# TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

## I'll Be There for You

Jesus and Peter John 21:1-19 (supporting: John 18:1-27)

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Friends forgive one another.

### **MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE**

A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes. Proverbs 17:17, NIrV

## MONTHLY LIFE APP

Friendship—Using your words and actions to show others you care

## **BASIC TRUTH**

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.

# 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.

# **SMALL GROUP**



**SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction** Early Arriver

## **LARGE GROUP**



STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

# **SMALL GROUP**

**25** 

## **GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect**

Application Activity: Talk It Out! Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

# **HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience**

Parent Cue Card (print or email) GodTime devotional for kids Studio252.tv Parent Cue App **PRELUDE** 

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

**GROUPS** 

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

# MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray that kids would see the need for and value of forgiveness, and how God can use it to heal a friendship. Ask God to bring to mind anything that needs to be forgiven or anything kids need to ask forgiveness for. Pray for wisdom and discernment as you navigate the conversation around those relationships.

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## 1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Nothing

### WHAT YOU DO:

- · Get to know you questions:
  - o What's your name?
  - o What's your favorite food?
  - o What's your favorite place to go with your family?
  - What is something you are looking forward to the rest of the year? Vacation? School? Holidays?
  - o Who is a good friend of your's?
  - o What is one thing you love about your friends?

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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT 25 MINUTES

## MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

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# \*2. TALK IT OUT! [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Conflict Situations" Activity Page, "Emojis" Activity Pages

## WHAT YOU DO:

- Hold up the emoji pages one by one.
- Ask kids about the emotion that each page represents and tell them that it might be something they or their friends experience when they're hurt.
- Then, let kids help you place each of the emojis at different spots throughout your group's space.
- Read a situation from the "Conflict Situations" page and ask kids, "How would you feel in that situation?"
- Let the kids respond by quickly walking to the emoji that best fits how they think they would feel in that particular situation.
- Before moving on to the next situation, lead the kids in a quick discussion (just a sentence or two) about potential solutions to the conflict.

## WHAT YOU SAY:

"Thank you for being open and honest about how you would feel if someone hurt you in each of these different situations. When someone hurts you, it's normal to experience lots of emotions like those on these emojis. It's difficult to get over hurt. We want to stay mad and hold onto that anger. But the truth is, when you choose NOT to forgive, you continue to hurt yourself. It might also cause you to lose a good friend. Just like Peter and Jesus talked it out, it's important to learn how to talk it out with your friends so you can fix your relationship. It's also important to learn to be wise in certain situations. If a friend repeatedly hurts you, it's okay to forgive them then walk away to protect yourself from being constantly hurt. **Friends forgive one another.**"

SMALL GROUP

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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

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# 3. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids in a circle on the floor.
- Guide kids to sit quietly and ask God to bring to mind might not have forgiven for something—anything they might be

anyone they might not have forgiven for something—anything they might be holding onto or might repeatedly get mad about.

- If they think of someone they need to forgive, have them pray silently and ask God to help them forgive that person.
- Then, guide the kids to ask God to help them see if they need to ask anyone to forgive them.
- Give them a moment to pray silently on their own, asking God to give them the courage to go to that person and ask forgiveness.
- Close with prayer.

## WHAT YOU SAY:

"Heavenly Father, Thank You for hearing our prayers and showing us who we need to forgive and who we need to ask forgiveness from. Please, help us extend the same kind of forgiveness that You offer to our friends because **friends forgive one another.** Help us also have the courage to ask for forgiveness. Amen."