

rvckids Small Group K-5

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Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2026, Week 5

Bible Story: Gifted Together (Building the Tabernacle) • Exodus 25:1-2; 8-9; 28:1-3; 31:1-11, 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43

Bottom Line: God grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom.

Monthly Memory Verse: I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. • Psalm 139:14 NIV

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

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.

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

- Opening Activity

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

- Opener
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Prayer

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Our World Masterpiece

Application Activity: Tabernacle Trek (2nd–3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Amazing and Wonderful Web

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Parent Cue Card
- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue App



Bible Story

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Memory Verse

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5 min

Social

5 min

Opening Activity | Made to Move

What You Need

 Offering container	1
 Floor tape	1
 Beach ball	1
 Pool noodles	1



EveryChild tips

- Allow a kid to be the "Finish Line Judge" who says when the ball has crossed the line.

Providing Time for Fun Interaction

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Use the floor tape to mark a start line and a finish line on opposite sides of the room.
- Inflate the beach ball.

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Ask for two kids to volunteer to go first.
- Give each volunteer a pool noodle, and place the beach ball on the floor between them.
- Explain the challenge: They must work together to carry the beach ball from the start line to the finish line using only their pool noodles. They cannot touch the ball with their hands.
- Encourage the rest of the group to cheer them on.
- If they drop the ball, they can pick it up with their pool noodles and keep going.
- Ask for two more volunteers, and let them try.
- Continue until everyone who wants a turn has had one.

What You Say:

"Great teamwork! That was tricky, but you worked together to get the job done! It would have been impossible for one person to do that alone. In our Bible Story today, we're going to hear about a really big project that God's people had to do. It was so big, they all had to work together to build it. Let's go find out what it was!"

5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

Our World Masterpiece | Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	Bible	1
	"World" activity page	1
	Green and blue washable ink pads	Several
	Hand wipes	Several
	EveryChild Supplies: Corks or small sponges	Several



EveryChild tips

- For kids who don't want to touch the ink, offer alternatives to fingerprints, like a cork or a small sponge, to stamp the color on.

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Open your Bible to Exodus 25 and flip the pages to Exodus 39 to show the kids where the Bible Story is.
- Share these key points:
 - While Moses was on Mount Sinai, God told Moses that He wanted His people to work together to build a special tent for Him to dwell among them.
 - This tent was called the tabernacle!
 - So God gave Moses very, very specific instructions on how to build the tabernacle. When Moses wrote those instructions down, they filled up so much of the book of the Bible we call Exodus!
- Lay the world outline on a table or the floor, and gather the kids around it.
- Place the ink pads nearby.
- Remind the kids that God asked all the people to bring their special gifts to help build His special tent, the tabernacle.
- Say: "God gave everyone different gifts. Some were good at working with wood, some with metal, and some with fabric. Some people had the materials—like the wood, the metal, and the fabric—and they brought those materials to help with the tabernacle building project. Everyone had a part to play!"
- Explain that God has given each of them special things too—like your abilities, your time, your possessions.
- Show them how to press their thumb or finger onto the ink pad, then press it onto the world outline.
- Invite each kid, one by one, to add their fingerprint to the land (green) or the water (blue) on the map.
- Continue until the entire world is filled with their unique fingerprints.

What You Say:

"Look at our beautiful world! It took every single one of your fingerprints to fill it up. Each one is different and special, just like you are! Every single person is created in the image of God. Each one of us can reflect something of what God is like. But God never meant for us to only reflect Him on our own. God gave each one of us different things, so that when we work together, we can shine His light even further and brighter. Our Bible Story today shows us that God gave everyone something special to help build His tabernacle. God has given YOU special gifts because He wants you to help point to His kingdom on earth by showing His love."

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

Tabernacle Trek | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	Floor tape	1
	Balloons	Several
	EveryChild Supplies: Playground balls or small pillows	Several
	EveryChild Supplies: Noise-canceling headphones	Several



EveryChild tips

- For a kid with mobility challenges or who is uncomfortable with close physical contact, they can be the "Caterpillar Guide." Their job is to walk alongside the caterpillar and give directions, such as: "Okay, team, slow down a little!" or "You're doing great!"
- If you have kids who are sensitive to the sound of balloons popping, you can use soft playground balls or small pillows instead of balloons. Also offer noise-cancelling headphones.

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Create a start line and a finish line on opposite sides of your group space with tape.

During the Activity:

- Divide your group into one or two large teams.
- Instruct each team to line up single file behind the start line.
- Give each team enough balloons so they can place one between each kid in line (one less than the number of kids on the team).
- Demonstrate how the first two kids will hold a balloon between them (chest to back) without using their hands. Have the rest of the team do the same, creating a long "caterpillar."
- Explain the challenge: On "Go!", the team must work together to walk like a caterpillar from the start line to the finish line without dropping any balloons.
- Share the rules:
- No hands allowed! You can only hold the balloons by pressing them between each other.
- If a balloon drops, the entire caterpillar must stop, work together to put it back in place, and then continue.
- Encourage the kids to talk to each other and move at the same speed.
- Cheer them on as they trek across the room!

What You Say:

"Awesome job, everyone! That was tricky, wasn't it? What did you have to do to keep the balloons from falling? (*Invite responses: talk to each other, walk slowly, stay close together*) You had to cooperate! This is a great picture of what it was like for God's people to build the tabernacle. God gave some people the gift of working with metal, some the gift of sewing, and some the gift of working with wood. Some people even had the metal, the fabric, and the wood to contribute to the project! Everyone used what God had given them, and they all carefully worked together to build a special place for God.

