



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**The Perfect Storm**  
Paul Shipwrecked  
Acts 27:1–28:10

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

When bad things happen,  
God is with you.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift."  
Ephesians 2:8, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

### BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

### 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

#### **STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways** **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

Welcome/Opener  
Worship ("Super Wonderful" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 6*, and "Yes I Am" from *Everything to Me*)  
Bible Story  
Bottom Line  
Prayer  
Closer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN

#### **GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect**

**Bible Story Review:** When Bad Things Happen (*k-1st grade*), Shark Attack (*2nd-3rd grade*)

**Application Activity:** God Is with You (*k-1st grade*), Breakthrough (*2nd-3rd grade*)

**Memory Verse Activity:** Nothing We Can Do (*k-1st grade*), It's a Promise (*2nd-3rd grade*)

**Prayer Activity:** Pray and Dismiss

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)  
Devotionals for Kids  
Parent Cue App



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### BIBLE VERSES:

**Acts 27:10**  
**Acts 27:22-26**

### HOST SUPPLIES

- Jogging clothes (for the Host)

### STORY SUPPLIES

- Small Group Leader who can find and hold up props during the story (see "What You Do")
- rubber chicken
- Slinky
- Dr. Seuss-style hat
- Large Bin
- TROUBLE® board game
- handheld stop sign
- toy handcuffs
- wall calendar
- gavel
- toy boat
- winter ski cap
- fan- hand one
- cardboard box
- paper towel tube and puts it up to his eye like a spyglass
- cereal box
- sandwich bag full of sand
- goggles
- kickboard
- plastic snake
- backpack

### WORSHIP

*Worship Leaders enter*

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

**AUDIO:**

### 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**

*Host enters, wearing jogging clothes.*



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OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): **COUNTDOWN**  
OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): **THEME**

## OPENER

**HOST:** "Hello, friends! I'm super-excited to be here with you today. All summer long, we're finding out how we can live with faith.

**SLIDE: VIRTUE**

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): **THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE**

**"Faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): **VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME**

"We can put our faith in Jesus, even if we can't see Him with our eyes. We can follow Jesus' example and make a MOVE to share His love with the people around us.

"Speaking of what we can see, I can see that you're ready to get up and get moving! So everybody, stand up! Our theme this summer is 'Ready, Set, Move.' And one way I really like to move is by going for a jog.

**SLIDE: JOGGING 1 (TRAIL)**

"Come on, jog with me!

*Begin jogging in place and have the kids do the same. The pace can be easy. You're just showing them how the game will go.*

*(Stop jogging.)* "Ahhh. It's so great to get out into nature and breathe in the fresh air. As we're jogging today, there will be some obstacles we'll need

to get around. If I see an obstacle, I'll shout it out. Then you can show me what you might do if you came across an obstacle like that. You'll also be able to see them on the screen.

"For example, if you're jogging on a trail, you might notice a tree branch has fallen and blocked the trail.

**SLIDE: JOGGING 2 (TRAIL BLOCKED BY TREE BRANCH)**

"So you might just jump over it. Like this. *(Do a hurdle-style jump.)* Now you try it.

*Kids jump.*

"Good! I think you've got the hang of it, so let's keep going. Let's get some jogging music going.

**AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

**SLIDE: JOGGING 1 (TRAIL)**

"We'll all just keep jogging and watching the screen in case something gets in our way. Here we go!



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Lead the kids in jogging in place.

As the slides appear on the screen, call out the obstacles. Each time, give the kids a chance to show how they would avoid the obstacle; then lead them in your own creative and funny way to get around it. (If you see a kid doing something specific, you can use their idea and share it with everyone.)

Tech note: Go back to Slide 1 (the normal trail) between each obstacle. As the game goes on, you can also speed up and repeat some of the slides as needed.

**SLIDE: JOGGING 3 (SPIDERWEB BLOCKING THE PATH)**

**SLIDE: JOGGING 4 (LARGE PUDDLE)**

**SLIDE: JOGGING 5 (LOW FLYING BIRD)**

**SLIDE: JOGGING 6 (SQUIRREL CHASING YOU)**

**SLIDE: JOGGING 7 (FOUR-LEAF CLOVER)**

**SLIDE: JOGGING 8 (SWARM OF BEES)**

**SLIDE: JOGGING 9 (IT'S RAINING)**

**SLIDE: JOGGING 10 (BOULDERS)**

**SLIDE: JOGGING 11 (CANYON)**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**

“Great run, everybody! Now give yourself a pat on the back, and let’s all catch our breath. But stay standing, because it’s time for us to MOVE, dance, and sing as we worship God together.”

## **WORSHIP**

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

**AUDIO:**



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## BIBLE STORY

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

*Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.*

### SETTING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "Hi, everyone! It's great to be here with you as we continue to make our way through God's Big Story in the Bible.

*If you're using a Bible timeline on your wall, you can reference it here as you recap.*

"We've seen how God sent Jesus to be our Savior. After Jesus died on the cross, came back to life, then returned to heaven, the early church grew quickly. More and more people put their faith in Jesus.

"There was a man named Paul who traveled thousands of miles and started many new churches. Paul was doing great work to share the good news about Jesus. But this upset both the religious leaders and the Roman authorities.

"As we jump into the story today, I'd love to have one Small Group Leader come up and help me tell it.

*Bring up one Small Group Leader. Pick up the giant prop bin and set it on the table.*

*(to the leader)* "Thanks for helping, [leader's name]. As you can see, I've got this giant prop bin that's absolutely filled with some really wild things. I need your help to find the right prop at the right time, hold it up, then put it on the table. I mean, you never know what might be in here.

*Pull out two or three random things from the prop bucket and toss them over your shoulder, just for humor (like a rubber chicken, a plastic Slinky®, or a Dr. Seuss-style hat).*

*(to the leader)* "Oh, and if you're not sure what to pick, you can take a look at this.

*Put a copy of the script on a music stand so the leader knows when to hold up each item.*

*Note to Storyteller: Use a printed script for reference as you tell the story so you can remember all the prop cues. Make sure to pause each time you want the leader to hold up a prop. This will cue them to look at the script to know what to hold up.*

"All right, let's get started!"

### HEADING TO ROME

**STORYTELLER:** "Everywhere Paul went, he told the story of Jesus. And sometimes that got him into trouble.

*Leader holds up the TROUBLE® board game then sets it on the table.*

"But that didn't stop him.



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*Leader holds up the handheld stop sign then sets it on the table.*

“Several times, Paul was thrown in prison.

*Leader holds up the toy handcuffs then sets them on the table.*

“Eventually, Paul was taken to the governor in a place called Caesarea. He was kept there for two years.

*Leader holds up the wall calendar then sets it on the table.*

“Finally, Paul spoke up and said that since he was a Roman citizen, he had the right to a fair trial with the person in charge: Caesar.

*Leader holds up the gavel then sets it on the table.*

“That meant Paul would have to take an epic and dangerous trip all the way to Rome.

*Leader holds up the toy boat then sets it on the table.*

“Paul and several other prisoners were handed over to a Roman commander named Julius. The men set sail, stopping in coastal towns along the way. But winter was near, and the weather was getting bad.

*Leader holds up the winter ski cap. Storyteller cues them to put it on their head.*

“Still, the ship made it safely to a harbor called Fair Havens.”

### **ATTENTION, EVERYONE!**

**STORYTELLER:** “Paul tried to warn Julius and the crew that it was too dangerous to keep sailing. He said . . .

*Open the Bible to Acts 27:10 (NIV) and read.*

“Men . . . I can see that our trip is going to be dangerous. The ship and everything in it will be lost. Our own lives will be in danger also.

“But the pilot and the ship’s owner wanted to keep going instead of staying there in the harbor. Julius listened to the men instead of Paul. When a gentle south wind began, they set sail again.

*Leader holds up the small handheld fan.*

“But soon, a hurricane-force wind began to blow!

*Storyteller cues the leader to keep holding up the fan and fan the air vigorously.*

“The ship was caught up by the waves and driven by the wind. The crew was worried that the ship would be torn apart and sink! They even started throwing cargo overboard to lighten the load.



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*Leader picks up the cardboard box and tosses it over his shoulder.*

"Everyone else had given up hope . . . but Paul kept his faith in God. Paul got everyone's attention. This is what he said to them.

*Open the Bible to Acts 27:22-26 (NirV) and read.*

*"Now I beg you to be brave. Not one of you will die. Only the ship will be destroyed. I belong to God and serve him. Last night his angel stood beside me. The angel said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must go on trial in front of Caesar. God has shown his grace by sparing the lives of all those sailing with you.' Men, continue to be brave. I have faith in God. It will happen just as he told me. But we must run the ship onto the beach of some island."*

### **HAPPY LANDINGS**

**STORYTELLER:** "That night, after 14 days in the storm, the ship approached land.

*Leader holds up the paper towel tube and puts it up to his eye like a spyglass, then sets it on the table.*

"The sailors dropped the anchors because they were afraid the ship might crash into the rocks.

"Just before dawn, Paul encouraged the passengers and crew again. He told them that they needed to eat some food.

*Leader holds up the cereal box then sets it on the table.*

"He told them that they would all survive and not even get hurt.

"When daylight came, the ship hit a sandbar!

*Leader holds up the sandwich bag full of sand then sets it on the table.*

"The ship began to break apart. The commander, Julius, ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and swim to land.

*Leader holds up the goggles then sets them on the table.*

"Then the rest were supposed to get to shore on boards or other pieces of the ship.

*Leader holds up the kickboard then sets it on the table.*

"Guess what? All 276 people reached land safely! They had reached the island of Malta, where the islanders welcomed them with a roaring campfire.

"And get THIS. As Paul tossed some wood on the fire, a snake bit his hand!

*Leader holds up the plastic snake then sets it on the table.*



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“But to everyone’s surprise, Paul just shook the snake off into the fire. He wasn’t injured at all.”

### WRAPPING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** “There on Malta, Paul prayed for the chief official’s father, and the man was healed of a fever. Through the help of God’s Spirit, Paul healed other sick people on the island, too. And the islanders gave Paul and his fellow passengers everything they needed.

*Leader holds up the backpack then sets it on the table.*

“Whew! That was pretty amazing, right? Let’s give [leader’s name] a big hand for helping with the story today!

*Leader goes back to their seat.*

“Paul went through a LOT on his journey, didn’t he? He was in some really difficult and even scary situations. But God was always with Paul, even when bad things happened to him.

“It’s important for us to remember that, too.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**“When bad things happen, God is with you.**

“Let’s pray and thank God for always being with us.”

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

### PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** “Dear God, thank You for using this story about Paul to remind all of us that **[Basic Truth] we can trust You no matter what.** Thank You for always being with us. Help us remember that even when bad things happen, You love us, You care for us, and You are there to guide us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”





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## CLOSER

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** “Wow, the journey that Paul took was pretty tough! There were a lot of bad things that happened. But Paul chose to trust God and believe God was with him, no matter what. That’s what gave Paul the strength and courage he needed.

**SLIDE: GOD’S BIG STORY TIMELINE**

**SLIDE: WEEK 3 TIMELINE IMAGE**

*If you’re making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today’s timeline image on the clothesline.*

“I think we should remember this important truth.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

### **When bad things happen, God is with you.**

“Unfortunately, sometimes things in life don’t go the way we want. Sometimes, things happen that just don’t seem to make sense. Sometimes, we feel worried or afraid because of what’s going on around us. In those moments, let’s keep our faith in God. Let’s remember that God is still with us . . . and God is still good.

“We can always pray and talk to God about how we’re feeling. Remember, God LOVES you more than you can imagine! You’re never alone because God is always there to help you.

“You can head to Small Group now and talk about that some more. I’ll see you later!”

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

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

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**