



WEEK
ONE
MARCH 2022

LARGE GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Come Together

Building the Tabernacle
Exodus 25:8-9; 28:1, 3; 31:1-11;
35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43
(Exodus 19, 25)

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God wants us to work together.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Two people are better than one.
They can help each other in
everything they do.
Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

HOST SUPPLIES

- Hula hoop(s); one per circle of kids and leaders (see "What You Do")
- Hand sanitizer

STORY SUPPLIES

- Host
- Another adult to help put the tent together, if needed
- Worship Leaders to pass out items for the tent (see "What You Do")
- Fake beard and Biblical robe for the Host
- A-frame ladder for the Host to stand on
- Small camping or play tent with removable poles that's easy to set up, like this one: <https://amzn.to/3kwNhoC> (Note: you'll also be able to use this tent for April week 1)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- HAPPY MARCH

- COOPERATION Challenge

- All month long, it would be amazing to see our groups or kids and leaders work together
- COOPERATION: Working together to do more than you can do alone
- Challenge kids to look for ways to do this at home, in school, in their neighborhood, etc.

- 3rd graders - Preteen Camp

- Sign up SOON... you'll get a flier when you leave today

MONTHLY WORSHIP LINEUP:

Week 1 - This Is Living & Way Maker

Week 2 - There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do & Never Lost

Week 3 - The Best Is Yet To Come & Graves Into Gardens

Week 4 - Might Get Loud & The Blessing

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10 MINUTES

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MONTHLY LIFE APP

Cooperation—Working together
to do more than you can do alone

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO: This Is Living

AUDIO: Way Maker

Host enters, nodding to the music.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everybody! I just love that song. Don't you? It makes me want to jam and play an instrument. It must be so fun to be part of a jam session because EVERYONE has a part to play.

"This month at Mission Kids we're talking about cooperation!

SLIDE: LIFE APP

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP

"Cooperation is working together to do more than you can do alone.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME



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“Have you ever tried to do something by yourself but it was too hard? Then someone else helped you, and suddenly it was easy? That’s what happens when we cooperate. In fact, God MADE us to cooperate and work together. We can do so much more together than we can do alone!

“As we read in our memory verse, Ecclesiastes 4:9.

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

“Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. (Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV)

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

“We’ve got a super-fun game to play that will take some cooperation from ALL of us. First, everyone stand up and make a giant circle all the way around the room.

Note: If you have fewer than 30 people in the room, you can play the game with one big circle. Otherwise, form two or three large circles that will play the same game at the same time. That way it won’t take too long.

Hold up the hula hoop and step in so you’re part of the circle.

“In a minute, we’ll hold hands and see if we can get a hula hoop all the way around the circle without letting go of each other. Do you think we can do it?

“Before we get started, we need some great tunes. This is a jam session after all! I’ve got three different songs you can choose from. We’ll play a short clip of each one, then you can vote by cheering for your favorite!

AUDIO: SONG CLIP #1 (CUED TO THE CHORUS)

AUDIO: SONG CLIP #2 (CUED TO THE CHORUS)

AUDIO: SONG CLIP #3 (CUED TO THE CHORUS)

Play clips of three different songs, then have the kids vote by applause to choose the song that will play during the game. Save the one you think the kids will pick for the last choice (like they always do at sports stadiums!).

“Okay, you can go ahead and hold hands with the person next to you.

Put the hula hoop over your arm before you hold hands with the people on your left and right.

If you’re using multiple circles, give a hula hoop to an adult leader in each circle so they can get things started.



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“Let’s see if we can get the hoop all the way around the circle and back to the person who started. And we’ll jam out to our favorite song while we play. Ready, set, go!

AUDIO: SONG #1, #2, OR #3 (THE ONE THE KIDS VOTED FOR)

Cheer for and encourage the kids as you play. Keep going until the hoop makes it all the way around the circle. If you’re using multiple circles, let everyone finish so all kids have a chance to play.

“That was amazing! Great cooperation, everyone! And that was a great song choice, too.

Collect the hula hoop(s). Provide hand sanitizer for the kids and leaders.

“You can go back to seats



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters.

Worship Leaders hand out pieces of the tent to each Small Group Leader, then exit. They should do this while the Storyteller is talking, without drawing attention to themselves. They can quickly tell the leaders, "It's for the story," as they pass out the different items.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everyone! I've got a super-cool story about cooperation that comes from one of the very first books of the Bible—the book of Exodus. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"This story took place after God's people, the Israelites, had been in slavery in Egypt for a really long time. God rescued the Israelites from slavery and led them into freedom. The people were headed toward a new land that God had prepared for them.

"The leader of the Israelites was a man named Moses."

Host enters, wearing a fake beard and Biblical robe.

HOST: "Hi, everyone. I'm Moses."

STORYTELLER: "While the people were in the desert, Moses went on a mountaintop to talk to God.

Host climbs the ladder and looks upward. He/she can just look up while the Storyteller reads the passage; this shouldn't be funny or distracting.

"God spoke to Moses and said . . .

Storyteller opens the Bible to Exodus 19:4-5 (NirV) and reads.

"You have seen for yourselves what I did to Egypt. You saw how I carried you on the wings of eagles and brought you to myself. Now obey me completely. Keep my covenant. If you do, then out of all the nations you will be my special treasure."

