

WEEK

TWO

October K-3 | W2

Today's Suggested Schedule—October 2026, Week 2

Bible Story: A Gold Statue and a Blazing Furnace • Daniel 3

Bottom Line: God is with me, so I can stand for what's true.

Monthly 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 Nlrv

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Prelude: Setting the Tone for the Experience

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Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

- Opening Activity

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

- Opener
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Prayer

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Stand for Truth (K–1st grade), Into the Fire (2nd–3rd grade)

Application Activity: Furnace Find (K–1st grade), Stand Strong (2nd–3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Safety, Strength, Help (K–1st grade), Verse Hunt (2nd–3rd grade)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
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Bible Story

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- Psalm 46:1 Nlrv

5 min

Social

5 min

Social Opening Activity | Made to Play

What You Need

 Offering container

1

Providing Time for Fun Interaction

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Gather the kids together in your group area.
- Explain that you are going to play a game called "Statue Stand-Off."
- Choose one child to be the "Guard." Have them stand at one end of the room, facing away from everyone else.
- The rest of the kids will be "Statues" and will line up at the other end of the room.
- Explain the rules:
- When the Guard has their back turned, the Statues can move toward them.
- The Guard can turn around at any time! When they do, all the Statues must freeze perfectly still.
- If the Guard sees any Statue moving, that Statue has to go back to the starting line.
- The first Statue to sneak all the way to the Guard and tap them on the shoulder wins and becomes the new Guard.
- Play for several rounds as time and interest allow.

What You Say:

"That was tricky! It's hard to stand perfectly still, especially when you want to keep moving! In our Bible story today, we're going to hear about three brave friends who had to make a choice to stand strong for God when everyone else was bowing down. Let's go find out what they did!"

5 min

Small Group Activity- Stand for Truth | Made to Move

What You Need

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|--|---|
|  Bible | 1 |
|  Floor tape | 1 |



EveryChild tips

- Adapt the challenges so all kids can participate. (Examples: sing a song, give a whistle, snap your fingers, wiggle your nose)

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Use the floor tape to make a long line down the center of your group space.
- On one side of the line, make an "x" with tape for the "FALSE" side. Make a check mark on the other side with tape for the "TRUE" side.

During the Activity:

- Have the kids stand on the line.
- Explain that you will say something about our Bible story. If what you say is true, they should jump to the TRUE side. If it's not true, they should jump to the FALSE side.
- If they jump to the wrong side, they have to do a silly challenge.
- Read the following statements one at a time:
 - The king made a giant statue out of shiny gold.
 - The answer is TRUE. If you are standing on FALSE, do five jumping jacks.
 - The king told everyone to bow down to the statue when they heard music.
 - The answer is TRUE. If you are standing on FALSE, pat your head and rub your tummy 10 times.
 - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego bowed down with everyone else. (FALSE! This is the most important part—they stood for God!)
 - The answer is FALSE. If you are standing on TRUE, hop on one foot seven times.
 - The king gave them a high five for being so brave. (FALSE! He was angry and threw them in a fiery furnace.)
 - The answer is FALSE. If you are standing on TRUE, spin around six times.
 - The fire hurt the three friends very badly. (FALSE! God protected them!)
 - The answer is FALSE. If you are standing on TRUE, do three star jumps.
 - When the king looked in, he saw a fourth man in the fire with them! (TRUE! An angel was with them!)
 - The answer is TRUE. If you are standing on FALSE, clap behind your back 10 times.

What You Say:

"Great job remembering our story! Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood for what was true, even when it was scary and even when they were the only ones standing. They knew God was with them. God showed up in an amazing way to keep them safe. We can be brave and stand for what is true because we know God is always with us too. ***[Bottom Line]*** God is with me, so I can stand for what's true."

5 min

Small Group Activity- Verse Hunt | Made to Explore

What You Need

	Bibles	1
	"Verse Hunt" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	2
	Scissors	1



EveryChild tips

- Hide cards at accessible heights around the room to ensure all kids can participate.
- Adapt movement challenges or omit so all kids can participate.

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Verse Hunt" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Hide the verse cutouts around the room before kids arrive.
- Stack the challenge card from the Activity Page face down.

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.
- Say: "Today we're going on a Verse Hunt! Pieces of our Memory Verse are hidden all around the room."
- Divide kids into teams of two or three.
- Explain:
 - Each team must complete a movement challenge while searching.
 - Teams may only collect one verse card at a time.
 - Once all the cards are found, teams will work together to place the verse in the correct order.
- Allow each team to draw a challenge card.
- Begin the hunt.
- Encourage excitement and teamwork as kids search.
- As cards are found:
 - Gather kids back together.
 - Spread the cards out on the floor or table.

5 min

Prayer

5 min

Small Group- Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

What You Need

 Hula Hoop®

1

- Work together to arrange the verse in order.
- Read the completed verse aloud together several times.

