



WEEK
TWO
JULY 2022

LARGE GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Good Vibrations
City on a Hill
Matthew 5:14-16

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Show God's goodness to others.

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

HOST

- Host
- Bible

STORY SUPPLIES

- Storyteller
- Bible
- Bright camping lantern
- Table
- Large mixing bowl or cardboard box big enough to cover the lantern
- Finger lights (one for each kid plus extras), divided into bags for each small group

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

- 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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MAKE WAVES

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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: LET GO

AUDIO: GRAVES INTO GARDENS

Host enters.

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

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Today is a great day, and I'm so pumped to be here with all of you! This summer, we're finding out what it means to 'make waves.'"

"If you make a big splash in the water, the waves push out in every direction. (*Motion outward with your hands.*) The same kind of thing can happen when we put our faith in Jesus. With the help of God's Spirit, we can make waves of love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness—and make a difference in the lives of the people around us!

"You see . . .

SLIDE: LIFE APP

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

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

"Today, we're looking at another important way we can make waves, by showing God's goodness to others. God's goodness is all around us. We can see how good God is by the people we love that God has put in our lives.

"We can see God's goodness in creation—like this beautiful beach right here.

SLIDE: BEACH IMAGE

AUDIO: FUN BEACH MUSIC, THROUGHOUT THE GAME (SUGGESTION: "STEEL DRUMS" BY STEEL DRUMS CARIBBEAN BEACH PARTY)

"I mean, look at all those palm trees, beach balls, and that super-cool sand castle! Who wouldn't love to spend a few days there?"

SLIDE: THEME

"Now, let me ask you something. Did you look really closely at that picture? Let's find out! That's what our game is about today. I'll ask you a question about the picture, and you'll choose your answer by moving to one side or the room or the other.

"Here's our first question: how many beach balls were in the picture? If you think there were four beach balls, stand on this side of the room. (*Point to one side.*) If you think there were five beach balls in the picture, stand on this side of the room. (*Point to the other side.*) Ready? Go!

After everybody moves to one side of the room or the other, reveal the answer.

"Okay. Let's look at that picture again.

SLIDE: BEACH IMAGE

"There you have it—five beach balls! Moving on to question two . . .

SLIDE: THEME

"How many palm trees were in the picture? If you think there were five palm trees, stand on this side of the room. (*Point to one side.*) If you think there were six palm trees, stand on this side of the room. (*Point to the other side.*) Ready? Go!

After everybody moves to one side of the room or the other, reveal the answer.



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SLIDE: BEACH IMAGE

"I see . . . six palm trees. Good guessing, everyone! Let's move on to the next question.

SLIDE: THEME

"What color was the bucket next to the sand castle? If you think the bucket was blue, stand on this side of the room. (*Point to one side.*) If you think the bucket was red, stand on this side of the room. (*Point to the other side.*) Ready? Go!

"The bucket was . . .

SLIDE: BEACH IMAGE

"Blue!

"Ready for the next question?"

SLIDE: THEME

"How many clouds were in the sky? If you think there were six clouds in the sky, stand on this side of the room. (*Point to one side.*) If you think there were seven clouds, stand on this side of the room. (*Point to the other side.*) Ready? Go!

"That's a really tough one. The answer is . . .

SLIDE: BEACH IMAGE

(*counting up*) "Seven clouds! "All right. We have time for one last question.

SLIDE: THEME

"What color was the surfer's surfboard?"

"If you think the surfboard was orange, stand on this side of the room. (*Point to one side.*) If you think the surfboard was yellow, stand on this side of the room. (*Point to the other side.*) Ready? Go!

"The surfboard is . . .

SLIDE: BEACH IMAGE

"Orange! "Looks like that girl is really making some waves . . . or at least riding them!"

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

"You all did great at remembering what was in the picture. Give yourselves a big hand!"



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters, carrying the lantern (already turned on), as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everyone!"

Set the lantern on the table in the middle of the stage.

