

MAY SG G2-3 | W1

May 2026, Week 1

Bible Story: Peter and John Are Taken to the Sanhedrin • Acts 3-4:22

Bottom Line: Keep going because of what God has done.

Memory Verse: *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9 NIV

Today's Suggested Schedule

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)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Pray & Dismiss (5 minutes)

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



Bible Story

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Conversation Starter

What have you seen God do?

Bottom Line

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Monthly Memory Verse

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Greeting & Prayer

What You do:

Pray for your group before they arrive → Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God that His love is for the whole world, and that includes you and every person you will ever meet. Recall an age-appropriate story about a time you were confused about God, and He met you in your questions. Ask God to help the kids in your group understand that “the whole world” means everyone. Pray they would know God loves them, He loves their family, He loves their friends, and He loves the new person at school.

- 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 Say:

“Prayer is how we talk with God, our loving Father. The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing—talking to Him anytime, anywhere. Whatever you do, begin with prayer. When you do, you can trust that God is in control and working in every situation.”

5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

23 – Who Said It?

What You Need

-  Bible 1
-  "Matching Cards" Activity Page 1

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Open your Bible and review the Bible Story with the kids (Acts 3–4:22). Share the following main points:
 - Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter and John healed a man who couldn't walk.
 - When Peter began preaching about Jesus, the religious leaders got angry and arrested Peter and John.
 - The Holy Spirit moved 5,000 people to believe in Jesus!
 - The next day, Peter and John were brought out of prison to a gathering of religious leaders.
 - The religious leaders questioned Peter and John, but the Holy Spirit helped them answer boldly.
 - When the religious leaders commanded Peter and John never to speak in Jesus' name again, Peter and John said they couldn't stop because they had seen the good things God had done!
- Give each kid a set of the character cards from the "Matching Cards" Activity Page.
- Explain that you will read something that happened in today's Bible Story.
- Instruct the kids to listen carefully and hold up the picture of the person or group of people who said it or did it.

Read the following statements one at a time:

"Who saw a man who couldn't walk and healed him in Jesus' name?"
(Peter and John)

"Who was so happy he could walk that he jumped and leaped and praised God?" (the healed man)

"Who were the angry leaders who arrested Peter and John?" (the religious leaders)

"Who boldly told the religious leaders they would never stop talking about Jesus?" (Peter and John)

- Help kids (as needed) choose the right card and celebrate their great listening.

What You Say:

"You all remembered our story so well! Peter and John were disciples of Jesus, and now they were leaders in the new church. One afternoon, they went up to the temple for prayer. Ahead, they saw a man asking for money because he couldn't walk and couldn't work. Peter said, *"I don't have any silver or gold. But I'll give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk"* (Acts 3:6 NIV). Just like

that, the man's feet and ankles became strong. For the first time in his life, he took a step. And then another. The man went right into the temple courtyard with Peter and John, jumping and praising God. Everyone who recognized him was filled with wonder and amazement.

"Peter was quick to step up and share the good news of God's story. The religious leaders tried to stop Peter and John. They arrested them, and then the next day, the religious leaders commanded Peter and John to never again speak or teach in Jesus' name. But Peter and John said, *'Which is right from God's point of view? Should we listen to you? Or should we listen to God? You be the judges! There's nothing else we can do. We have to speak about the things we've seen and heard'* (Acts 4:19-20 NIV). They had seen what God had done, and they couldn't stop talking about it! They knew they had to speak boldly and **[Bottom Line] keep going because of what God has done.**"

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

23 – Boldly Follow the Leader

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Tell the kids you are going to play a game of "Follow the Leader" but with a BOLD twist.
- Explain that whatever you do, they are to copy it in a big, bold, and brave way.
- Lead them around the room with bold actions:
 - "Let's do BOLD marching!" (*Lift your knees up high.*)
 - "Let's make BOLD arm muscles!" (*Flex your arm muscles.*)
 - "Let's take BOLD giant steps!" (*Take the biggest steps you can.*)
 - "Let's give a BOLD clap!" (*Clap loudly together.*)
- Let a few kids take turns being the bold leader.

What You Say:

"Great job being so bold! Peter and John were bold when they talked about Jesus. They weren't scared because they knew God was with them. They didn't give up speaking and acting for Jesus. They knew that they could keep going because of what God had done!

"And God has done so much for us too! We needed rescue from our sin, and we couldn't be close to God anymore. But God loves us so much that He created a rescue plan spanning all of history so we could be close to Him again. For years and years and years, He was faithful to set the exact right time in history for Jesus to come! And through Jesus' life and death, God rescued everyone who follows Jesus. Now, we can be friends with God forever! And then after Jesus went back to heaven, God sent His Holy Spirit, His very Spirit, so He can live inside of His followers! Now He is closer than close, and goes through all of life with us.

"Knowing all that God has done just so we can be His close friends can make US bold too. When we remember how much God loves us, it helps us keep going when things get tough and helps us **[Bottom Line] keep going because of what God has done!**"

5 min

Prayer

5 min

23 – Pray and Dismiss

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for all the amazing things You've done for us. Thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us so we can be friends with You forever. Please be with the people we prayed for today. Help us to be brave and keep telling people about You, just like Peter and John. Help us to always **[Bottom Line] keep going because of what God has done**. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

[As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to be bold and keep going because of what God has done for you!]

Supplies

23 – Who Said It?

Quantity

1.	Bible	1
2.	“Matching Cards” Activity Page	1