What You Say:

"You all worked really hard to find every piece of the verse! Some of those challenges probably made the hunt a little harder too. You had to keep moving, searching, listening, and working together the whole time. In today's Bible story, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had to keep focusing on what they knew was true, even when everyone around them was doing something different. It would have been easy to follow the crowd and bow down to the statue. But they remembered who God is. They trusted that God was with them, and that helped them stand strong. That's one reason memorizing God's Word is so important. When we fill our hearts and minds with what is true, it helps us make wise choices later. God's truth reminds us who He is. It reminds us that He is strong, faithful, good, and always with us. Sometimes life feels a little like your verse hunt today. There can be distractions, pressure, noise, and confusion all around us. But God's truth helps guide us through all of it. The more we learn God's Word, the easier it becomes to recognize what is true and follow Him with courage. So when life feels difficult or when you feel pressure to go along with others, remember that **[Bottom Line] God is with me, so I can stand for what's true.**"

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Place the hula hoop on the ground in the center of your group space.
- Invite the kids to sit in a circle around the hula hoop.
- Quietly ask the kids to think about if there is anything they need to be brave for this week. (e.g., trying a new food, sleeping in their own bed, talking to a new friend.)
- Say, "Sometimes it helps to have our friends pray for us when we need to be brave. If you would like our group to pray for you to be brave this week, you can step inside our prayer circle."
- Give kids a moment to quietly step into the hula hoop if they choose.
- Lead the group in a simple prayer, praying for the kids both inside and outside the circle.



EveryChild tips

- *Reassure kids that it's okay if they don't want to step into the circle. God hears our prayers no matter where we are standing.*

Getting Ready | K-3 Small Group

What You Say:

"When you choose to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit moves inside of you. So, God is always with you! You can be strong because He, the strong One, is in you! Ask Him to help you trust that He is with you. God hears our prayers, so let's talk to God together."

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for being with us always. We pray for our friends in the circle who need to be brave this week. Please give them Your strength. And we pray for our friends outside the circle, too. Help all of us remember that You are with us, so we can stand for what is true. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share about the fiery furnace and tell their grown-ups the [Bottom Line] "God is with me, so I can stand for what's true."

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

SOCIAL:

Opening Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Offering container, one per Small Group

GROUPS:

1. Stand for Truth

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Bible, one per Small Group
- Floor tape, one roll per Small Group

What You Do:

- Use the floor tape to make a long line down the center of your group space.
- On one side of the line, make an "x" with tape for the "FALSE" side. Make a check mark on the other side with tape for the "TRUE" side.

2. Verse Hunt**[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]****Made to Explore****What You Need:**

- Bibles, one per kid
- "Verse Hunt" Activity Page, one set per Small Group
- Cardstock, two pieces per Small Group
- Scissors, one pair per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Verse Hunt" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Hide the verse cutouts around the room before kids arrive.
- Stack the challenge card from the Activity Page face down.

3. Pray and Dismiss**[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]****Made to Reflect****What You Need:**

- Hula Hoop®, one per Small Group

Supplies

Social Opening Activity | Made to Play

1.	Offering container	1
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Small Group Activity- Stand for Truth | Made to Move

1.	Bible	1
2.	Floor tape	1

Small Group Activity- Verse Hunt | Made to Explore

1.	Bibles	1
2.	"Verse Hunt" Activity Page	1
3.	Cardstock	2
4.	Scissors	1

Small Group- Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

1.	Hula Hoop®	1
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God is our

place of safety.

He gives us strength.

He is always there

to help us

in times of trouble.

Psalms 46:1

**Walk backwards
together.**

March like soldiers.

Sing while searching.

Move in slow motion.

Tiptoe quietly.

**Link arms while
searching.**

**Pretend the
floor is lava.**

WEEK

THREE

October K-3 | W3

Today's Suggested Schedule— October 2026, Week 3

Bible Story: Jesus Calms the Storm • Mark 4:35-41

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Application Activity: Wind, Waves, Boat (K-1st grade), Build the Boat (2nd-3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Courage Moves (K-1st grade), Hidden in the Storm (2nd-3rd grade)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
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Bible Story

Jesus Calms the Storm • Mark 4:35-41

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5 min

Social

5 min

Social Opening Activity | Made to Imagine

What You Need

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|  Offering container | 1 |
|  Parachute or a large bedsheet | 1 |



EveryChild tips

- Have all kids sit in chairs to be more accessible for every child.*

Providing Time for Fun Interaction

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Spread the parachute or sheet on the floor and have the kids sit in a circle, holding the edge.
- Say, "Let's act out our story! Jesus and His friends got in a boat to cross the lake." Instruct the kids to make small, gentle waves by moving the parachute up and down slowly.
- Say, "Jesus was so tired, He fell asleep in the boat. But then, a big storm started! The wind blew, and the waves got bigger and bigger! Let's make a storm!"
- Encourage the kids to shake the parachute faster and make big waves.
- Say, "The disciples were so scared! They woke Jesus up and shouted, 'Don't you care if we drown?' But Jesus wasn't scared. He stood up and spoke to the storm."
- In a calm voice, say, "Jesus said, 'Quiet! Be still!' What happened next? Everything became perfectly calm."
- Lead the kids to make the parachute completely flat and still. Hold the silence for a moment.