"Like [Host's name] mentioned earlier, a great way that we can make waves in the world around us is by showing God's goodness to others. We know that God is ALWAYS good. Everything God MADE is good. Everything God DOES is good. One of the best things we can do as we live each day is to show God's goodness to other people.

"How, exactly, do we do that? Well, let's hear what Jesus had to say about it. Jesus had a really cool way to explain this idea as He taught His followers on a hillside."

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

STORYTELLER: "Jesus said . . ."

Hold up the lantern in one hand, and with the other hand, read Matthew 5:14-16 (NirV) from the Bible.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill can't be hidden.

"Also, people do not light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand. Then it gives light to everyone in the house.

"In the same way, let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."

DON'T HIDE YOUR LIGHT

STORYTELLER: "Okay. Let's go back to that first part.

Open the Bible to Matthew 5:14 (NirV) and read.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill can't be hidden.

"Jesus said that if we show God's goodness, we'll be like a town built on a hill . . . shining brightly across the fields at night. It's pretty cool to imagine that, isn't it? It would kind of look like this—if we turn down the lights.

LIGHTS: DIM OR OFF

"Oooooohhhhhh . . . that looks nice, doesn't it?"

"Jesus also said . . ."



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Open the Bible to Matthew 5:15 (NirV) and read. (Use the lantern to help you read.)

"People do not light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand. Then it gives light to everyone in the house.

"Okay. Let's say I put this lantern right here on the table.

Put the lantern back on the table.

"Now what would happen if I covered it with a bowl?"

Pick up the mixing bowl (or cardboard box) and put it over the top of the lantern.

"That wouldn't make any sense, would it? Now it can't light the room for us.

Take the bowl or box off of the lantern.

"Jesus said that when we show God's goodness, we shine our lights brightly, so that the whole world can see what God is like."

WE ALL HAVE A LIGHT

STORYTELLER: *"Now listen again to the last part of what Jesus said.*

Open the Bible to Matthew 5:16 (NirV) and read. (Pick up the lantern and use it to help you read.)

"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.

"That's how we shine our light. That's how we show God's goodness to others. The good things WE do can show everyone how good GOD is.

"When you're kind to someone, you show them that God is kind.

"When you choose to have joy, you show the joy that God gives you.

"When you choose to make peace instead of arguing, you show the peace that God brings.

"Each of us is designed to show the world who God is and what God is like. In fact, I've got a fun way for us to see that.

Start to pass out the finger lights. Give a bag of them to each Small Group Leader so that the leaders can pass out a light to each kid.

"As soon as you get your light, turn it on and hold it up high, okay?"

Look around to see if any groups need more finger lights (in addition to what's in their bag).



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WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: *(looking around)* "Wow! I see all of your lights shining in the darkness! Doesn't that look amazing?"

"With the help of God's Spirit, you can shine the light of God's goodness and brighten the world around you. In fact, that's what ALL of us can do together!"

"Every day, let's do this."

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Let's **Show God's goodness to others.**"

"Will you pray with me?"

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for being so good to us. Thank You for creating each of us and showing us Your love and kindness every single day. Please help us treat others with that same love and kindness that You've shown us. Help us show Your goodness and let our lights shine for You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow, it's so cool to see your lights shining! That reminds me of what Jesus said.

Open the Bible to Matthew 5:16 (NirV) and read.

"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.

"Jesus said that when we show God's goodness, it's like we're a light shining for the world to see! And each of us can do that in our own unique way.

"Let's remember that and live it out this week.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

Show God's goodness to others.

"When we put our faith in Jesus, we have the Holy Spirit to help us do things we can't do on our own. God's Spirit can help us make waves . . . of goodness! With the help of the Spirit, we can choose to **[Basic Truth] treat others the way we want to be treated.**

"We may not always get it right . . . but this is a big reason why we come together as the church. When we ALL shine our lights together, we can help people see how much God loves them. The people around us will be able to see the difference God has made in our lives.

"You can take your light home with you after church today. Keep it with you so it'll remind you to keep shining the light of God's goodness to others. Have fun in Small Group!"

LIGHTS: UP

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

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

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP