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# Learn from God's Word.

# Note to Ministry Leader

No matter what the adventure is, it is really important to have a guide, someone who leads the way and someone you can go to when you need help. We want preschoolers to know God gave us a Guide—His Son, Jesus! Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom. So, this month, we are exploring stories Jesus told to learn how we can help God's kingdom grow.

God's kingdom is for everyone who follows Jesus, so let's remember what Jesus said in Matthew 6:33: "Put God's kingdom first." (Matthew 6:33 NIRV). Let's encourage our preschoolers to do what Jesus says: to use what God gives us to grow, to help others, to forgive, and to never give up on prayer. That's not always easy, but we can embrace the adventure in that—and our preschoolers can too!

Pray for your parents, caregivers, and small group leaders ... that God gives them the wisdom and patience needed to lead little hearts. And pray for preschoolers ... that they will learn to listen to Jesus and do what Jesus says because Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom.



This guide is your month-to-month home base. It's designed to give you clarity, confidence, and connection as you lead in ministry.

## Start Here

Every month, start with this guide. Review what you already know and discover what's new with this month's theme and content.

## Jump Around

Click through the Table of Contents to move through the document, then click the jump link in the bottom right-hand corner on any page to bounce back and repeat.

## Circle Back

This guide is your working road map for every month. Navigating changes? Have questions? Need ideas? Look here first!



## EveryChild Tips

Look for this icon throughout your files to find intentional notes and ideas with every child in mind.

## Safety Note

To create a safe place for all children, be sure to look for safety notes included throughout the curriculum. Make sure you print and display the "Allergy Alert Posters" outside each environment for parents to see at drop-off.

# Monthly Overview

\* MONTHLY BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS

Week	Bible Story	Bible References	Story Focus
1	The Story of the Farmer*	Matthew 13:1-23	God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says.
2	The Parable of the Bags of Gold	Matthew 25:14-30	God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you.
3	The Servant Who Had No Mercy	Matthew 18:21-35	God's kingdom grows when you forgive.
4	The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up	Luke 18:1-8	God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up.

FOR  
BABIES  
SAY



Key Question

**Who teaches  
you about God's  
kingdom?**

Bottom Line\*

**Jesus teaches  
me about God's  
kingdom.**

Basic Truth

**Jesus wants to  
be my friend  
forever.**

\* FOR CRAWLERS AND TODDLERS → Say "you" instead of "me." It helps their comprehension!

**"Put God's kingdom first."  
Matthew 6:33 NIrV**

Memory Verse Motions → find in the Prelude folder or on [Pinterest](#)

MEMORY  
VERSE  
MOTION

# Weekly Summaries

Week	Bible Story	Summary
1	<b>The Story of the Farmer*</b>	Jesus tells a story about a farmer who scatters seed. Some seed falls on a hard path, some on rocky ground, and some among thorns. None of those seeds grow and produce big, healthy crops. But some seed falls on good soil and grows into strong plants that make even more seed. Jesus is like the farmer who is planting seed, and He wants us to be like the good soil. He wants us to understand that He loves us and wants us to follow Him so we can be a part of God's kingdom. <u>Jesus teaches us about God's kingdom</u> , and when we do what Jesus says, God's kingdom grows.
2	<b>The Parable of the Bags of Gold</b>	Jesus tells a story about a rich man who is going away on a big trip. He wants his helpers to take care of his money, and he wants them to use that money to earn even more money. One helper is given five bags of gold, and he earns five more. The second helper is given two bags of gold, and he earns two more. The third helper is given one bag of gold, but he buries it and doesn't try to earn more money. When the rich man returns, he praises the first two helpers and rewards them, but he is not happy with the one who buried his gold. Jesus tells this story because He wants us to use what we have to help God's kingdom grow. We may not have bags of gold, but we are wonderfully made by God! There are many things we can do to show God's love to others and help God's kingdom grow. And if we ever need help knowing what to do, we can pray and ask Jesus to show us, because <u>Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom</u> .
3	<b>The Servant Who Had No Mercy</b>	Jesus tells a story about a king who wants to collect the money that some people owe him. One man owes the king a lot of money. He falls on his knees and begs the king for more time to pay him back. The king feels sorry for him, so he decides to be kind to the man and forgive the debt. But then that man finds a person who owes him a little bit of money. That person begs the man for more time to pay him back, but the man isn't as kind as the king. He has the person put in jail, even though it is only a little bit of money. When the king finds out what the forgiven man did, he is very upset and puts that man in jail. Jesus tells the story because he wants us to know that God is kind and forgiving. And when we forgive others, we show others how good God is, and we help God's kingdom grow.