What You Say:

"Wow, that was a wild storm! Everyone was moving everywhere! It's fun to play a game about a storm, but a real storm can be a little scary. In our Bible Story today, Jesus' friends were in a real boat on real water with a real storm, and they were very afraid. Let's go find out what happened!"

5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

Small Group Activity- Move the Boat | Made to Play

What You Need

	Bible	1
	"Move the Boat Template" Activity Page	1
	Paper	1
	Straws	1
	Coloring supplies	Several
	Floor tape	1



EveryChild tips

- Have a few boats pre-folded for kids who may find the folding process frustrating.
- If a child has difficulty blowing through a straw, they can push their boat along the path with their finger or a craft stick.

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Move the Boat Template" on paper, one per Small Group.
- Create two parallel tape lines on the floor about five feet apart.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a piece of paper.
- Using the instruction page as a guide, lead the kids step-by-step to fold their own paper boat. Be ready to help as needed.
- Once the boats are folded, give the kids a few minutes to decorate them with coloring supplies.
- Have them place their boat on a table or smooth spot on the floor.
- Give each child a straw and challenge them to blow their boat from a "start" line to a "finish" line.

What You Say:

"Your boats look amazing! Sometimes, our lives can feel like these little boats in a big storm. Things can feel scary or out of control. But our story today reminds us of something very important. Who is in control of the wind and the waves? (God/Jesus!) That's right! God created everything, and He is more powerful than anything else, ever. Everything answers to Him. That means that God is bigger and more powerful than any storm or difficult thing you will ever face. We can be brave because we know that no matter what happens, **[Bottom Line] God is in control, so I can trust Him.**"

5 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

Small Group- Courage Moves | Made to Play

What You Need

	Bibles marked at Psalm 46:1	1
	"Courage Moves One" Activity Page	1
	"Courage Moves Two" Activity Page	1
	Colored cardstock in two colors	Several
	Scissors	1



EveryChild tips

- Based on the abilities of your group, discard any cards that would prevent a kid from participating.

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Courage Moves One" on one color cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Print "Courage Moves Two" on another color cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a Bible marked at Psalm 46:1.
- Demonstrate how to look up the Memory Verse using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

Finding verses with kindergartners: Guide children to open their Bibles to the marked page. Point to the book name at the top of the page as you say it aloud. Then, guide children to find the big number on the page—this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big number for the little number; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it aloud. Then, lead everyone to say the verse together.

Finding verses with 1st 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. You can help by pointing out the first few letters of the book's name. When the kids 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 right 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.
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Gather the kids in a circle and place the two sets of cards face down on the floor.

- Explain that you will take turns drawing one card from each stack. Read the cards aloud and put the actions together. Whatever silly challenge the cards describe, the WHOLE group will do together as they say the Memory Verse.
- Let the first child draw two cards. Read the cards aloud (e.g., "Stomp your feet and nod your head.").
- Lead the group in doing the action for a few seconds.
- Then, lead the group in saying the verse while doing the actions: *"God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble."*
- Let the next child draw two cards and repeat the process. Continue until several challenges have been completed.

What You Say:

"Great job with those challenges! Our Memory Verse is a super reminder for when we feel like we are in a storm. It tells us that God is our safe place, He gives us strength, and He is always there to help. That's why we can trust Him! God is in control, and because He is good, we can trust Him with anything we face. **[Bottom Line] God is in control, so I can trust Him.**"

5 min

Small Group- Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

What You Need

	"Anchored to Jesus" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	Several
	Coloring supplies	Several
	Scissors	1
	Optional: Stickers or decorating supplies	Several



EveryChild tips

- Provide adaptive coloring supplies or grips.

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Anchored to Jesus" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per kid.
- Set out coloring supplies.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a bookmark.
- Invite kids to decorate their bookmarks however they would like.
- Say: "As you work on your bookmark, remember that an anchor helps keep a boat steady in the middle of rough water. Today we learned that Jesus helps keep our hearts steady when life feels stormy. Sometimes things happen that make us feel worried, afraid, overwhelmed, or out of control. As you color, quietly think about any 'storms' you might be facing right now and ways you need help trusting God. Remember, Jesus is with you through every storm, and you can trust Him no matter what happens."
- Once bookmarks are mostly finished, invite kids to hold them in their hands.
- Say: "We're going to take a moment to talk to God. As you hold your anchor bookmark, let it remind you that Jesus is always with you and He is always in control."

What You Say:

"When the disciples were in the storm, they forgot something important: Jesus was still with them the entire time. Even when the waves crashed and everything felt out of control, Jesus had never left the boat. Sometimes we forget that too. When life feels scary, stressful, confusing, or overwhelming, it can be easy to focus only on the 'storm' around us. But Jesus is still with us in those moments just like He was with the disciples. That's why your bookmark is shaped like an anchor. An anchor keeps a boat from drifting away during rough water. In the same way, trusting Jesus helps keep our hearts steady when life feels difficult. This week, when you see your bookmark, let it remind you that Jesus is powerful, Jesus cares about you, and Jesus is always with you. No matter what kind of storm you face, you can trust Him. And when life feels out of control, remember **[Bottom Line] God is in control, so I can trust Him.**"

Prayer:

Getting Ready | K-3 Small Group

"Jesus, thank You that You are powerful and good. Thank You that You care about us, even when we feel afraid. Sometimes life feels stormy, and we don't know what to do. Help us remember that You are always with us. Help us trust You when things feel hard or out of control. Thank You for being our place of safety and strength. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

*As adults arrive to pick up, remind the kids that **[Bottom Line]** God is in control, so I can trust Him.*

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

SOCIAL:

Opening Activity

Made to Imagine

What You Need:

- Offering container, one per Small Group
- Parachute or a large bedsheet, one per Small Group

GROUPS:

Choose as many of these activities as you like.

1. Move the Boat

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Bible, one per Small Group
- "Move the Boat Template" Activity Page, one per Small Group
- Paper, one piece per kid
- Paper, one piece per Small Group
- Straws, one per kid
- Coloring supplies, several per kid
- Floor tape, one roll per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Move the Boat Template" on paper, one per Small Group.
- Create two parallel tape lines on the floor about five feet apart.

2. Courage Moves**[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]****Made to Play****What You Need:**

- Bibles marked at Psalm 46:1, one per kid
- "Courage Moves One" Activity Page, one set per Small Group
- "Courage Moves Two" Activity Page, one set per Small Group
- Colored cardstock in two colors, one piece of each color per Small Group
- Scissors, one pair per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Courage Moves One" on one color cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Print "Courage Moves Two" on another color cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.

3. Pray and Dismiss**[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]****Made to Reflect****What You Need:**

- "Anchored to Jesus" Activity Page, one per kid
- Cardstock, one piece for every three kids
- Coloring supplies, several per kid
- *Optional: Stickers or decorating supplies*

What You Do:

- Print "Anchored to Jesus" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per kid.
- Set out coloring supplies.

Supplies

Social Opening Activity | Made to Imagine

	Quantity
1. Offering container	1
2. Parachute or a large bedsheet	1

Small Group Activity- Move the Boat | Made to Play

	Quantity
1. Bible	1
2. "Move the Boat Template" Activity Page	1
3. Paper	1
4. Straws	1
5. Coloring supplies	Several
6. Floor tape	1

Small Group- Courage Moves | Made to Play

	Quantity
1. Bibles marked at Psalm 46:1	1
2. "Courage Moves One" Activity Page	1
3. "Courage Moves Two" Activity Page	1
4. Colored cardstock in two colors	Several
5. Scissors	1

Small Group- Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

	Quantity
1. "Anchored to Jesus" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	Several
3. Coloring supplies	Several
4. Scissors	1
5. Optional: Stickers or decorating supplies	Several

**God is in control,
so I can trust Him.**

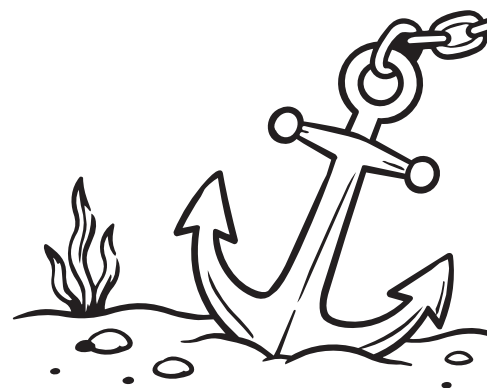
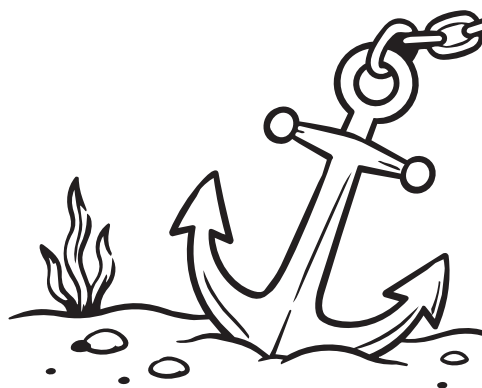
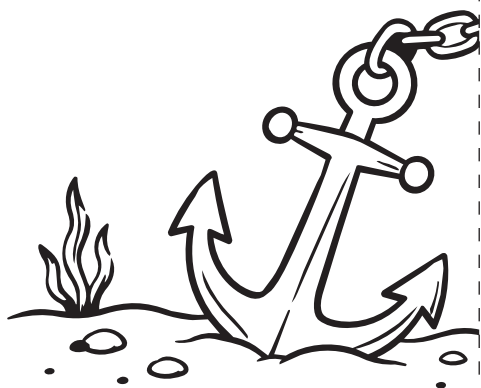
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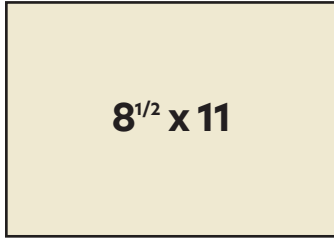
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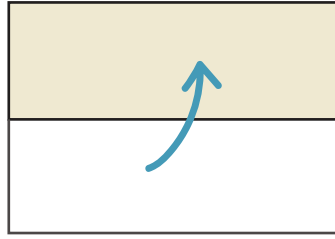
What to Do:
Print on cardstock and cut.
One per child.

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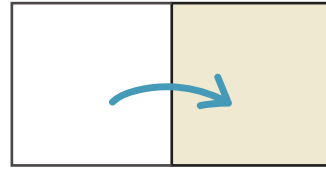
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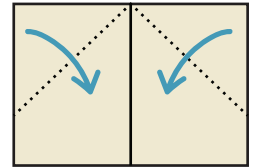
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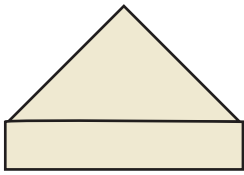
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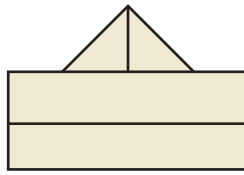
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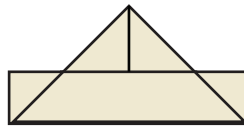
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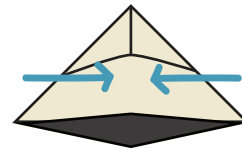
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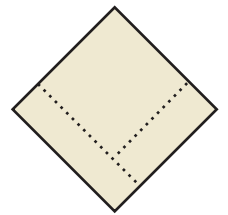
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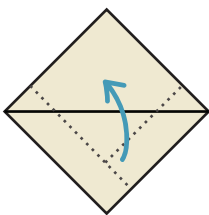
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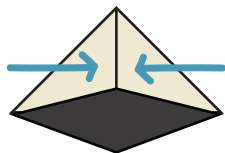
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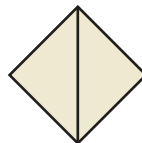
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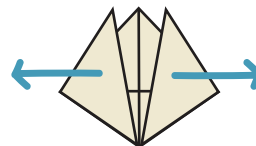
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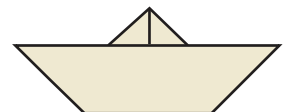
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What to Do:
Print on paper.
One for every two kids.

"Move the Boat Template" Activity Page
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Cover one eye.

Lean to the right.

Touch your knee.

Stomp your feet.

Lean to the left.

Pat your head.

What to Do:

Print on colored cardstock and cut.
One set per Small Group.

"Courage Moves One" Activity Page

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Stand on one foot.

Clap your hands.

Pat your head.

Nod your head.

Close one eye.

Rub your stomach.

WEEK

FOUR

October K-3 | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule— October 2026, Week 4

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

Bottom Line: Jesus wins.

Monthly 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 Nlrv

Note: Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

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.
- In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

- Opening Activity

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

- Opener
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Prayer

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Draw the Good News (K-1st grade), So Close! (2nd-3rd grade)

Application Activity: Jesus Wins (K-1st grade), Step of Faith (2nd-3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Stand and Say (K-1st grade), Built on Jesus (2nd-3rd grade)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue App



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 Nlrv

5 min

Social Opening Activity | Made to Move

What You Need

	Offering container	1
	Floor tape	1
	Plastic cups	Several
	Foam balls	Several
	Buckets	1



EveryChild tips

- Help kids to choose roles that feel comfortable for them.

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Mark a line on the floor with tape to create a "castle zone" for each team.
- Place 15 cups in each team's zone.
- Fill each bucket with foam balls.
- Place a bucket of foam balls in each team's zone.

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Once most kids arrive, divide the group into two teams.
- Say: "Today we're playing a game called Castle Crash! Each team will work together to build a castle and protect it while also trying to knock down the other team's castle!"
- Explain the rules:
 - Teams must use their cups to build a castle in their area.
 - Foam balls must be rolled – not thrown.
 - Some players may choose to be "defenders" by blocking or stopping foam balls before they hit the castle.
 - Defenders may only use their hands to block rolled balls.
 - If part of a castle falls, teams may rebuild it during the round.
 - No touching another team's castle or entering another team's zone.
- Say: "At the end of each round, the team with the most of their castle still standing wins the round!"
- Start the game and allow kids to play for one to two minutes per round.
- At the end of each round:
 - Count how many cups are still standing for each team.
 - Celebrate the winning team.
 - Quickly rebuild castles before beginning the next round.
- Play several rounds using optional challenge variations:
 - Defenders can only use one hand.
 - No defenders round.
 - Everyone switches roles.

What You Say:

"That was AWESOME! Some of you worked hard building your castle, while others rolled foam balls as fast as possible trying to crash the other teams' towers. And I saw some amazing defenders protecting their castles too! Every team had to work together, think quickly, and keep rebuilding when things fell apart. You know, life can sometimes feel a little like this game. Sometimes things don't go the way we planned. Sometimes we face hard situations, disappointments, fear, or struggles that can make life feel messy or overwhelming. But just like you kept jumping back into the game, we don't have to lose hope when life feels

difficult. Today we're going to hear about something even bigger than castles and battles. We're going to hear the story of the greatest rescue story ever—the story of how Jesus defeated sin, death, and darkness forever. Sometimes life can feel messy or difficult. Things don't always go the way we want. But no matter what happens, we can remember something true: **[Bottom Line]** Jesus wins!"

5 min

Small Group Activity- Draw the Good News | Made to Play

What You Need

	Bible	1
	"Draw the Good News" Activity Page	1
	"Draw the Good News Blank" Activity Page	2
	Cardstock	3
	Coloring supplies	Several
	Wall tape	1
	Chair	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Draw the Good News" on cardstock, one per Small Group.
- Print "Draw the Good News Blanks" on cardstock, two per Small Group.
- Tape the two blanks to the wall at kid's height.
- Place a chair facing the wall, about five feet or more feet away.
- Tape "Draw the Good News" Activity Page to the back of the chair.

During the Activity:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Position teams on either side of the chair and give each kid a crayon or marker.
- Explain that the first two kids will look at the grid on the chair and focus on one picture, what it is, and where it is on the grid. When you say "Go!" Those kids will run to the paper on the wall and draw that picture, then run back to the next kid in line. Continue until the grid is complete. Compare the two teams' papers.

What You Say:

"Great job, that was a fun challenge! All of these pictures help us remember the most amazing rescue story. It had a sad part in the middle, but what happened at the end? Did the bad stuff win? No! **[Bottom Line] Jesus wins!** Remember that Jesus always wins! The difficult things that you face will not last forever. Remember that Jesus is with you right now, through the Holy Spirit. He will be with you through whatever you are facing. Nothing can separate you from the great love of Jesus."

5 min

Small Group Discussion- Step of Faith | Made to Connect

What You Need

 Floor tape	1
 Index cards	1
 Coloring supplies	Several

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

Small Group Prayer- Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

What You Need

	"My Story" Activity Page	1
	"Jesus Wins!" Activity Page	3
	Avery® Labels #22807 or equivalent	3
	Coloring supplies	Several



EveryChild tips

- Allow kids to complete only one or two sections of the page if the full activity feels overwhelming.

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "My Story" on cardstock, one per kid.
- Print "Jesus Wins!" on Avery® Labels #22807 or equivalent, three stickers per kid
- Set out coloring supplies.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a "My Story" Activity Page and coloring supplies.
- Point to the emoji sections on the page.
- Say: "Each emoji represents a different part of our story and the different things we experience in life."
- Briefly explain each section:
 - Happy face = good things in life
 - Worried/confused face = things that feel stressful, uncertain, or hard to understand
 - Sad face = difficult things or hurts
 - Excited/hopeful face = things kids are excited or hopeful about
- Say: "You can write words or draw pictures next to each emoji to show parts of your story. You do not have to share your page with anyone unless you want to."
- Allow kids time to reflect, write, and draw.
- Once most kids finish, gather the group together.
- Hold up a **[Bottom Line] "Jesus Wins!"** sticker.
- Say: "No matter what our story looks like right now, we can remember something true: Jesus wins."
- Invite leaders to model vulnerability first by briefly sharing a kid-appropriate example from their own life before placing a sticker on their page.
- Examples:
 - "Sometimes I feel nervous about the future, but I know Jesus is always with me."
 - "Sometimes I carry worries that feel really heavy, but I can give those worries to Jesus."
- After the leaders model, invite any kids who feel comfortable to briefly share one thing they wrote or drew.
- After sharing, encourage kids to place their **[Bottom Line] "Jesus wins"** sticker over the badge area on the page.