"Just like God's people had the assignment of building the tabernacle, you have the assignment of showing God's good heart and pointing to His kingdom. What you have—things like your abilities, your time, and your possessions—are gifts from God that He wants you to use. He's given you what you have for exactly this time! When you use what God has given you together with what He has given other people, you can do even more amazing things for God. Remember that **[Bottom Line] God grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom.**"

**[Make It Personal]* (Share an age-appropriate story about a time you were part of a team effort for God. For example, you can share something like: "One time at church, we had to get a room ready for a big party. I'm not very good at decorating, but I am good at organizing! So my friends who are good at art made all the decorations, and I helped figure out where everything should go. We used our different gifts together to get the job done, and it was so much better than if I had tried to do it all by myself!")*

5 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

Amazing and Wonderful Web | Made to Play *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

-  Bibles marked at Psalm 139:14 1
-  Yarn Several
-  Beach ball or latex-free balloon Several



EveryChild tips

- For a kid who may have difficulty with the motor skills of catching and throwing, they can roll the ball of yarn across the floor to a friend.
- This activity can be done while seated.

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Inflate the beach ball/balloon.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a Bible marked at Psalm 139:14.
- Demonstrate how to look up the Memory Verse using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

Finding verses: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. You can help by pointing out the first few letters of the book's name. When the kids find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the right chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Gather the kids in a circle, and tell them they are going to build an amazing web together.
- Hold the end of the yarn, and say the first word of the verse: "I."
- Gently toss or roll the ball of yarn to a kid across the circle.
- Instruct that kid to hold onto their part of the string, say the next word, "praise", and then toss the ball of yarn to another friend.
- Continue this process—each kid saying the next word of the verse as they hold their string, then tossing the ball of yarn to someone else—until a large web is created, and the verse is complete.
- Once your web is made, gently place the inflated beach ball/balloon in the center of the web.
- Instruct the kids to hold the web tightly and work together to gently bounce the beach ball/balloon up and down while you say the verse together.

What You Say:

"Great job working together! Look at this amazing web we made! It connects every single one of us. Our Memory Verse says: *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14 NIV)*. God made each of you special and unique, and when we all come together, we can do amazing things, like keeping this beach ball/balloon off the ground.

"That was so fun! Praising God is what we do when we remember how wonderfully He made each one of us. Never forget that God made YOU, and you are amazing and wonderful!"

5 min

Prayer

5 min

Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

What You Need

	"Tower" activity page	1
	Wall tape	1
	Sticky notes	1
	Coloring supplies	Several

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Tape the "Tower" activity page to the wall at a kid's height.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a sticky note and a pencil or crayon.
- Ask them to think of one special gift God has given them. It could be helping, singing, playing sports, drawing, being kind, or sharing.
- If they need help, offer suggestions.
- Have them draw a simple picture of their gift on their sticky note.
- Invite each kid to come up, tell the group what their gift is, and add their sticky note to the tower outline on the paper.
- Watch as the tower is "built" with all of their amazing gifts.

What You Say:

"Look at this incredible tower we are building for God! Just like God's people had the assignment of building the tabernacle, you have the assignment of showing God's good heart and pointing to His kingdom. It takes every single one of your gifts to build His kingdom. Let's pray and thank God for the special gifts He has given each of us."

Getting Ready | Small Group

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

SOCIAL:

Opening Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Offering container, one per Small Group
- Floor tape, one roll per Small Group
- Beach ball, one per Small Group
- Pool noodles, two per Small Group

What You Do:

- Use the floor tape to mark a start line and a finish line on opposite sides of the room.
- Inflate the beach ball.

GROUPS:

Choose as many of these activities as you like.

1. Our World Masterpiece

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Create

What You Need:

- Bible, one per Small Group
- "World" activity page, one per Small Group
- Green and blue washable ink pads, several per Small Group
- Hand wipes, one package per Small Group

EveryChild Supplies:

- Corks or small sponges, one per kid

2. Tabernacle Trek

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Floor tape, one roll per Small Group
- Balloons, one per kid

EveryChild Supplies:

- Playground balls or small pillows, one per kid
- Noise-canceling headphones, one per kid

What You Do:

- Create a start line and a finish line on opposite sides of your group space with tape.

3. Amazing and Wonderful Web

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Bibles marked at Psalm 139:14, one per kid
- Yarn, one skein per Small Group
- Beach ball or latex-free balloon, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Inflate the beach ball/balloon.

4. Pray and Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- "Tower" activity page, one per Small Group
- Wall tape, one roll per Small Group
- Sticky notes, one per kid
- Coloring supplies, one per kid

What You Do:

- Tape "Tower" activity page to the wall at a kid's height.

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Print this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource: **Parent Cue App**.

Supplies:

- Offering container
- Floor tape
- Beach ball
- Pool noodles
- Bible
- "World" activity page
- Green and blue washable ink pads (several per Small Group)
- Hand wipes
- Floor tape, one roll per Small Group
- Balloons, one per kid
- Bibles marked at Psalm 139:14
- Yarn
- Beach ball or latex-free balloon
- "Tower" activity page
- Wall tape
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Supplies

Opening Activity | Made to Move

	Quantity
1. Offering container	1
2. Floor tape	1
3. Beach ball	1
4. Pool noodles	1

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