

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus teaches us that we can share.

**BIGGER BARNs**  
ACTS 2:45; LUKE 12:16-23

### MEMORY VERSE

"The people were amazed at his teaching."

**MATTHEW 7:28, NCV**

### KEY QUESTION

Who teaches you important things?

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus teaches me important things.

### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### 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**

*Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.*

Fill the Tunnel  
Big Barn, Little Barn  
Bible Teaches

### LARGE GROUP

**20**  
MIN

#### **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

#### **STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways**

"Important Things," "Amazing"


Bible Story  
Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN

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

*Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.*

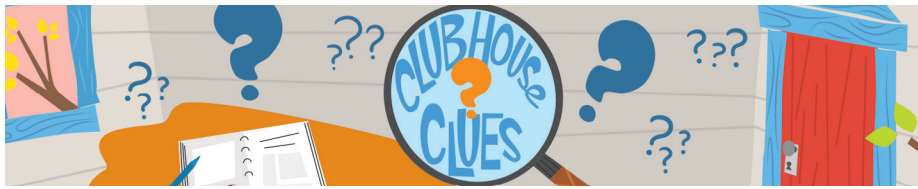
Sing the Memory Verse  
All Tangled Up  
What Will You Share?  
Sticker Sharing  
Sharing Barn   
Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home  
Memory Verse Card  
Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)  
Parent Cue App



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



PRELUDE      SOCIAL      WORSHIP      STORY      **GROUPS**      HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**MADE TO MOVE**

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



**1. SING THE MEMORY VERSE**

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Gather the children in your activity area. Review the Memory verse with the motions.

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**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Then lead the children to sing the words of the verse to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Remind the children that the people were amazed by Jesus' teaching because it IS amazing!

**MEMORY VERSE**

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, come stand here with me. Let's say our Memory verse together and do the motions. Ready? 'The people (*spread arms out*) were amazed (*hold hands out like binoculars, open and shut*) at his teaching,' (*pull O-hands from head*) Matthew 7:28. (*Open hands like a book.*) Good job, friends!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Now let's sing the verse. I'll sing it once and then you can join me."

(*Sing the words to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell"*)

"The people were amazed,  
The people were amazed.  
At his teaching,  
The people were amazed."

(*Repeat as desired.*)

"Yay, hooray! Great job singing, everyone!"

**KEY QUESTION**

Who teaches you important things?

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's do the motions one more time as we say our verse together. 'The people (*spread arms out*) were amazed (*hold hands out like binoculars, open and shut*) at his teaching,' (*pull O-hands from head*) Matthew 7:28. (*Open hands like a book.*)

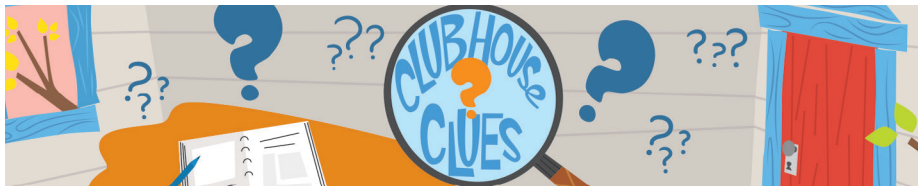
**BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus teaches me important things.

"The people WERE amazed at Jesus' teaching because what He had to say was amazing! Jesus taught so many amazing things. **Who teaches you important things? Jesus teaches me important things!**"

**BASIC TRUTH**

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**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

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### MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



## 2. ALL TANGLED UP

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "All Tangled Up" Activity Page, copy paper, and washable markers or crayons

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "All Tangled Up" on copy paper, one per child.

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#### BIGGER BARNs

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**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Give each child an "All Tangled Up" Activity Page. Show the children how to trace the lines with their finger to see which line goes to Jesus and which lines go to the barns. Next, tell the children to trace the line that goes to Jesus with a marker or crayon.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Talk about how Jesus teaches us important things—like how we can share with others.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Come sit with me at the table. Look at your paper—it has lines that are all tangled up."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Look at your paper. There is a picture of two barns and a picture of Jesus at the top. Use your finger to trace the lines to find which line goes to Jesus and which lines go to the barns. When you find the line that goes to Jesus, use a marker or crayon to trace that line. (Pause.) Great job!"

### KEY QUESTION

Who teaches you important things?

"Jesus told a story about a farmer. This farmer grew a lot of good food, and he wanted to put all the food into his barns. The barns filled up, but there was still more food. The farmer could have shared his food but he didn't! He decided he would build BIGGER barns! The farmer could fill them up and keep ALL the food for himself. It would be WAY more food than he needed, but he wanted to keep it all.

What did Jesus teach us we can do instead of keeping everything for ourselves? (Pause.) Yes, Jesus teaches us it is important to share what we have. Sharing with others is important."

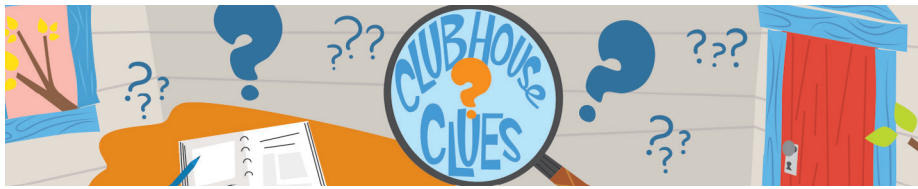
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**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "I'm so glad Jesus teaches us important things, like sharing! **Who teaches you important things? Jesus teaches me important things!"**

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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer

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## 6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on

cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Matthew 7:28. Keep this card in your Bible all month.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage the children to pretend to drive a tractor as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you. Review the Memory verse and motions, then encourage children to help you make a list of things we can share.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "It's Small Group time! Since our Bible Story was about a farmer who grew a lot of food, let's pretend we are driving a farm tractor to our Small Group spot. Crank your tractors, little farmers, and follow me! (Pretend you are driving a tractor as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.) Whoa! Let's stop here so we can talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** (Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.) "In our Bible Story today, Jesus told a story about a man who grew A LOT of food. It was way more food than what the man needed. Did the man share some of his food, or did the man build bigger barns to store all of the food for himself? (Pause.) You're right. The man built bigger barns, and he kept all of the food for himself. What could the man have done with some of the food instead of keeping it all for himself? (Pause.) Yes! The man could have shared his food with people who needed it! Jesus told this story to teach us something important. We can share! I'm so glad Jesus teaches us important things! **Who teaches you important things? Jesus teaches me important things!**

"When the people heard Jesus teach important things, like how we can share, they were amazed! The Bible verse we have been learning says so! It says: 'The people (spread arms out) were amazed (hold hands like binoculars, open and shut) at his teaching,' (pull O-hands from head) Matthew 7:28. (Open hands like a book.) Stand up with me and let's say that together! Just say what I say and do what I do. 'The people (spread arms out) were amazed (hold hands like binoculars, open and shut) at his teaching,' (pull O-hands from head) Matthew 7:28. (Open hands like a book.)

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## (6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

"I'm so proud of you! (*Give high fives.*) Let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Since Jesus teaches us we can share, let's make a list of things we can share! When I say your name, tell me one thing you can share, and I'll write it in our journal. We can use the list when we pray." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "You made such a good list of things we can share! Let's pray and talk to God about it. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to teach us important things. We want to do the things Jesus teaches us to do, like share. Please help us share things like (*read the list the children made*). We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."