

K-1 | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule—May 2026, Week 4

Bible Story: Paul Shipwrecked • Acts 27–28:10

Bottom Line: Don't give up on God when bad things happen.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9 NIRV

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.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener

Worship

Bible Story (sections from God's Big Story are listed as optional)

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Don't Sink the Ship (K–1st grade), Shipwrecked! (2nd–3rd grade); Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions (Preteen)

Application Activity: Just Keep Dancing (K–1st grade), Prayer Bottle (2nd–3rd grade); Take a Snapshot (Preteen)

Memory Verse Activity: Which Island? (K–1st grade), Story Verse (2nd–3rd grade); Verses to Take with You (Preteen)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

Devotionals for Kids

Parent Cue App



Bible Story

Paul Shipwrecked • Acts 27–28:10

Conversation Starter

How do you keep trusting God when bad things happen?

Bottom Line

Don't give up on God when bad things happen.

Monthly Memory Verse

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5 min

Social

5 min

K1 Social Activity | Made to Move

What You Need

 Offering container

1

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Tell the kids you're going to get ready for a long journey—a "trek"!
- Lead them in a series of fun warm-up exercises.
- Call out different "trek" motions for them to do:
 - "Let's get ready! Do 10 jumping jacks!"
 - "We have to climb a mountain! Let's do mountain climbers!" (*Demonstrate.*)
 - "Time to stretch so we don't get tired! Reach for the sky! Now touch your toes!"
 - "We need to be strong! Show me your strongest muscle pose!"
- Continue for a few minutes with different fun, energetic movements.

What You Say:

"Great job getting ready for our trek! A trek is a long, hard journey, and you have to be strong to finish it. In our Bible Story today, Paul was on a journey that got very, very, very hard. It was a good thing he was strong in his faith! He clung to His trust in God. Let's go hear what happened."









5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

K1 - Don't Sink the Ship | Made to Explore

What You Need

	Bible	1
	Plastic tablecloth or tarp	1
	Shallow, plastic bin	1
	Water	1
	Foam trays or pieces of aluminum foil, one for every three kids	1
	Coins, marbles, or small blocks	Several
	EveryChild Supplies: Towel	Several
	EveryChild Supplies: Larger items, like plastic blocks	Several



- Place a towel under the tub of water to keep the area from getting too slippery.
- Use larger items like plastic blocks for cargo if coins are too difficult for some kids to manipulate.

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Spread out the tablecloth/tarp on a table or on the floor.
- Fill the plastic bin half full of water and place it in the middle of the tablecloth/tarp.
- Place the foam trays/aluminum foil and coins, marbles, or small blocks nearby.

During the Activity:

- Open your Bible and show the kids where the Bible Story is. (Acts 27–28:10)
- Review the main ideas of the story with these main points:
 - Paul was traveling by ship to Rome to stand trial because he was telling people about Jesus.
 - While the boat was on the sea, the ship came up against a huge storm!
 - The people on board tried everything they could to survive the storm. They even threw their tools overboard to make the ship lighter!
 - But God saw everything that was going on.
 - God sent an angel to visit Paul and told him that everyone was going to live.
 - Paul trusted what God had told him because Paul knew that God would be faithful!
 - Paul tried to get everyone on board to trust in God and in what He said too.
 - The ship ran aground on an island called Malta. But everyone on board was saved, just like God had said.
 - On the island, Paul was able to heal a lot of people through God's power.
 - The people of Malta were kind to the sailors as they journeyed on!
- Gather the kids around the bin of water.
- Remind the kids that Paul was on a ship that got caught in a terrible storm.
- Float the boats (foam trays/aluminum foil shaped like foam trays) in the water.
- Explain that you are going to see how much "cargo" your little boats can hold before they sink.
- Divide kids into groups or teams of three and let each group of kids take turns adding one item (a coin, a marble, or a block) at a time to their boat.
- Count how many items each boat can hold before it starts to take on water or sink.
- Talk about how scary it must have been for the people on the real ship.

What You Say:

"Wow, our boats sank! That must have been so scary for Paul and everyone on the ship. The crew even threw tools and supplies overboard to lighten the load. Everyone lost hope. Everyone but Paul. It probably felt like a very bad thing was happening. Did Paul give up on God? No! He kept trusting God, because he knew that God is faithful—he knew that God would do just what He said. And, of course, God did what He said. Everyone made it to the island safely.

"And even more than that, Paul was able to do powerful things in Malta through the power of God. God worked through Paul, and even healed the chief official's father, along with every sick person on the island. God healed all of the sick people! And when Paul and the others were ready to sail again, the islanders gave them all the supplies they needed.

"Over and over, through every difficulty he faced, Paul chose to keep trusting God. He knew that God would be faithful. He knew that God would be good. And you can trust God too! **[Bottom Line] Don't give up on God when bad things happen."**






5 min

Application Activity

5 min

K1 - Just Keep Dancing | Made to Create

What You Need

	"Just Keep Dancing" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Clear tape	1
	Coloring supplies	Several
	Scissors	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Just Keep Dancing" on cardstock and cut, one per kid.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid the paper strips from "Just Keep Dancing."
- Ask kids to find strip number one and strip number three. Show them how to fold both ends of these strips along the marked lines. Tape the bends of strip number one to the strip with the **Bottom Line** on it. This should create an upside-down "U" shape. Put strip three aside.
- Ask kids to find strip number two and strip number four. Show kids how to roll each strip and help connect the ends of each strip with a piece of tape.
- Attach the number two rolled strip to the center of the upside-down "U" shape taped to the **Bottom Line** strip.
- Attach the folded number three strip to the center of the rolled number two strip.
- Ask kids to draw a simple face on the number four rolled strip, then attach perpendicular to strip number three to complete the paper body.
- Once the person is assembled, show the kids how to hold the bottom strip and gently move it and bend it back and forth to make their person dance.
- Let them decorate their dancing person with coloring supplies.