What You Say:

"All of us have different stories. Some parts of our lives feel really good right now. Some parts feel exciting, fun, or full of hope. But there may also be parts that feel confusing, stressful, scary, or painful. Sometimes we try to hide the hard parts of our story because we think we are supposed to handle everything on our own. But God never asked us to pretend everything is okay. God wants us to bring every part of our lives to Him. Jesus is with us on our best days. Jesus is with us on our hardest days. Jesus is with us when we feel strong. Jesus is with us when we feel afraid or overwhelmed. And because Jesus defeated sin and death,

we already know something amazing: the story ends with victory. That does not mean life is always easy right now. But it does mean that Jesus gets the final word in all of our stories! When you placed your sticker on your page today, let it remind you that Jesus is bigger than every part of your story. He is your place of safety, your strength, and your ever-present help in times of trouble. No matter what happens, **[Bottom Line] Jesus wins.**"

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!"***

Getting Ready | Small Group

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

SOCIAL:

Opening Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Offering container, one per Small Group
- Floor tape, one roll per Small Group
- Plastic cups, 30 per Small Group
- Foam balls, one per kid
- Buckets, two per Small Group

What You Do:

- Mark a line on the floor with tape to create a "castle zone" for each team.
- Place fifteen cups in each team's zone.
- Fill each bucket with foam balls.
- Place a bucket of foam balls in each team's zone.

GROUPS:

Choose as many of these activities as you like.

1. Draw the Good News

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Bible, one per Small Group
- "Draw the Good News" Activity Page
- "Draw the Good News Blank" Activity Page, two per Small Group
- Cardstock, three pieces per Small Group
- Coloring supplies, one per kid
- Wall tape, one roll per kid
- Chair, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Draw the Good News" on cardstock, one per Small Group.
- Print "Draw the Good News Blanks" on cardstock, two per Small Group.
- Tape the two blanks to the wall at the kid's height.
- Place a chair facing the wall, about five feet or more away.

Tape "Draw the Good News" Activity Page to the back of the chair.

2. Step of Faith

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Connect

What You Need:

- Floor tape, one roll per Small Group
- Index cards, one per kid
- Coloring supplies, several per kid

What You Do:

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

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- "My Story" Activity Page, one per kid
- Cardstock, one piece per kid
- "Jesus Wins!" Activity Page, three stickers per kid
- Avery® Labels #22807 or equivalent, three stickers per kid
- Coloring supplies, several per kid

What You Do:

- Print "My Story" on cardstock, one per kid.
- Print "Jesus Wins!" on Avery® Labels #22807 or equivalent, three stickers per kid.
- Set out coloring supplies.

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource: **Parent Cue App**.

Supplies:

- Offering container
- Floor tape
- Plastic cups
- Foam balls
- Buckets
- Floor tape
- Small object (toy crown, trophy, gold coin, treasure chest, etc.)
- Pool noodle
- ruler
- yardstick, or another long object that can help "bridge the gap"
- Floor tape
- Index cards
- Coloring supplies (several per kid)

- Bibles
- "Built on Jesus" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Jumbo craft sticks (several per Small Group)
- Plastic cups (several per Small Group)
- Masking tape
- "My Story" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- "Jesus Wins!" Activity Page
- Avery® Labels #22807 or equivalent
- Coloring supplies (several per kid)

Supplies

Social Opening Activity | Made to Move

	Quantity
1. Offering container	1
2. Floor tape	1
3. Plastic cups	Several
4. Foam balls	Several
5. Buckets	1

