

## Today's Suggested Schedule—February 22, 2026

**Bible Story:** Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter and a Suffering Woman • *Mark 5:21-43*

**Bottom Line:** Show the love of Jesus to people in need.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you."* • John 13:34 NIV

Check out our Pinterest page here <https://bit.ly/447HSZi> for a visual on some of the activities.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### **OPENING SMALL GROUP (20 minutes)**

**SOCIAL:** Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Early Arriver /

Opening Activity

#### **LARGE GROUP (30-35 minutes)**

**WORSHIP:** Inviting People to Respond to God

**STORY:** Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

- Introduce Monthly Theme Poster
- Review Monthly Memory Verse Poster
- Review Weekly Bottom Line Poster
- Teaching (Video)
- Review Weekly Bottom Line Poster

#### **SMALL GROUP (25-30 minutes)**

**GROUPS:** Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Reinforcement Activity

Prayer Journal

#### **TAKE HOME**

Devotional Page

## Social Opening Activity Made to Create

*\*Uses Minimal Supplies\**

*Before kids arrive, pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God that no need is too big or too small for Him, and that He shows love to everyone who is hurting. Recall an age-appropriate story about a time you were in need and God showed up for you—perhaps through the kindness of someone else. Ask God to help the kids in your group be aware of people in need around them. Pray they would also know Jesus loves them when they are hurting.*

### What You Need:

- Bible
- “Memory Verse” Activity Page
- Coloring supplies (especially red and blue crayons/markers)

### What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Give each kid a “Memory Verse” Activity Page and make coloring supplies available.
- Open the Bible and read John 13:34.
- Point to the Memory Verse on the page.
- Point out the different words on the page.
- Say, “Every time you see the word **LOVE**, I want you to draw a heart around it.”
- Say, “Every time you see the word **YOU**, I want you to draw a smiley face around it.”
- Say, “Every time you see the word **I**, I want you to draw a cross by the word.”
- Let the kids work on finding the special words and drawing the icons to correlate.

### What You Say:

“Great job finding all those words! Our verse is a special command from Jesus. He wants us to love each other because He loves us so much! **[Transition]** In our Bible Story today, we’re going to see Jesus show His amazing love to some people who really, really needed it. Let’s go!”

**[Lead your group to the Large Group area.]**

## **LARGE GROUP**

**What You Need:** TV, Pre-Loaded Video Content

**What You Do:**

1. Introduce/Remind kids about the
  - a. Monthly Theme
  - b. Monthly Memory Verse
  - c. Today's Bottom Line
2. Play Worship Songs
3. Allow kids to grab a snack
4. Play Teaching Video
5. Review Today's Bottom Line

**Lead your group to the Small Group activity.**

## Groups

### 1. Story Race

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Play

#### What You Need:

- "Story Events" Activity Page

#### What You Do:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Give each team a set of the story cards, all mixed up and placed face down in a pile.
- On "Go," teams race to flip over their cards and put them in the correct order to retell the story.
- The first team to get the story in the right order wins.
- Once both teams are finished, use the cards to retell the story together:
  1. A man named Jairus asked Jesus for help because his daughter was very sick.
  2. A woman who had been sick for a very long time reached out and touched Jesus' cloak.
  3. Jesus felt power go out from Him and asked, "Who touched me?"
  4. The woman was scared, but she told Jesus what she had done. Jesus was kind and told her she was healed!
  5. At Jairus's house, Jesus reached out and touched the little girl's hand.
  6. At Jairus's house, Jesus healed the little girl too! She got up and walked around!

