



WEEK
THREE
SEPTEMBER 2020

SMALL GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Friend Like Me

Elijah and Elisha
1 Kings 19:14-21;
2 Kings 2:1-15

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Friends encourage one another.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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

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

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

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

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: You Are . . .
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



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



1. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Egg cartons, floor tape, and marbles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each child a marble

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- Place egg carton in the middle of the group
- One at a time, kids will use the **marble**, stand on the tapeline and drop their **marble** without bending over. (They must drop the **marble** from waist height.)
- If they miss the carton, they pick up the **marble**, and return to their seat.
- The goal is to get marbles in all the cups of the egg carton in the least amount of turns.
- Keep going around the circle until each child has taken a turn or the carton has been filled.
- **If you have less than 12 kids, have them take more turns with extra marbles.
- Have kids cheer on the others in their group!!
- If you finish quickly, play again and attempt to fill all the cups in less turns.
- ***If you play more than one round, please clean all the marbles between the rounds.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You did an awesome job! But do you know what really helped? When you chose to encourage each other. **[Transition]** Today in our Bible story, we'll hear about two guys with VERY similar names who encouraged each other too. Let's go."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



*2. YOU ARE . . . [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Encouragement Cards", crayons or markers, and zip top bags

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass out an "Encouragement Cards" pack to each kid.
- Read the front of the cards to the kids and point out the blank.
- Explain that kids will take these cards home, write one thing they love about a friend/family member on the blank line, and give the card to that friend/family member as a way to encourage them.
- Instruct the kids to decorate the blank side of all four cards
- When finished, give the kids a zip top bag and place their cards inside.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Raise your hand if you like to receive notes from a friend. (Pause.) Me, too! This week, we're learning that **friends encourage one another**. One way we can encourage our friends is to give them a sweet note. On your cards, it says, 'You are . . . blank.' I want you to think of a friend you could give one of these cards to and fill in the blank as a way to encourage that friend.

"You might say, 'You are good at math,' or 'You are patient with your sister.' What are some other things you could write to a friend on these cards? (Pause as kids share answers.)

"So that's your challenge this week! Since **friends encourage one another**, let's do just that by giving out notes of encouragement to our friends! Do you think you can hand out all eight cards?"

[Make it Personal] (Share a time when you were sad and a friend encouraged you and helped you feel better. Maybe they wrote a note, prepared a meal when you were sick, gave you a thoughtful gift, or told a silly joke to cheer you up.)



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



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

WHAT YOU NEED: "Encouragement Cards" from the "You Are . . ." activity

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Let the kids hold their bag of encouragement cards as you pray for them.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, You are awesome! Help us remember this week that **friends encourage one another**. We want to be the kind of friends who love at all times, especially when our friends are sad or need encouragement. Help us remember to use our words and actions to show our friends how important they are to us as we give out these cards this week. Thanks for loving us, God. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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Friends encourage one another.

As adults arrive to pick up, ask the kids to show off their bags of encouragement cards and explain how they will fill them out and give them away this week because **friends encourage one another**.

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