\* MONTHLY BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS

# Weekly Summaries

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- 4**      **The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up**
- Jesus tells a story about a woman. Someone is treating the woman badly, so she asks a judge to help her. But the judge does not love God. He isn't good, and he doesn't care for the people in his town. So, when the woman asks the judge to help her, he does nothing. He doesn't help the woman at all, but the woman does not give up! She goes to the judge again and again and again. She begs the judge to make things right, until finally, the judge helps the woman. Jesus wants us to know that God is not like the judge in the story. God is good and always cares for His people. We can pray and talk to God, and never give up, and He will help us. And we know this because Jesus teaches us about God's kingdom.

# Scope & Cycle

The Scope & Cycle document is your teaching road map, including theological foundations, phase research, and monthly overviews for the whole year.

FIND MY FILES 📁

Scope & Cycle is in the folder:

- This Month
- 01\_Start Here
- 01\_Vision Casting

August



September



October



November



December



January



February



March



April



May



June



July



# Orange Kids Music

[View Music Here ↗](#)

## July

### Monthly Song

Album: Live It Out

*Love Like Jesus*

### Additional Song

Album: My Friend Forever

*Come On With Me*

## August

### Monthly Song

New Release!

*What God Made*

### Additional Song

Album: All Good

*All Good*

## September

### Monthly Song

Album: Amazing

*The Plans*

### Additional Song

Album: Love Like Jesus

*Really Awesome Plan*

## October

### Monthly Song

Album: Very Big Things

*Super Duper Kid*

### Additional Song

Album: Never Better

*Be Brave*

## November

### Monthly Song

New Release!

*I Wanna Thank You*

### Additional Song

Album: All Good

*Just Wanna Thank You*

## December

### Monthly Song

Single

*Happy Birthday Jesus*

### Additional Song

Single

*It's a Holy Night*

## January

### Monthly Song

New Release!

*The Bible Teaches Me the Best Things*

### Additional Song

Single

*Important Things*

## February

### Monthly Song

Album: Summer 2020

*Jesus Loves Me Remix*

### Additional Song

Album: Love Like Jesus

*Whole Lotta Bit*

## March

### Monthly Song

Album: Amazing

*Amazing*

### Additional Song

Album: Love Like Jesus

*He is Amazing*

## April

### Monthly Song

Album: All Good

*I've Got a Friend*

### Additional Song

Album: Very Big Things

*My Forever Friend*

## May

### Monthly Song

New Release!

*Jesus Loves Everybody*

### Additional Song

Album: Very Big Things / Amazing

*Everyone Everywhere*

# Amazing Music Preschool Songs

[Only On APlay ↗](#)

## November

*I can celebrate God*

### Bottom Line & Scripture

I can thank God for everything.

*"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1*

### Song Suggestions

*If You're Happy and  
You Know It*

*I've Got The Joy  
(Down In My Heart)*

## December

*God gave us Jesus*

### Bottom Line & Scripture

God gave us Jesus.

*"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son." John 3:16*

### Song Suggestions

*Give Me Oil In  
My Lamp*

*Jesus Loves Me*

## January

*The Bible teaches me  
the best things*

### Bottom Line & Scripture

I can thank God for everything.

*"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1*

### Song Suggestions

*The B-I-B-L-E*

*This Little Light  
Of Mine*

## February

*Jesus loves me*

### Bottom Line & Scripture

Jesus loves me.

