

WSC_SG G23 | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule

Small group : 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Greeting & Prayer (5 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

Small Group Activity (15 minutes)

Activity One

Activity Two

Pray & Dismiss (5 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.



Bible Story

Jesus Has Won the Battle • John 16:33;
Revelation 19:11-16

Bottom Line

Jesus wins.

Memory Verse

*God is our place of safety. He gives us strength.
He is always there to help us in times of trouble.*
• Psalm 46:1 NIV

Greeting & Prayer

5 min

Activity One

5 min

23 - Step of Faith | Made to Connect

What You Need

 Floor tape	1
 Index cards	1
 Coloring supplies	Several

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
- Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Place a long line of tape on the floor.
- Set out index cards and coloring supplies.

During the Activity:

- Gather kids near the line.
- Hand each kid an index card and a marker/crayon/colored pencil.
- Say: "Today we're going to think about something in our lives that feels hard, scary, frustrating, or impossible sometimes."
- Invite kids to write or draw something they want to trust Jesus with.

Examples could include:

- fear
- loneliness
- family struggles
- friendship problems
- school stress
- sickness
- anxiety
- uncertainty
- something they cannot fix on their own
- For kids who need help thinking of ideas, leaders may quietly read example situations aloud.
- Once kids finish writing or drawing, invite leaders to model vulnerability first.
- Have one or two leaders briefly share something simple and age-appropriate they trust Jesus with before stepping across the line and saying, "Jesus, I trust You."
- Examples:
 - "Sometimes I worry about people I love. Jesus, I trust You."
 - "Sometimes I feel overwhelmed when life gets hard. Jesus, I trust You."
- After leaders model the activity, invite kids to participate.
- Explain that kids may:
 - Quietly keep their card private.
 - Briefly share what they wrote, or simply name one word before stepping across the line.
- Invite kids, one at a time or in small groups, to step across the line while holding their card.
- As they cross the line, encourage them to say: "Jesus, I trust You."

- Celebrate courage, honesty, and vulnerability throughout the activity.
- After everyone crosses, invite kids to gather together.

What You Say:

"All of us carry things that feel heavy sometimes. Some struggles are really big, and some are smaller, but every single person in this room has things they worry about, feel afraid of, or wish they could fix. A lot of times, we try to handle those things on our own. We try harder, worry more, hide our feelings, or pretend everything is okay. But eventually, we realize something important: we were never meant to carry everything by ourselves. The amazing news is that Jesus came to rescue us! He came to defeat sin, darkness, and death forever. And because Jesus already won, we don't have to face life alone anymore. You know something else that's important? We don't have to pretend we're okay all the time. Real strength is being honest and trusting Jesus with the things we carry. When we share honestly, pray honestly, and trust Jesus honestly, we remember that we are not alone. God gave us people to encourage each other and remind each other of what is true. When you stepped across the line today, it was a reminder that you can trust Jesus with the things you carry. It doesn't mean every problem suddenly disappears. But it does mean you never walk through those things by yourself. Jesus is with you when you feel afraid. Jesus is with you when life feels confusing. Jesus is with you when things feel broken or unfair. Jesus is with you on your hardest days. And no matter what happens in life, we already know the end of the story. Sin does not win. Death does not win. The enemy does not win. **[Bottom Line] Jesus wins!** Let's say that together: **[Bottom Line] Jesus wins!**"

5 min

Activity Two

5 min

23 - Built on Jesus | Made to Explore

What You Need

	Bibles	1
	"Built on Jesus" Activity Page	1
	Jumbo craft sticks	Several
	Plastic cups	2
	Masking tape	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Built on Jesus" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
- Place two plastic cups several inches apart on the floor to create a "gap."
- Set craft sticks and tape nearby.

