



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**I'll Be There for You**  
Jesus Forgives Peter  
John 21:1-19

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How do you react when  
a friend hurts you?

### 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, 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**  
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: Take a Snapshot  
Discussion Questions

### 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 MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



### 1. OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Limbo stick or limbo rope, music (try Orange Kids Music on Spotify or Apple Music)

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- **Play** limbo!
- **Pick** two people to hold the stick/rope (one of them can be you!) and ask everyone else to get in line.
  - When the music starts, they attempt to pass under the bar.
  - After everyone in the line has had a turn, the bar is lowered an inch or two and the process repeats.
  - When passing under the bar, players must bend backwards. No part of their bodies may touch the bar, and no part other than their feet may touch the ground.
  - The last person left is the winner!
- **Play** a few more rounds, as time allows.
- **Ask:**
  - When does limbo get hard? (*when the bar gets low*)
  - When that happens, does the game get more exciting? (*yes!*) Why?

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Speaking of hard, we've been talking all month about friendship and sometimes friendship gets hard too, don't you think? **[Transition] Today in large group, we're going to hear about a friendship that got really tough—and then the thing that helped it grow stronger! Let's go check it out.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

### MADE TO PLAY

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



## 2. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY] WHAT

YOU NEED: nothing

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Talk** about apologizing. How does it lead to forgiveness?

Why is apologizing hard?

- **Introduce** the four easy steps for an apology. Keep these steps nearby so kids can see it and refer back to it if necessary.
  - 1) I'm sorry for . . .
  - 2) It was wrong because . . .
  - 3) Next time I will . . .
  - 4) Will you forgive me?
- **Give** each kid a number, one through four, and then tell them to get in a group with their number. (All the ones together, all the twos together, all the threes together, and all the fours together.)
- **Explain** that their group number corresponds with a step for apologizing.
  - As a group, they need to come up with a simple hand signal for their step.
  - For instance, the ones might make a sad face and put their hand over their heart.
  - The twos might give a double thumbs down, the threes might point to their watch, and the fours might put their hands out and shrug their shoulders like they're asking a question.
  - Each group can pick their own sign, but it needs to be quick a simple.
- **Give** kids a couple minutes to confer with each other and figure out their hand signal.
- **Take** turns teaching the signs to the rest of the groups.
- **\*\*\*For extra fun, play a game similar to "Gorilla, Man, Gun"**
  - One person (the leader) stands in front of the group and counts to three... on three, everyone choose a "sign" from the activity on forgiveness, and if their sign matches the leader's then they are out.

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WEEK  
**FOUR**  
SEPTEMBER 2020

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**MADE TO CONNECT**

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



**3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**  
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- Have you ever had to forgive a friend? What happened?  
(Make sure kids know not to mention any names or identifying details!)
- Have you ever had to ask for forgiveness from a friend? How did it feel?
- How can you show forgiveness to a friend beyond just accepting their apology?
- What do you do when you forgive a friend but they keep hurting you in the same way? *(You can forgive, while also remembering week one: choose your friends carefully. If someone keeps showing you that they're not a good friend, or are bad for you, you can choose wisely about the time you spend with them and ask an adult you trust for advice and help. BUT we should always offer forgiveness.)*

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