*"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'" Matthew 19:14*

### Song Suggestions

*His Banner Over  
Me Is Love*

*Jesus Loves The  
Little Children*

## March

*Jesus is amazing*

### Bottom Line & Scripture

Jesus is amazing!

*"We have seen amazing things today!" Luke 5:26*

### Song Suggestions

*Jesus Loves  
Even Me*

*My God Is  
So Big*

## April

*Jesus wants to be  
my friend forever*

### Bottom Line & Scripture

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

*"I have called you friends." John 15:15*

### Song Suggestions

*Give Me Oil In  
My Lamp*

*I Have Decided  
To Follow Jesus*

# Amazing Music Preschool Songs

Only On APlay ↗

## May

*Jesus cares  
about everyone*

### Bottom Line & Scripture

Jesus cares about everyone.

"How wide and long and high and  
deep is the love of Christ."

Ephesians 3:18

### Song Suggestions

*Come and Go  
With Me*

*Zacchaeus*

## June

*Kingdom Quest*

### Bottom Line & Scripture

I can be a part of God's  
Kingdom.

"Put God's Kingdom first."

Matthew 6:33

### Song Suggestions

*Roll With You*

*Super Wonderful  
(Yancy)*

## July

*Kingdom Quest*

### Bottom Line & Scripture

Jesus teaches me about God's  
Kingdom.

"Your kingdom come, your will be  
done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:10 NIV

### Song Suggestions

*Hosanna Rock (Yancy)*

*I'm Gonna Follow*

# Plan with every child in mind.

# Getting Ready

Build your to-do list from action items found in this guide.

## #01 Learn from God's Word

- Look through the Ministry Leader Guide (this document)
- Customize content through curriculum Word Documents
- Explore ideas on the [First Look Pinterest](#)

## #02 Plan with Every Kid in Mind

- Review the suggested schedules and note any changes
- Use the activity stamps to select activities for Social and Groups from the Small Group Leader Guide

## #03 Build an Experience

- Create your environment
- Review and publish APlay playlists
- Source the props and supplies needed for the Small Group activities and Large Group
- Print the activity pages needed for the Small Group activities
- Send emails and documents to equip leaders and volunteers

## #04 Connect Beyond This Moment

- Plan and schedule social media
- Print the Parent Cue cards or schedule the Mailchimp email
- Send encouragement to volunteers

# Suggested Schedule

## → Leader

### Before

What you do beforehand

#### Prelude

Setting the tone for the experience

You'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare in the Prelude folder.

### Small Group

Preschoolers divided into smaller groups with a consistent leader

#### Social (15 minutes)

Providing time for fun interaction

Offer activities as preschoolers arrive.

### Large Group

All preschoolers and leaders together

#### Worship (10 minutes)

Inviting preschoolers to respond to God

#### Story (10 minutes)

Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Engage preschooler's hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible Story, Worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

### Small Group

Preschoolers divided into smaller groups with a consistent leader

#### Groups (25 minutes)

Creating a safe place to connect

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

### After

What you do afterwards

#### Home

Prompting action beyond the experience

You'll find a variety of resources to share in the Home folder.

# Suggested Schedule

## → Experience

Monthly documents and APlay playlists follow the same suggested schedule.

If the order changes, remember to:

- Let leaders and volunteers know the update
- Reorder APlay to match at [joinamazing.com](https://joinamazing.com)

Segment	What You'll Find	What You Do
<b>Social</b>  <b>15 minutes</b> Providing time for fun interaction	Includes activities as preschoolers arrive. This time encourages preschoolers to enter the classroom and engage with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing fun, age-appropriate, hands-on activities that introduce new concepts they will hear in the Bible Story.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Plan for as many of the activities as possible.</li> <li>→ Review the Small Group document for props and supplies needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Worship</b>  <b>10 minutes</b> Inviting preschoolers to respond to God	We recommend worship songs that amplify teaching content for the month. We've created these songs to be developmentally appropriate, incorporating simple, direct language, fun dance movements, and upbeat, current arrangements.  Songs are preloaded into <a href="#">APlay</a> and available for purchase at <a href="https://store.thinkorange.com">store.thinkorange.com</a> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Recommendation: Have a Worship Leader and live instruments to sing along with the music tracks.</li> <li>→ Encourage small group leaders to model what it means to worship by participating in worship using words and motions and encourage children to follow along.</li> <li>→ Share music links with parents so they can stream them at home or in the car.</li> </ul>
<b>Story</b>  <b>10 minutes</b> Communicating God's truth in engaging ways	Includes various methods of storytelling to engage every kid as they learn about God's Big Story and the part they can play in it. This time encourages kids to be active participants in their faith and not just bystanders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible Story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advance preparation is necessary.</li> </ul>
<b>Groups</b>  <b>25 minutes</b> Creating a safe place to connect	Includes activities written to reach every learning style. These activities will reinforce the Bottom Line introduced during the Bible Story and help kids apply it to real-life experiences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Plan for as many of the activities as possible.</li> <li>→ Review the Small Group document for props and supplies needed.</li> <li>→ You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or offer two activities at once and allow half the children to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.</li> </ul>

# Activity Stamps

Every kid is made uniquely by God, and wired to learn differently in every phase. That's where Activity Stamps come in!



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



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



An activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts



An activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role play to enhance their learning



An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft



An activity that encourages personal application and prayer



An advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

## Learn More

Activity Stamps help you create intentional moments that meet kids where they are developmentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

Whether kids are moving, creating, building, sharing, or imagining, each stamp shows how the activity is designed to help kids engage with God's Word in a way that sticks. They also ensure variety and balance in your time together.

## How to Use

So as you plan, try mixing it up! You'll see an assigned Activity Stamp listed with each activity to show you how it's designed to engage kids best.

One week you might do a "Made to Move" activity, and the next week might be "Made to Create." Both help kids connect with God in meaningful ways.

Using a variety of stamps throughout your time helps every kid feel seen and gives them a chance to connect with God's Word in a way that makes sense to them.

**Build an  
experience  
they'll  
remember.**

# Create the Environment

## General Tips

### Declutter your environment.

While the relationships are what matter, a cluttered space is less inviting.

### Store toys out of sight and out of mind.

It is difficult to engage a preschooler when their favorite toy is nearby.

### If you share space with a preschool, develop a strong relationship with the preschool and preschool teachers.

Don't let space become a source of contention. If possible, work together to sew fitted covers for toy shelves that slip over the top of the shelf. (Think BBQ grill covers.) Choose fabric in neutral colors or match the wall color so the covered shelves blend into the background. Ask the preschool to cover everything before they leave on Friday, and ask your volunteers to uncover everything before leaving on Sunday. Set each other up for success.

### Display the Theme Art, Bottom Line, or Memory Verse in photo frames at check-in so parents know what their child is learning.

### Each month the Environment Art has printable elements from the theme art to help you extend the theme throughout your environment.

You can find it in the Prelude folder.

- 01\_Prelude
- 03\_EnvironmentImages
- 03\_ThemeArt\_Environment

### You don't have to go all out, but even little touches go a big way!

Think theme art colors or utilizing your screens if you have them.

## Tips for This Month

Use these ideas as a starting point to bring the theme to life in your space.

### Kingdom Quest

Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom.

- Repurposed cardboard boxes can become a castle to emphasize the kingdom or huge books to emphasize the Bible, where we read Jesus' parables.
- Decorate walls with torches made from paper towel rolls and orange tissue paper as if your hallways are part of a castle.
- Any of the worlds explored in VBS become reminders that God's kingdom is everywhere God's people are, so build exciting locales like a jungle, desert, mountain, or lake to emphasize that we are seeking the greatest treasure and learning to live the adventure with God as we help His kingdom grow.
- Consider offering an interactive station for your younger children where they can build a castle with cardboard bricks, and engage your older kids by hiding a treasure box in a different place each week. Inside the treasure box can be some allergy-friendly treats to share and a Bible, so everyone can celebrate the beautiful truth that everyone can be a part of God's kingdom.

