



WEEK
FIVE
JUNE 2025

SMALL GROUP
K-1

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Hula Hoops®

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place the two Hula Hoops on the floor on opposite sides of your Small Group space.
- Explain to the kids that you will call out something that they might have in common.
- As you call each thing out, point to a Hula Hoop.
- Direct any kids with that thing in common to travel to that designated Hula Hoop and place one foot inside.
- Instruct the kids to step out of the Hula Hoops before you call out the next item in common.
- Continue in the same way, naming a new item kids might have in common for each round, as time and interest allow.
- Suggestions:
 - wearing tennis shoes
 - wearing open-toed shoes
 - wearing blue jeans
 - wearing shorts
 - has siblings
 - loves chocolate ice cream
 - has brown hair
 - loves soccer

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Come Together

Accept One Another /
Peter and Cornelius
Romans 15:7
(Supporting: Acts 10)

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Accept one another.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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another, you should think
and act as Jesus did.
Philippians 2:5, NIV

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Live It Out—Discover how
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WHAT YOU SAY:

"What a fun game! How did it feel when you were standing inside the Hula Hoop? Did you feel included? (*Invite responses.*) How did it feel to be left out, standing outside of the Hula Hoop? (*Invite responses.*) It's NO fun to feel excluded!"

[Transition] Today, we'll hear about someONE who accepts us all! Let's go!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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1. TRAVELING STORY REVIEW

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Story Pictures" Activity Pages, and wall tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use the wall tape to hang up the "Story Pictures" Activity Pages in your group area.
 - If you can't hang the pictures on the wall of your group space, place them on the floor.
- Explain to the kids that you will recap today's Bible Story together.
- Before you begin, share with the kids that Peter was a follower of Jesus who traveled around preaching and teaching about Jesus and starting new churches.
- One by one, point to each image.
- Invite the kids to share what they think is happening in that image.
- After a few answers, recap what is happening in each image by reading the text below.
- Discuss each of the five images.

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Bible Story Picture Recap:

- **Picture 1: The angel appeared to Cornelius.**
"Cornelius was a Roman commander who lived in Caesarea. An angel appeared to Cornelius and said, 'Your prayers and gifts to poor people are like an offering to God. So he has remembered you. Now send men to Joppa. Have them bring back a man named Simon. He is also called Peter'" (Acts 10:4-5, NIV).
- **Picture 2: Peter saw a vision.**
"Cornelius' men entered Joppa as Peter prayed on the roof. While Peter prayed, he had a vision—a sheet full of animals was being lowered from heaven, including animals that Jewish people were not supposed to eat. Peter heard a voice from heaven say, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat' (Acts 10:13, NIV). Peter didn't completely understand everything, but what Peter would eventually understand was that God was telling him that because of what Jesus had done, there was no more separation between Jewish people and non-Jewish people. Everyone could choose to follow Jesus!"
- **Picture 3: Peter traveled to meet Cornelius.**
"Before, it would've been against God's law for a Jewish person to enter a non-Jewish person's home. But Peter knew that it was okay for him to visit Cornelius because of what God showed him."
- **Picture 4: Peter spoke to Cornelius and Cornelius' family.**
"Peter said, 'I now realize how true it is that God treats everyone the same' (Acts 10:34, NIV). Peter shared the good news about Jesus with Cornelius and his family."
- **Picture 5: Cornelius and his family were baptized.**
"Cornelius and his family were baptized right then! God made it clear that Jesus is for everyone!"



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(1. TRAVELING STORY REVIEW, CONTINUED)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"I love this story! Peter's vision helped him see that Jesus didn't just come to save Jewish people. Jesus came to make a way for EVERYONE to have a relationship with God! When we look at the stories about Jesus in the Bible, we see that He chose to spend time with all kinds of people. Because Jesus accepted everyone, as followers of Jesus, we should **accept one another** too."

[Make It Personal] (Tell your group about an age-appropriate time when someone you didn't expect to include you, chose to invite you in and to accept you for you. How did that make you feel?)



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* 2. ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible marked at Romans 15:7, and colored construction paper

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set the four pieces of colored construction paper in different parts of your group area.
- Explain to kids that they will each be assigned a color.
- Assign each kid a color.
- Direct the kids to sit in groups around the colored piece of construction paper.
- Instruct the groups to talk to each other and try to find one thing they all have in common.
 - *NOTE: To help the kids get started, give them a category, like pets, favorite foods, etc.*
- After each group has found a similarity, instruct them to find a difference, which could be from the same category.
 - *For example, you can share that kids might have a different number of siblings, different types of pets, different favorite foods, etc.*
- Direct the kids to stand up and gather around you.
- Assign each kid a new color and direct them to gather around that color construction paper.
- Repeat the steps above, but give the kids a new category.
- Encourage the kids to find one similarity and one difference between themselves and others in the group.
- After some time of discussion, invite your entire group to gather together.
- Select an older kid to open the Bible marked at Romans 15:7.
- Read the verse aloud to the group several times.
- Ask:
 - "What does this verse tell us about Jesus and how He feels about us?" (*Jesus accepts us!*)
 - "Since Jesus accepts us, what does that mean that we should do?" (*Accept one another!*)
- Collect the colored cards and set them aside for the Memory Verse Activity.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"In this game, we figured out some things we have in common—like maybe everyone in your group has a dog. We also found some differences—like maybe your group liked different kinds of ice cream. While we might have some differences, we all have something in common—God invites each of us to be a part of God's family through Jesus! Jesus made a way for every single person who believes in Him to have a relationship with God forever. He chose to accept us! We'll all disagree at times, but we can still treat everyone with love and respect. As followers of Jesus, we are called to **accept one another** too!"

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3. GROUP UP MEMORY VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible marked at Philippians 2:5

WHAT YOU DO:

- Call on a kid to open the Bible marked at Philippians 2:5.
- Read the Memory Verse aloud to your group several times.
- Invite the kids to repeat the verse with you.
- Divide the kids into four groups.
- Assign each group a few words from the Memory Verse.
- Assist the groups with standing in verse order.
- Instruct all of the kids to crouch down.
- Point to each group and instruct them to pop up and repeat each phrase of the Memory Verse in order.
- Memory Verse Phrases:
 - For the NIV:
 - Group 1: "As you deal"
 - Group 2: "with one another,"
 - Group 3: "you should think"
 - Group 4: "and act as Jesus did."
 - All together: "Philippians 2:5"
 - For the NIV:
 - Group 1: "In your relationships"
 - Group 2: "with one another,"
 - Group 3: "have the same mindset"
 - Group 4: "as Christ Jesus."
 - All together: "Philippians 2:5"
- Repeat the verse in this way several times.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Friends, the Bible is God's Word! When we memorize it, we get to take God's truth with us everywhere we go.

"When it comes to how we treat each other, this verse tells us we should think and act like Jesus did. Over and over, we see how Jesus spent time with everyone. Some people would consider outcasts to be 'unimportant.' Jesus chose to love and accept everyone, and we can too! Will we agree with everyone we meet? Probably not. BUT you can still treat them with love and respect because they're made in God's image. When we follow Jesus, He will help us **accept one another!**"



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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

1. EARLY ARRIVER

Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container
- Paper, one sheet for every two kids
- Pencils, one for every kid

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Hula Hoops®, two for each Small Group

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

* If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #2.

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- Print "Story Pictures" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart, one set for each Small Group
- Wall tape, one roll for each Small Group

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible marked at Romans 15:7, one for each Small Group
- Construction paper in four colors, four sheets for each Small Group

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- Bible marked at Philippians 2:5, one for each Small Group

4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

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.**