Small Group Activity- Draw the Good News | Made to Play

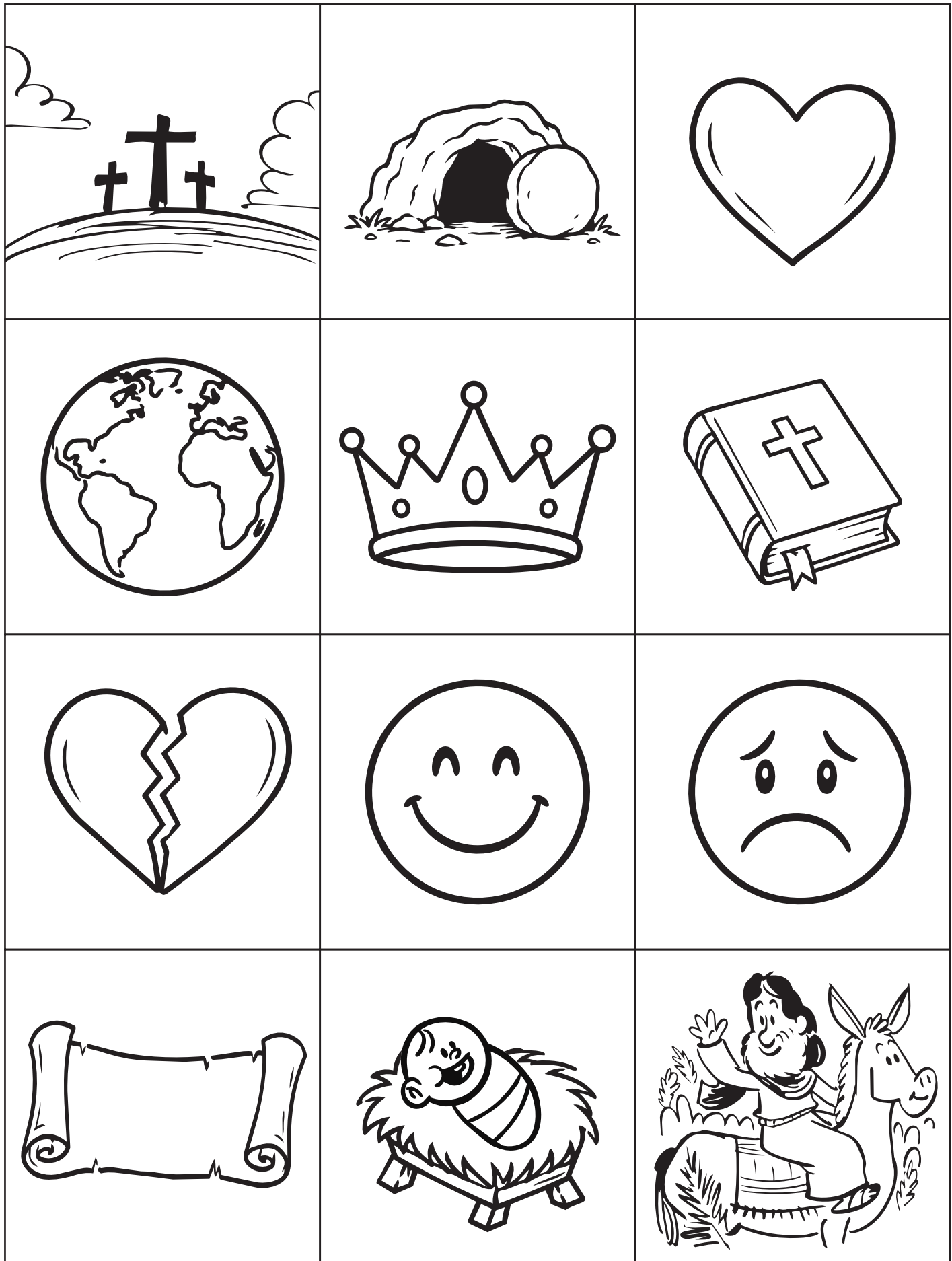
	Quantity
1. Bible	1
2. "Draw the Good News" Activity Page	1
3. "Draw the Good News Blank" Activity Page	2
4. Cardstock	3
5. Coloring supplies	Several
6. Wall tape	1
7. Chair	1

Small Group Discussion- Step of Faith | Made to Connect

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

Small Group Prayer- Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

	Quantity
1. "My Story" Activity Page	1
2. "Jesus Wins!" Activity Page	3
3. Avery® Labels #22807 or equivalent	3
4. Coloring supplies	Several



What to Do:
 Print on cardstock.
 One per Small Group.

What to Do:
Print on cardstock.
Two per Small Group.

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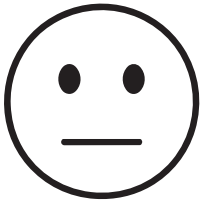


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Happy



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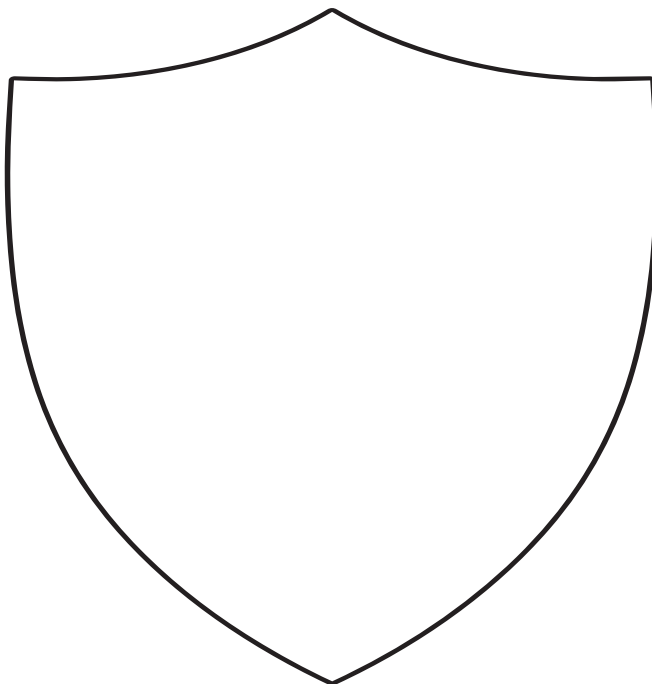


Sad



Excited

My Story



What to Do:
Print on cardstock.
One per kid.

"My Story" Activity Page
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