



WEEK
ONE
JULY 2022

LARGE GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Be Kind
The Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Show kindness to everyone.

HOST

- Water bottles (half full); one for each person playing the game (ultimately, you'll need enough bottles for up to three small groups)
- Host's phone

STORRY SUPPLIES

- Host
- Bible
- Table
- Baseball cap
- Knit cap (to represent a robber)
- Biblical/religious-looking headwear with a sign that says "PRIEST"
- Biblical/religious-looking headwear with a sign that says "LEVITE"
- *Cat in the Hat* hat (red and white striped)
- Printed script for the Host

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

- SUMMER IS HERE!!!!

- MAKE WAVES Ñ What you do today can change the world around you

- All month long, we will be talking about what it would look like if we could **CHANGE** the world around us
- To **MAKE WAVES** means that we are being intentional about what we do each day because it can have bigger effects than we could ever imagine

- BACKPACK DRIVE CELEBRATION VID

- Baptisms - CLASS JULY 10TH

Something important to us at MISSION is recognizing when people are growing in their faith and being transformed by the love of Jesus. One of the ways that we express that at MISSION is through Baptism. It is an outward expression of an inward change/commitment to following Jesus.

- Every month, we host a class that focuses on taking the next step in your faith. Baptism is a step people take when they want to tell others they are serious about following Jesus. If you want to attend this class July 10th and learn more, let your SGL know.

- MONTHLY WORSHIP LINEUP:

Week 1 - This is Living & Good Grace

Week 2 - Let Go & Graves Into Gardens

Week 3 - Never Gonna Stop Singing & Who You Say I Am

Week 4 - Real Love & Waymaker

Week 5 - The Best Is Yet to Come & Good Grace



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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns."
Philippians 1:6, NIV

MAKE WAVES

What you do today can change the world around you.

BASIC TRUTH

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

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: GOOD GRACE

Host enters.

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

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everyone! I'm so excited to be here, and it's great that all of you are here, too! All summer, we're talking about what it means to 'make waves.'"

"Of course, it's fun to splash around and make waves in the pool or the ocean, but we're talking about something much bigger than that. When I say, 'Make waves,' I mean that the things we do can actually make a big impact in the world around us. (*Gesture around you with your hands.*)"

"Remember . . ."

SLIDE: LIFE APP

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

"What you do today can change the world around you."



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

“With the help of God’s Spirit, we can make waves by showing things like love, joy, peace, patience . . . and kindness! That’s what we’ll be looking at today. But first, let’s kick things off by making waves with some water-bottle-flipping fun!

Pick up one of the half-full water bottles.

“Have you ever flipped a water bottle and gotten it to land right-side up? (Demonstrate a few times.) It’s pretty tough, but it feels SO good when you get it!

“To start off, let me get all of our Small Group Leaders up on stage.

Bring up all Small Group Leaders and have them stand in a line across the stage. Give each leader a half-full bottle of water.

(to leaders) “Leaders, when I say, ‘Go,’ you’ll have 60 seconds to flip your bottle and see how many times you can land it. Make sure to keep score for yourself, okay? At the end of 60 seconds, the leaders with the most successful bottle flips will give their small groups a chance to compete for round two!

“Let’s do this. Leaders, are you ready? Are you set? Let’s go!

AUDIO: FUN MUSIC

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

If you’re not using a screen countdown, set a timer on your phone.

Cheer for the leaders as they flip their bottles onto the floor. Comment on the action.

When 60 seconds are up, ask the leaders how many flips they landed. (“Who got one?” “Who got two?” etc.) Identify the groups with the top two scores; those will be the groups competing in round two. (If there’s a tie, you can have three groups compete in round two, just make sure you have enough extra bottles on hand for this.) Thank the other leaders and dismiss them to their seats.

“Okay [leader’s name] and [leader’s name], you got the most flips in round one, which means your two small groups now get to play in round two! Everyone in [leader’s name] and [leader’s name]’s groups, please come up to the front.

Bring up the two small groups and have them stand at the front of the room on opposite sides. Have each group stand in a half-circle so that the audience can see what they’re doing. Give a half-full water bottle to each kid in these two groups.



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“All right! For round two, everyone in these two groups will flip their bottles at the same time. They’ll have 60 seconds to see how many bottle flips they can land—together. Small Group Leaders, you can keep score for your teammates, please. Let’s see how many they can get. *(to the kids in the two groups)* We’ll all be cheering you on! On your mark, get set, go!

AUDIO: FUN MUSIC

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

If you’re not using a screen countdown, set a timer on your phone.

Cheer for the kids as they flip their bottles. Comment on the action.

When 60 seconds are up, ask both Small Group Leaders how many total flips their group landed. Congratulate both teams, collect the bottles, and dismiss everyone to their seats.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

“That was EPIC! You all were amazing!”



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everyone! I'm glad to be here with you as we discover how we can make waves and change the world around us. One really important way we can do that is by showing kindness to others.

"Jesus once told a story that shows us what true kindness looks like. And we can find it right here in the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) A law expert came to ask Jesus a tough question. And it wasn't that this man wanted to LEARN from Jesus. It was more like he wanted to prove that he already had all the answers. Let's listen to their conversation.

Open the Bible to Luke 10:25-29 (NIRV) and read.

"One day an authority on the law stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to receive eternal life?' 'What is written in the Law?' Jesus replied. 'How do you understand it?' He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength and with all your mind.'" (Deuteronomy 6:5) And, "'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'" 'You have answered correctly,' Jesus replied. 'Do that, and you will live.'
But the man wanted to make himself look good. So he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'

"Did you catch that? The law expert had answered Jesus' question by saying that we should love God and love our neighbors. But then the man had another question. He wanted to know if he could get away with being kind just to SOME people. That's why he asked, 'Who is my neighbor?'

"To answer his question, Jesus told a story. You're in for a treat, because I've asked [Host's name] to help me tell that story today. Everyone, please welcome [Host's name]!"

Host enters and stands behind the table, facing the audience.

Note: Each time the Storyteller says the name of a character in the story, the Host should put on the hat designated for that character then say that character's line. When the Storyteller names a different character, the Host should take off the hat, put on the new character's hat, then say that character's line. It's okay if the Host has to scramble at times to switch hats quickly enough. This will provide some comic relief!

ROAD TRIP

STORYTELLER: "There once was a man who was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho."

HOST: (*Put on the baseball cap.*) "I'm just trying to get to Jericho!"

STORYTELLER: "But unfortunately, robbers attacked the man."

HOST: (*Put on the knit cap.*) "Gimme all your money!" (*Hold up your fists like you're ready to fight.*)



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STORYTELLER: "They beat up the poor man. Then left him on the side of the road. I'm afraid our friend, the man, was in rough shape."

HOST: *(Put on the baseball cap, then weakly . . .)* "I'm just trying to get to Jericho!"

NO TIME TO HELP

STORYTELLER: "Before long, a priest came down the path. You'd think this would be good news for the poor man on the side of the road. Surely this 'church person' would stop and help! But instead, the priest crossed to the other side of the road and walked on by."

HOST: *(Put on the priest headwear and in a sing-song voice like Dory from Finding Nemo . . .)* "Just keep walking! Just keep walking!"

STORYTELLER: "Wow. Really? *(Pause.)* I'm sorry . . . 'man.'"

HOST: *(Put on the baseball cap, then weakly . . .)* "I'm just trying to get to Jericho!"

STORYTELLER: "A little while later, a Levite came down the road. Oh good, another 'church person'! Surely the Levite would help! *(Pause.)* Actually, no. The Levite just pretended he couldn't hear the hurt man. He passed by on the other side of the road."

HOST: *(Put on the Levite headwear and in a sing-song voice . . .)* "I can't hear you . . . *(Put on the baseball cap then weakly . . .)* I'm just trying to get to Jericho!"

AND THEN A HERO COMES ALONG

STORYTELLER: "But THEN, a Samaritan came by."

HOST: *(Put on the Cat in the Hat hat)* "Here I am! I am Sam! 'Sam-I-am!'"

STORYTELLER: *(Pauses, puzzled.)* "Oh, I get it! 'Sam-I-am' . . . because you're a 'Samaritan.' Good one!"

"Now this was really interesting, because NO ONE would have expected the Samaritan to help the man."

HOST: *(Put on the baseball cap, then weakly . . .)* "I'm just trying to get to Jericho!"

STORYTELLER: "Jewish people and Samaritans did NOT get along. It had been that way for hundreds of years! But Jesus chose a Samaritan as the hero of the story. Unlike the priest . . ."

HOST: *(Put on the priest headwear and in a sing-song voice . . .)* "Just keep walking! Just keep walking!"

STORYTELLER: "And unlike the Levite . . ."

HOST: *(Put on the Levite headwear and in a sing-song voice . . .)* "I can't hear you . . ."

STORYTELLER: "The Samaritan . . ."

HOST: *(Put on the Cat in the Hat hat.)* "I am Sam! 'Sam-I-am!'"



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STORYTELLER: "STOPPED when he saw the wounded man."

HOST: *(Put on the baseball cap, then weakly . . .)* "I'm just trying to get to Jericho!"

STORYTELLER: "The Samaritan . . ."

HOST: *(Put on the Cat in the Hat hat.)* "I am Sam! 'Sam-I-am!'"

STORYTELLER: "Felt sorry for the man."

HOST: *(Put on the baseball cap, then weakly . . .)* "I'm just trying to get to Jericho!"

STORYTELLER: "He bandaged the man's wounds, took him to an inn, and paid the owner of the inn to take good care of him. *(to Host)* "That was very kind of you, Mr. Samaritan."

HOST: *(Put on the Cat in the Hat hat.)* "I am Sam! 'Sam-I-am!'"

STORYTELLER: "Yes. Yes, you are. *(to audience)* Okay, everybody, let's give [Host's name] a hand for helping with our story today!"

Host exits.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Listen to what happened after Jesus finished the story. Remember, Jesus was telling this story because the law expert had asked Him, 'Who is my neighbor?'"

"When Jesus finished, He asked the law expert . . ."

Open the Bible to Luke 10:36 (NirV) and read.

"Which of the three do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?"

"The law expert said it was the Samaritan, 'the one who felt sorry for him.' *(Luke 10:37, NirV)*

"Jesus then told the law expert, 'Go and do as he did.' *(Luke 10:38, NirV)*. In other words, we should show kindness and love to EVERYONE.

"You see, by telling this story, Jesus made it clear: your neighbor isn't just someone who lives near you or is LIKE you. Your neighbor is anyone who needs your help and kindness.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Show kindness to everyone.

"Let's pray and ask God to help us make waves of kindness!"

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND



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PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You so much for the example of the Samaritan in the story Jesus told. It seemed like everyone else was too busy to help . . . but the Samaritan showed kindness to someone he didn't even know. Please help us get in the habit of showing that type of kindness. Through Your Holy Spirit, help us see how we can be kind not just to people who are like us, but to EVERYONE around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: “It’s easy to be kind to people who are just like us or people who agree with us. But when Jesus told the story of the good Samaritan, He gave us a much bigger challenge. He used the example of a Samaritan, who was willing to show kindness to someone who SHOULD have been his enemy.

“That’s why kindness is so powerful! It means loving your neighbor. It means being willing to help, even when it’s hard. It means treating others like they matter—not some people, but everyone. If we can do THAT, then we’ll really make waves!

“Here’s what we can work to do, together.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Show kindness to everyone.

“And remember, you don’t have to do it alone. When you put your faith in Jesus, you have God’s Spirit to help you. That will give you the strength you need to be kind, even when you might not want to.

“I know that when I think about showing kindness, I tend to think of just ‘being nice.’ But kindness is so much more than that! It means reaching out and **[Basic Truth] treating others the way you want to be treated**—even people who may be different from you. It could mean that you make the first move to show kindness, instead of waiting for someone to ASK you for help.

“I love our memory verse for this month, Philippians 1:6. The apostle Paul wrote these words to the people in Philippi. Let’s read this together.”

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

KIDS AND HOST: “God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns.” (Philippians 1:6, NIV)

HOST: “Isn’t that so cool? God is working in each of us, through the Holy Spirit. And God’s Spirit helps us each day to make waves. In Small Group you’ll get to talk some more about how you can change the world with kindness. Have fun, and I’ll see you later, okay?”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

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

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP