

2-4 Year-Olds

## APRIL\_WEEK 4

### Small Group Leader Guide

# Preschool Timetable



10 Minutes

## FREE PLAY

SOMETHING THEY CAN DO ON THEIR OWN! LIKE PUZZLES, TOYS, AND SO ON.

5 Minutes

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH ALL OUR HEART!

5 Minutes

## MOVE ACTIVITY

LET'S GET MOVING!

15 Minutes

## BIBLE STORY

IT'S BIBLE STORY TIME--LET'S LISTEN TO THE TRUE STORY!

5 minutes

## MEMORY VERSE

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

5 minutes

## CREATE ACTIVITY

CRAFT TIME!

5 minutes

## SNACK TIME

PLEASE SAY GRACE FOR THE SNACK AND CHECK ALLERGIES.

5 minutes

## HOME TIME

PLEASE MAKE SURE KIDS TAKE THEIR CRAFT HOME.

THIS MONTH



### Bible Story

#### Heaven

John 14:3; Revelation 21, 22:1-5

### Story Focus

Jesus is preparing a place for us.

### Key Question

Who wants to be your friend forever?

### Bottom Line

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### Memory Verse

"I have called you friends." John 15:15 NIV

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MOVE ACTIVITY



# Tunnel Time

## What You Need:

- Pop-up Tunnel

## What You Do:

**Before the Activity:** Set up the tunnel in an open area of the room.

**During the Activity:** Encourage children to take turns crawling through the tunnel. Stand at one end and greet them as they come through. Repeat as time and interest allow.

**After the Activity:** Introduce the Bible Story.

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## What You Say:

**Before the Activity:** “Friends, look! We have a tunnel to play with today!”

**During the Activity:** “Okay, who wants to go first? I’ll wait for you on the other side! (Kneel at the far end of the tunnel.) [Child’s name], ready, set, crawl! (Pause.) Yay! Hooray! You made it! High five! Okay, [child’s name] your turn!”  
(Continue until each child has a turn. Repeat as desired.)

**After the Activity:** “Crawling through the tunnel was so fun! Today, our true story from the Bible is about a special place Jesus is making for His friends. Let’s go hear about this super special place.”

### Inclusive Pro Tips



Select moves that are suitable for everyone in the group. Movements can be done sitting if that is best for the group.

# Memory Verse with Motions

## Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

## What You Need

No Supplies Needed

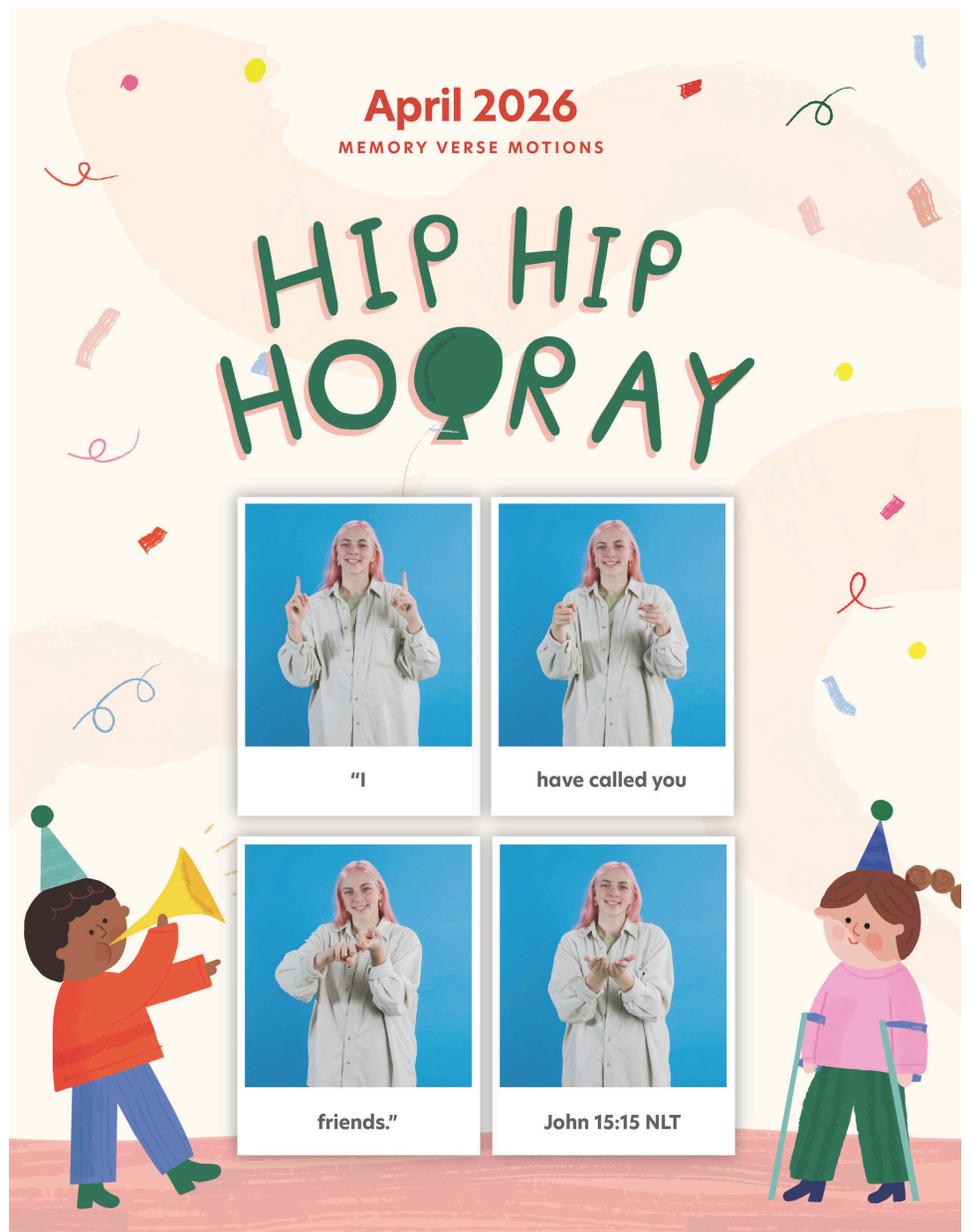


### Inclusive Pro Tips

Invite children to say it with you or repeat words after you.

Set out the picture cutouts made from the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF for children to hold up or point to as an alternative to saying or repeating the verse out loud.

If using this version, adjust wording in What You Say section accordingly.



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CREATE ACTIVITY

# Hooray Hats



## What You Need:

- “Hooray Hats Sticker” Activity Page
- Paper Party Hats
- Stickers



Inclusive Pro Tips

Provide adaptive crayons.

## What You Do:

**Before the Activity:** Copy “Hooray Hats Sticker” on label paper, one sticker per child. Write each child’s name on their party hat.

**During the Activity:** Encourage children to decorate their party hats with stickers, then assist each child in putting their party hats on.

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

## What You Say:

**Before the Activity:** “Let’s make a celebration hat! Because we are celebrating the best news ever that [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!’ Hip, hip, hooray!”

**During the Activity:** “Decorate your party hat and paper strip to make it look super special! Use all the fun stickers and colors. (Allow time to decorate.) These look like celebration hats—hip, hip, hooray! Now glue your hat to the paper strip. (Pause. Then measure each child’s strip around their head and staple closed.) Children will then cover the staple closure bends with sticker(s). (Pause.) Your hats say, ‘Hip, Hip, Hooray! [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!’

**After the Activity:** “Now you can wear your hat to celebrate! When anyone asks what you’re celebrating, you can tell them the happy news: [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever! We can wear the hats and celebrate that Jesus is preparing a place for His friends in Heaven so we can be together forever. And we want to celebrate because Heaven is the most special place with no more boo-boos and no more sadness. Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.”

# Prayer

## Faith Skills

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Live for God

## What You Say

“Dear God, thank You for giving us special things like (read the things on the list) and thank You for the most special place, heaven! Thank you, God, that Jesus wants to be our friend forever and ever! We love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

# SAMPLE