During the Activity:

- Give every kid a Bible and direct them to look up Psalm 46:1.
- 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 set their Bibles aside.
- Gather kids around the building area.
- Show kids the two cups with the gap between them.
- Say: "Today we're going to build something together—but first we need a strong foundation!"
- Hold up one of the stones from the "Built on Jesus" Activity Page.
- Say: "Each stone has part of our Memory Verse written on it. We're going to work together to put the verse pieces in the correct order."
- Invite kids to arrange the Memory Verse together.
- Once the verse is correctly ordered, read the verse aloud as a group.
- Say: "Great job! Now let's use the Memory Verse stones as the foundation for our bridge."
- Help kids place the verse stones underneath the gap between the two cups.
- Say: "Your challenge is to work together to build a bridge across the gap using craft sticks and tape. Your bridge will be built on top of the Memory Verse foundation!"
- Encourage kids to collaborate, test ideas, rebuild, and problem-solve together.
- As kids build, encourage teamwork with prompts like:
 - "What could make the bridge stronger?"
 - "What should we try next?"
 - "How can we help each other?"
 - "Does anyone have a new idea?"
- If the bridge collapses, encourage kids to keep trying.
 - Say: "Sometimes things don't work the first time—and that's okay! Keep building together!"
- Optional challenge rounds:
 - Widen the gap slightly.
 - See if the bridge can hold a small object.
 - Time a challenge round.
 - Silent teamwork round.
- Once the bridge successfully spans the gap, celebrate together.
- Say: "You did it! You built your bridge on a strong foundation!"
- Invite the group to read the Memory Verse aloud together one final time.

What You Say:

"You all worked together to build something really important today! At first, the gap between the cups may have seemed too big. Some ideas worked right away, and some probably fell apart the first time. But you kept trying, helping each other, and finding ways to make the bridge stronger. Did you notice what was underneath your bridge? The Memory Verse foundation stones! A bridge needs something strong underneath it to support it. Our lives need a strong foundation too. Sometimes life feels difficult, confusing, scary, or overwhelming. We all go through moments where we feel weak or unsure what to do next. But Psalm 46:1 reminds us of something true: *'God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble.'* God is our safe place

Monthly Bible Verse Challenge

Prayer

when life feels uncertain. He gives us strength when we feel weak. And no matter what we face, God is always near and ready to help us. And the greatest way God showed His love for us was through Jesus. Jesus came to rescue us and make a way for us to be close to God again. Because Jesus defeated sin and death, we can have hope no matter what happens in life. When life feels shaky, God is still strong. When life feels scary, God is still near. When we need help, God is always present. That's why we can build our lives on Him and trust Him no matter what happens. **[Bottom Line] Jesus wins!"**

What You Do

- Have all the kids recite the memory verse out loud together several times.
- Explain that this practice helps everyone learn and feel more confident.
- Ask the kids to raise their hands if they want to try saying the verse on their own.
- Invite one child at a time to come up to the Memory Verse Challenge Spot.
- When a child recites the verse, let them choose a prize from the prize box!
- Please tell the kids if they're not ready this time, that's okay---you can always try again next month!

Prayer:

"Jesus, thank You for loving us through every part of our story. Thank You for being with us in the good moments, the hard moments, and the confusing moments too. Sometimes life feels difficult, and sometimes we carry worries, fears, hurts, or questions that feel really heavy. But today we are choosing to trust You with every part of our lives. Thank You for being our place of safety and strength. Thank You for never leaving us alone. And thank You for defeating sin and death so we can live with hope. Help us remember that no matter what happens, You are always with us, You are always good, and You always win. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

*As adults arrive to pick up, remind the kids that Jesus is with them through every part of their story—and **[Bottom Line] "Jesus wins!"***

Supplies

23 - Step of Faith | Made to Connect

Quantity

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| 1. | Floor tape | 1 |
| 2. | Index cards | 1 |
| 3. | Coloring supplies | Several |

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| 2. | "Built on Jesus" Activity Page | 1 |
| 3. | Jumbo craft sticks | Several |
| 4. | Plastic cups | 2 |
| 5. | Masking tape | 1 |