#### What You Say:

"Great job putting that story in order! Jesus was on His way to do something very important, but He still stopped to help the woman who was in need. When the people told Jairus that his daughter was dead, Jesus told him, *'Don't be afraid. Just believe'* (Mark 5:36 NIV). Jesus completely healed the woman in an instant and raised the girl back to life! He showed love to both people! We can be like Jesus and **[Bottom Line] show the love of Jesus to people in need.**"

## 2. Love Cube

### Live for God | Application Activity Made to Create

#### What You Need:

- “Love Cube” Activity Page
- Scissors
- Clear tape
- Coloring supplies

#### What You Do:

- Give each child a “Love Cube” Activity Page and let them color the different sides.
- As they color, talk about what’s on each side of the cube. Read the four questions aloud:
  - “Where have you seen God’s love?”
  - “How have others shown love to you?”
  - “How can love change things?”
  - “How can you show love to others?”
- Help the kids cut out their cube shape along the solid lines and fold on the dotted lines.
- Use tape to help them form their paper into a cube.
- Once the cubes are made, let the kids take turns gently tossing their cube and answering the question that lands face up.

#### What You Say:

“These cubes are so cool! They are full of great questions about love. When Jesus got to Jairus’s house, the people were very sad and were loudly grieving, and even laughed at Jesus when He said the girl was only sleeping. But Jesus didn’t let that stop Him from showing love. He sent them outside and raised the girl to life. We might not be able to heal people like Jesus, but we can share His love. Let’s remember to **[Bottom Line] show the love of Jesus to people in need.**”

### 3. Verse Word Search

#### Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity Made to Explore

#### What You Need:

- Bibles
- “Verse Word Search” Activity Page
- “Verse Word Search Answer Key” Activity Page
- Pencils

#### What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible and direct them to look up John 13:34.
- Demonstrate how to look up the verse using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

***Finding verses for 2-3<sup>rd</sup> graders:** 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. When they 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 correct chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.*

- Repeat the verse aloud several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Guide the kids to put their Bibles aside.
- Give each kid a “Verse Word Search” Activity Page and a pencil.
- Point to the Memory Verse at the bottom of the page and read together: “I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you” John 13:34.
- Explain that all the words from the verse are hidden in the puzzle.
- Challenge them to find and circle as many words from the verse as they can.
- Work together as a group to find all the words. Use the “Verse Word Search Answer Key” as needed.

#### What You Say:

“You are all excellent word finders! It’s great to hide God’s Word, the Bible, in our hearts by learning it. When we memorize verses from the Bible, we can remember God’s Word all the time! Jesus’ command to love is for everyone. It’s for our friends, our family, and especially for people who need help. Jesus was on the most important mission ever—to save the whole world—but He still paused to help people one by one. We can **[Bottom Line]** show the love of Jesus to people in need.”

## 4. Pray and Dismiss

### Pray to God | Prayer Activity

#### Made to Reflect

#### What You Need:

- Clear jar from Week 1
- Bag of candy hearts from Week 1

#### What To Do:

- Invite the kids to form a circle with you.
- Show the group the prayer jar with hearts in it.
- Give each kid a candy heart.
- Ask your group to think of one person they know who might need Jesus' love this week. (Maybe it's someone who is sick, like the people in our story, or maybe someone who is feeling sad.)
- Explain that God knows what's in our hearts, and so if we want to pray silently for that person, we can. God hears the words in our hearts!
- Go around the circle, and if a kid wants to share, let them say the person's name and pray for them. But if they don't feel comfortable sharing a name, encourage them to pray silently for that person. (Share with them that they can pray in their heart, "Jesus, [this person] needs Your help. Please help [this person].")
- Encourage the kid to put their heart in the prayer jar to represent that person.
- Continue until everyone has had a turn to say a name and gets to pray if they want.
- Say, "Praying for people is a way to share the love of Jesus. We have prayed for so many people this month and asked for God's help! Great job, you guys!"
- Close the group in prayer.

#### What You Say:

"The best part of prayer is that we can pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything! It's so good to pray for people. It's one of the best ways we can **[Bottom Line]** show the love of Jesus to people in need. Let's pray together now.

"Dear God, thank You for being so loving and kind. Thank You for healing the people in our story and for always being ready to help us when we are in need. Please be with the people we prayed for today. Show them Your love. Help us to be like Jesus and show Your love to everyone we meet. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."