What You Say:

"Look at your amazing dancing people! They just keep moving, and they don't give up. This can be a reminder of perseverance for us this week. When you're disappointed or sad, it's easy to feel like God is nowhere to be found. The truth is that God loves us deeply and is *always* with us, whether or not we feel like it.

"So what does it look like to not give up on God? When you feel like it's just too hard and you don't see what God is doing, choose to talk to God anyway. Tell Him how you feel. You can say, 'God, this is tough. I don't get it! I really need Your help right now.' Paul kept going on his trek because He trusted God, and we can too. Remember, **[Bottom Line] don't give up on God when bad things happen.**"




5 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

K1 - Which Island? | Made to Play *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

 Bible	1
 Large pieces of paper	3
 Permanent marker	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Write the Memory Verse (Galatians 6:9) on the bottom of one piece of paper. On the other two, write, "Don't Give Up!"
- Place the three "islands" on the floor on one side of the room, face down.

During the Activity:

- Instruct the kids to line up on the other side of the room.
- Explain that the floor is lava, and they have to get to an island.
- Let them hop, jump, or crawl across the "lava" to one of the three islands. They can share islands.
- Once everyone is on an island, go and flip over each island one by one.
- Celebrate the group standing on the island with the Memory Verse on it, and let the "winners" lead everyone in saying the verse.
- Play again, mixing up the islands.
- Open your Bible to Galatians 6:9 and read the verse: *"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up. —Galatians 6:9"*

What You Say:

"Raise your hand if you made it to Memory Verse Island. (Pause.) Congratulations! You all won the chance to say our verse one more time. Ready? Go! *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up. —Galatians 6:9!* Great job! This verse is all about perseverance. It tells us not to get tired of doing good. Even if something bad happens, we can keep doing the right thing, because at the right time, God promises that we will harvest something good. God is working for good! So **[Bottom Line] don't give up on God when bad things happen.**"






5 min

Prayer

5 min

K1 – Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

What You Need

 "Roll the Dice Prayer" Activity Page	1
 Cardstock	1
 Cube tissue box,	1
 Clear tape	1
 Scissors	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Roll the Dice Prayer" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Tape one picture to each side of the tissue box.

During the Activity:

- Encourage kids to sit in a circle and show them each side of the die.
- Explain that you will take turns rolling the die, and whatever picture it lands on will tell them who or what to pray for.
- Continue around the circle, letting each kid roll and pray.
- Kids can choose to pray silently or out loud.

What You Say:

"That was a great way to pray for so many different people. Praying is one of the best things we can do when good things happen AND when bad things happen. God loves it when we talk to Him—even when we're frustrated or mad. So stay with it. Keep talking to God. Keep listening. And you'll find that you can face the hard things and make it to the other side because God is with you. No matter what, we should never give up on Him. Let's pray one more time together."

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for the story of Paul. Thank You that even in a giant storm, You were with him. Please help us remember and know that You are with us when we have our own storms and bad things happen. Help us to never, ever give up on You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

[As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids: "Don't give up. Even when bad things happen, God is still with you!"]

Getting Ready | K1

Small Group

GETTING READY

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

GROUPS:

Choose as many of these activities as you like.

1. Don't Sink the Ship

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Explore

What You Need:

- Bible, one per Small Group
- Plastic tablecloth or tarp, one per Small Group
- Shallow, plastic bin; one per Small Group
- Water, one per Small Group
- Foam trays or pieces of aluminum foil, one for every three kids
- Coins, marbles, or small blocks; several per Small Group

EveryChild Supplies:

- Towel
- Larger items, like plastic blocks

What You Do:

- Spread out the tablecloth/tarp on a table or on the floor.
- Fill the plastic bin half full of water and place it in the middle of the tablecloth/tarp.
- Place the foam trays/aluminum foil and coins, marbles, or small blocks nearby.

2. Just Keep Dancing

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Create

What You Need:

- "Just Keep Dancing" Activity Page, one per kid
- Cardstock, one piece per kid
- Clear tape, one roll per Small Group
- Coloring supplies, several per Small Group
- Scissors, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Just Keep Dancing" on cardstock and cut, one per kid.

3. Which Island?

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Bible, one per Small Group
- Large pieces of paper, three per Small Group
- Permanent marker, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Write the Memory Verse (Galatians 6:9) on the bottom of one piece of paper. On the other two, write, "Don't Give Up!"
- Place the three "islands" on the floor on one side of the room, face down.

4. Pray and Dismiss**[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]****Made to Reflect****What You Need:**

- "Roll the Dice Prayer" Activity Page, one per Small Group
- Cardstock, one piece per Small Group
- Cube tissue box, one per Small Group
- Clear tape, one roll per Small Group
- Scissors, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Roll the Dice Prayer" on cardstock and cut one set per Small Group.
- Tape one picture to each side of the tissue box.

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

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

Supplies

K1 Social Activity | Made to Move

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|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. Offering container | 1 |

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| 2. Plastic tablecloth or tarp | 1 |
| 3. Shallow, plastic bin | 1 |
| 4. Water | 1 |
| 5. Foam trays or pieces of aluminum foil, one for every three kids | 1 |
| 6. Coins, marbles, or small blocks | Several |
| 7. EveryChild Supplies: Towel | Several |
| 8. EveryChild Supplies: Larger items, like plastic blocks | Several |

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