UP ON THE MOUNTAIN

STORYTELLER: "While Moses was on the mountain, God gave him many rules and laws for the people to follow.

Host nods, still looking up.

"God gave these laws for the people in order to keep them safe. God also gave very detailed instructions for the people to build something special.

"God said . . .



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Open the Bible to Exodus 25:8-9 (NirV) and read.

“Have them make a sacred tent for me. I will live among them. Make the holy tent and everything that belongs to it. Make them exactly like the pattern I will show you.

Host keeps looking up and nodding.

“God gave detailed instructions to Moses about how the people should make this special tent, as well as all the things that would go inside it. God even told Moses what robes the priests should wear. This was a really big job, and God knew that it would take ALL of the people, working together, to complete it.”

COMING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN

STORYTELLER: *“After Moses had heard all of God’s instructions, he came down the mountain.*

Host climbs down the ladder.

“Moses gathered the people and told them what God had said.

Host motions like he’s gathering the audience and getting their attention. He gestures (like charades) as the Storyteller explains the next paragraph.

“He told them that God wanted them to build a special tent, and that God would live among them. All the people would play a part in making the tent by following God’s exact instructions. Moses told the people that God had chosen his brother Aaron and his sons to serve as priests.

Host points to a Small Group Leader and gives him a thumbs-up.

“Moses also explained that God had chosen a man named Bezalel to work on crafting the tent . . .

Host points to a kid and gives him a thumbs-up.

“. . . with help from another man named Oholiab.

Host points to another kid and give him a thumbs-up.

“These two men had building and crafting skills—and not only that, they were good at teaching others.”

IF YOU BUILD IT, GOD WILL COME

STORYTELLER: *“But if the people were going to build this tent like God had told them, they would need supplies.*

“Speaking of which, this is where all of you can help! Your Small Group Leaders have different supplies that we need to make a tent right here on the stage. When I come around to your group and point to you, then you’ll take the supplies from your leader and bring them up to [Host’s name]—I mean Moses.

Storyteller walks around the room and points to different groups to let them know it’s their turn to bring their supplies to the Host. Do this one group at a time.



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As supplies are brought up, the Host will quickly assemble the tent on stage. (If possible, call on groups in the order that the Host needs the supplies.) Feel free to have another leader help with the tent assembly, if needed.

Host (and helper) continue to assemble the tent while the Storyteller speaks.

“Great job, everyone! Moses had asked everyone to bring an offering for the Lord from what they had. That meant lots of different supplies. As Moses told the people . . .

Open the Bible to Exodus 35:4-9 (NirV) and read.

“Those who want to can bring an offering to the LORD. Here is what they can bring.

gold, silver and bronze

blue, purple and bright red yarn and fine linen

goat hair

ram skins that are dyed red

another kind of strong leather

acacia wood

olive oil for the lights

spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet-smelling incense

onyx stones and other jewels for the linen apron and the chest cloth

“The people brought so many supplies that the workers couldn’t even use them all! But with Bezalel and Oholiab leading the work, a team of men and women stepped up to create the special tent.

(to Host) “Moses, did we finish? Did we complete the tent?”

Host points proudly to the assembled tent.

(to audience) “Now, obviously the tent in the story didn’t look like this one. It was a big tent where the people would gather and worship God—kind of like a church building. But this helps us get an idea of how the people worked together to finish the important task God had given them.

“As we read in the book of Exodus . . .

Open the Bible to Exodus 39:42-43 (NirV) and read.

“The Israelites had done all the work just as the LORD had commanded Moses. Moses looked over the work carefully. He saw that the workers had done it just as the LORD had commanded. So Moses gave them his blessing.”

Host looks at the tent, then gives a dramatic thumbs-up as he looks around at the audience.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “When everything was finally in place and the priests were ready, a cloud came and covered the tent. And the glory of God filled it for everyone to see.



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“Wow. Can you imagine? That’s amazing! God’s people worked together and accomplished something FAR bigger than anything they could have done alone.

(to Host) “Thanks for your help, Moses!

Host waves and exits along with the helper (if you have one).

“You and I can do the same thing the Israelites did way back then. We can COOPERATE. We can work together! If we do, we’ll be able to accomplish way more than we ever could on our own.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“God wants us to work together.

“Let’s pray.”

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “God, thank You for this story of how You helped Moses lead Your people. Thank You for the reminder that You want us to work together! Help us learn to cooperate so we can help others and show Your love everywhere we go. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "What an amazing example of cooperation! (*Reference the tent on stage.*) I mean, the tent that the Israelites built was a lot bigger than this one. It looked really different, too. It wasn't something you'd take on a camping trip. Their tent was a very special and important place where people could gather to honor God. But the point is, everyone worked together to build it!

"The people followed God's instructions. And because they **WORKED** together, they had a special place where they could worship God together. They needed lots of people with lots of different skills and talents. They needed people who could build and people who could sew. They needed people who could decorate and people who could teach other people how to do all of those things. In the end, the Israelites were able to complete this big job because everyone came together to do it.

"You see . . .

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"God wants us to work together.

"I mean, think about Jesus. Jesus is God's Son, but even He chose to cooperate with other people. He chose to work together with a group of twelve disciples as he traveled around and taught people about God.

"We all have things we're good at—and when we work together, we can accomplish big things! We can do way more with each other than we could ever do on our own.

"Let's head to Small Group now and talk about how we can all work together!"

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP