



WEEK  
**THREE**  
JULY 2022

LARGE GROUP  
**K-3**

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Have a Little Faith in Me

David and Jonathan  
1 Samuel 18–20, 2 Samuel 9  
(Supporting: 2 Samuel 4:4)

### HOST

- One leader and one kid from each small group or just two or three groups, depending on how you want to play the game
- Tarp(s) that all the contestants can stand on
- Disposable ponchos (one per Small Group Leader playing the game)
- Paper towels (one per Small Group Leader playing the game)
- Water squirt toys filled with water (one per kid contestant)—these could be water blasters or anything that has a good, steady stream
- Beach buckets full of water, if needed (one per kid contestant)
- Masking tape

### STORRY SUPPLIES

- Bible
- Table
- Box labeled #1 with a robe, toy sword, toy bow, and belt inside
- Box labeled #2 with a scroll inside that says "THE PLAN" on it—this can be a long piece of legal-size paper attached to dowel rods on both ends, rolled up, and secured with rubber bands
- Box labeled #3 containing a king's crown, bread (a baguette), and a pillow

### 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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10 MINUTES

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Be faithful so others  
can count on you.

### 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  
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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: NEVER GONNA STOP SINGING**

**AUDIO: WHO YOU SAY I AM**

Host enters.

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

## OPENER

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! I just love summer, don't you? All summer long, we've been learning how we can 'make waves' because . . .

**SLIDE: LIFE APP**

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

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

**SLIDE: THEME**

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

"You see, 'making waves' isn't just about making a big splash in the pool, the lake, or the ocean. We can make waves in the world around us with the help of God's Spirit. The Holy Spirit can help us live a life full of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness . . . and faithfulness! That's what we're talking about today—what it means to be faithful.

"I've got another fun water game for us today. For this one, I'll need one leader and one kid from each group to play as a team.



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*Bring up a leader and a kid from each group. (It's better if you pick the kid so the leader doesn't have to play favorites.)*

*Note: You can either do this with all groups or just choose two or three to compete against each other. This could be helpful if you have leader(s) who really don't want to get wet.*

*Have the pairs stand on opposite sides of the tarp, behind the tape lines, with all the kids on one side and all the leaders on the other side. Ideally, set it up so that the leaders face the audience.*

*Give each leader a poncho and a paper towel. Give each kid a water squirt toy filled with water. (If you're using something that needs to be refilled, like a water blaster, you'll also need to provide a beach bucket full of water for each kid.)*

"When I say, 'Go,' leaders, you'll hold the paper towel in front of your face. Kids, you'll stand behind the line and try to spray the paper towel that your leader is holding up. The first team to soak all the way through the paper towel so that it breaks in two is the WINNER! That means you need to have good aim or your leader will be soaked!

(to audience) "Audience, let's cheer for our contestants. I can't wait to see what happens! Everyone, on your mark, get set, GO!

**AUDIO: FUN MUSIC**

*Comment on the action as the kids spray their leaders' paper towels. When a paper towel is soaked enough that it breaks, stop the game and declare the winning team.*

*Collect the supplies as you dismiss the contestants to their seats.*

"That was some wet 'n' wild summer fun! Thanks for playing, contestants.



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## BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

*Storyteller enters*

### SETTING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, everyone! We've been looking at lots of different ways that we can make waves and change the world around us. An important way we can do that is by showing faithfulness—or being faithful.

"Faithfulness means that we keep our promises. We do what we've said we'll do. We stand by our friends, and we show them they can depend on us, no matter what. If we could learn to be faithful friends, with God's help, then I bet we'd really make waves in our relationships with other people. Don't you think so? *(Pause for response.)* I do, too!

*(Hold up Bible.)* "Today, I'm here to tell you about two faithful friends: Jonathan and David. Jonathan was the son of King Saul. And David was really just an ordinary young man from Bethlehem—the youngest of eight brothers. But there was this very interesting thing that had happened to David.

"Years before, God sent the prophet Samuel to Bethlehem to choose a new king. While Samuel was there, God told him to anoint David as the next king. Although David didn't become king right away. David went on to defeat the giant Goliath, and the Israelites defeated the Philistines.

"King Saul was so impressed that he invited David to live in the palace and help lead his army. That's where David and Jonathan met."

*Stand behind the table with the boxes.*

### GIFTS OF HONOR

**STORYTELLER:** "David and Jonathan became close friends. Jonathan could have been jealous of David, but he wasn't. He even gave some very special gifts to honor his friend. Would one of you like to come open this box and see what's inside?"

*Choose a kid to come up, open box #1, and reveal the robe, sword, bow, and belt. Dismiss the kid to his/her seat.*

"Thanks, [kid's name]. These were all gifts that Jonathan gave to David *(hold up the items)*: a robe, a sword, a bow, and a belt.

*Set the items down on the table.*

"King Saul often sent David out with the army. And David was so successful in battle that Saul made him a leader in the army. But the people grew to love David so much that Saul got jealous. Several times, Saul even tried to KILL David. Yikes!

"But Jonathan pleaded with his father not to harm David. Several times, Saul promised not to hurt David . . . but every time, he broke his promise and tried to go after David again."



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## MAKING PLANS

**STORYTELLER:** "Jonathan and David then made a plan to see if it was safe for David to stay there at the palace. Who would like to come open box #2 and show us what's inside?"

*Choose a kid to come up, open box #2, and reveal the scroll. Have the kid unroll the scroll to show the audience where it says "THE PLAN."*

"Well, there it is—the plan!

*Dismiss the kid to his/her seat. Set the scroll down on the table.*

"Together, the friends made a plan for David to hide during an important festival. Jonathan would pay attention to the way his dad reacted and see how angry his dad became.

"Jonathan asked David to make him a promise. He said . . .

*Open the Bible and read 1 Samuel 20:14-15*

*"Always be kind to me, just as the Lord is. Be kind to me as long as I live. Then I won't be killed. And never stop being kind to my family."*

"David and Jonathan then carried out their plan. David hid while Jonathan went to the king's feast. Sure enough, King Saul got VERY angry when he found out that David wasn't there. Jonathan knew David would never be safe as long as King Saul was alive.

"The next morning, Jonathan shot arrows into the field (mimic this with your hands), to let David know that it wasn't safe for him to come back to the palace. But before David left, he and Jonathan met up and promised to always be friends. David left to find a new hiding place, and Jonathan returned to the palace."

## DAVID KEEPS HIS WORD

**STORYTELLER:** "All right—we've got one more box to open. Let's see if there are some clues inside about what happened next.

*Choose a kid to come up, open box #3, and reveal the crown, food, and pillow. Dismiss the kid to his/her seat, and set the three items on the table.*

"Thanks, [kid's name]. Let me explain what these are about. King Saul never stopped chasing after David, but Jonathan stayed faithful to his friend. David was deeply saddened when he learned that both Jonathan and Saul had been killed in battle.

"Years later, when David became king (*hold up the crown*), he remembered his promise to Jonathan.

"David asked . . .

*Open the Bible to 2 Samuel 9:1 (NIRV) and read.*



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*"Is anyone left from the royal house of Saul? If there is, I want to be kind to him because of Jonathan.*

"It turned out that one of Jonathan's sons was still living. His name was Mephibosheth. Both of his feet were hurt so that he couldn't walk. David remembered what he had said to Jonathan so long ago—that he would never stop being kind to Jonathan's family. David promised to always provide for Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth—by giving him food (*hold up the bread*) and a place to live." (*Hold up the pillow.*)

*Set the items down on the table.*

### WRAPPING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "David was a faithful friend! He cared for Mephibosheth and his family for the rest of their lives . . . just as he had promised his friend Jonathan he would do.

"God can help us to be faithful, too. God can help us follow through and do what we've said we'll do. That way the people around us will know they can count on us—always.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**"Be faithful so others can count on you.**

"Let's pray and ask God to help us do that."

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

### PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for being so faithful and true. Thank You also for the faithful friendship between David and Jonathan. It's so cool to see how David kept his word and took care of Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth. Through Your Spirit, help us to be faithful friends like David and Jonathan were. Help us keep our promises so others can count on us. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."





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## CLOSER

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** "It's so good to have friends who are always there for us! I bet if you thought about your best friends, you'd say that's true about them. You can count on them. You know they'll be there to help you, no matter what you're going through.

"Here's the really cool part. YOU can be that kind of friend . . . for them! After all, we should **[Basic Truth] treat others the way we want to be treated.** When you show faithfulness, you show others that they can count on you—through anything they might face in life.

"This is a great way to make waves.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**"Be faithful so others can count on you.**

"David and Jonathan certainly had a strong, faithful friendship. They stood by each other and looked out for each other. David even kept his promise by taking care of Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth, years and years later.

"We can choose to live with faithfulness, too. When we put our faith in Jesus, we have the Holy Spirit to help us. God's Spirit can help us keep strong, faithful friendships with the people around us.

"It helps me choose faithfulness when I remember how faithful God has been to me. It's like we read in our memory verse for this month, Philippians 1:6.

**SLIDE: 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)*

"It's true—God is always working out GOOD things in our lives! You can head to Small Group now and talk with your friends about how we can make waves of faithfulness."

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

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

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