture. Ready, set, GO! *(Pause.)* Hooray! You made it! Tell me friends, who cares about everyone at the playground? *(Pause.)* That’s right **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone** at the playground! Who does Jesus care about? **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.** Great job! Come back to the middle with me. *(Pause.)* Now look for the picture of grocery store. You can run to it when I say go. Ready, set, GO! *(Pause.)* Hooray! You made it! Tell me friends, who cares about everyone at the grocery store? *(Pause.)* That’s right **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone** at the grocery store! Who does Jesus care about? **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.** *(Continue with each picture and repeat. Then allow children to run to whichever picture they want and say the Bottom Line.)* Great job, friends! Come back to the middle and sit with me.”

*After the Activity:* “All the places we ran to today; the playground, the grocery store, the doctor’s office, the school, even when we ran right back here, to the middle, Jesus cares about everyone everywhere we went! In our Bible Story, everywhere Jesus went, small towns, big towns, or out into the countryside, He did amazing things to help people, because Jesus loves and cares about everyone! People ran and carried their sick friends on mats to Jesus. And others simply touched Jesus’ robe and were healed.

Jesus’ love is wide, and long, and high, and deep enough for everyone because Jesus loves and cares about everyone. **Who does Jesus care about? [Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.**

### 3. Flat Jesus

#### Live for God | Application Activity

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##### What You Need:

- "Flat Jesus" Activity Page
- Crayons or washable markers
- Permanent marker
- Optional 1: Scissors*
- Optional 2: Camera and photo paper*

##### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Print "Flat Jesus", one per child. *Optional: For each child, cut out around Jesus.* Write each child's name on their paper.

*During the Activity:* Give each child a picture to decorate. *Optional: Take a picture of each child with their picture of Jesus and either print or text/email to their parent/guardian.*

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

##### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Hello friends! Come to the table and let's get ready to make some super fun story art to take home today."

*During the Activity:* "Tell me who this is a picture of. (*Pause for responses.*) That's right! It's a big picture of Jesus! Color your picture as I review today's story. Today, we learned that wherever Jesus went, He did amazing things to help people. Wherever Jesus went, small towns, big towns, or out into the countryside, people ran throughout the area and carried their sick friends on mats to Jesus. They knew that Jesus cared about them and could help them. Friends, Jesus is so powerful that sometimes just touching Jesus' clothes could heal the sick. In one town, people crowded around Jesus to reach for His robe, and Jesus healed every single person who touched His clothes. Jesus loves and cares about everyone!"

*After the Activity:* "You can take your picture of Jesus everywhere you go and tell people in those places that Jesus loves them and cares about them. **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.** Who does Jesus care about? **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone!**"

## 4. Journal and Prayer

### Pray to God | Prayer Activity

*Made to Reflect*

#### What You Need:

- “Memory Verse Card” from the Home folder
- Cardstock
- Bible
- Journal
- Fun-shaped pen
- Scissors
- Clear, plastic jar
- Pom-poms
- Small plastic bowl or bin

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

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Print “Memory Verse Card” on cardstock 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.* Pour pom-poms into the bowl/bin. Carry the bowl/bin and jar with you to your Small Group area.

Encourage the children to point to different places and people in the room 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. Ask the children to name a person that Jesus cares about and place a pom-pom in the jar for that person while you write the names in the journal. Continue until the jar is full of pom-poms.

*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 point to all the different places and people in our room. Let’s go! Point to the block area. (*Point.*) Point to the kitchen center. (*Point.*) Point to our friend [leader/child’s name]! (*Point.*) Keep going all the way to our Small Group spot because Jesus cares about everyone everywhere! (*Continue with places and people.*) 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, we heard how Jesus did amazing things to help people everywhere He went. Jesus went to help people in lots of different places, small towns, big towns, or out into the countryside. People ran throughout the area and carried their sick friends on mats to Jesus because they knew that Jesus cared about them and could help them. Jesus is so powerful that a sick person could be healed, just by touching Jesus’ clothes. People crowded around Jesus to reach for His robe and Jesus healed every single person who touched Him.

“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 name different people who Jesus cares about. As you name someone, place a pom-pom in the jar, and I'll write those names in our prayer journal. (*Open journal. Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*) In our Bible Story, Jesus cared for everyone, everywhere He went. Look at our jar! It's filled to the top! You added beautiful colored pom-poms for each person you named that Jesus cares about. We could keep adding more and more pom-poms for the people that Jesus cares about because Jesus cares about everyone!"

*After the Activity:* "Let's pray. Dear God, thank You for all the people You care about. We named so many people today as we filled our jar. What a great reminder that You care about everyone! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."