### Need Ideas?

Connect with our team and other ministry leaders for more content.

#### Pinterest

[https://bit.ly/FL\\_Pinterest](https://bit.ly/FL_Pinterest)

#### Facebook

[bit.ly/FL\\_Partners](bit.ly/FL_Partners)

#### Spotify

[bit.ly/FL\\_MusicPlaylist](bit.ly/FL_MusicPlaylist)

# Introducing APlay

Welcome to instant access to your curriculum media. No downloads. No hassle.

APlay is an all-in-one media organization and presentation tool, free with your curriculum subscription! Experience all of your curriculum media assets, now pre-built and fully customizable. No more sorting through multiple download folders. APlay is free with your curriculum subscription and packed with features to help your weekly experience run smoother.

APlay gives you more time to focus on what truly matters — more ministry, less media management with Apple TV and web browser streaming options.

## How to Get Started

- **First time?** Sign up at [JoinAPlay.com](https://JoinAPlay.com) using the same primary email and password for your Orange Curriculum subscription.
- **Returning?** Sign in at [JoinAmazing.com](https://JoinAmazing.com). You'll find it pre-loaded with all the media content in your subscription.
- **Questions?** Reach out to Customer Care or your dedicated Orange Specialist.

## KEY FEATURES



### Seamless Media Playlists

Display curated playlists or create your own.



### Custom Content Integration

Upload and organize your church media, including worship videos.



### Pre-Built Playlists

Access Orange Curriculum playlists tailored for your needs.



### AppleTV Compatibility

Enjoy preloaded curriculum content ready for use.

The screenshot shows the APlay web interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Amazing Kids', 'Orange', and 'Training'. The main content area features a video player with 'THIS WEEK'S SERVICE' and a 'CONTINUE WATCHING' section. A sidebar on the right shows a 'Media' section with 'Playlists' and 'Present' options. The 'Playlists' section displays a table of content:

Name	Description	Uploaded By
CityQuest 0808	CityQuest 0808 Sermon	John Doe
Wash Church	Wash Church Sermon	John Doe
Wash Church	Wash Church Sermon	John Doe
CityQuest 0808	CityQuest 0808 Sermon	John Doe
Wash Church	Wash Church Sermon	John Doe
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Sign In → [JoinAmazing.com](https://JoinAmazing.com)

# Equip the Team

## Communicate Early

Send any files and information a leader may need early enough for them to plan.

### Large Group Leaders

- Send the Large Group Leader Guide

### Small Group Leaders

- Send the Small Group Leader Guide  
(Mailchimp templates are provided for easy access!)
- Share which Group Activities were selected

#### FIND MY FILES

Weekly leader guides are found in their respective folders:

Groups

- Small Group
- Large Group



## Amazing Music

Amazing Music is an ever-growing library of worship songs created just for your Children's Ministry! Timeless, classic preschool songs with accompanying videos are available exclusively on **APlay**.

Plug in songs like "The B-I-B-L-E" and "Jesus Loves Me" into your service seamlessly. Each Amazing Music preschool video is fun, engaging, and developmentally appropriate. Visit [JoinAmazing.com](https://www.joinamazing.com) to learn more about accessing Amazing Music to help the preschoolers in your ministry **have fun and worship God**.

**Connect  
beyond  
this  
moment.**

# Social Media

This guide provides consistency while allowing room for creativity. Keep engaging, keep encouraging, and keep building faith in the next generation!

## Weekly Strategy

**What to post and caption each day.**

## Management Strategy

**What content to feature and engage directly with Parents.**



### Automate Scheduling

Use scheduling tools like Canva or Hootsuite to automate posts. Pro-tip, they both have nonprofit account options!

### Ask Questions

Encourage comments and interactions by asking engaging questions.

### Stay Present

Monitor direct messages and comments to foster community engagement.

### Customize Content

Adapt posts to fit your ministry's unique needs.

# Social Media Weekly Strategy

Day	Content	Direction	Caption Suggestion
Monday	<b>Parent Cue</b> Equip parents with a practical conversation starter or activity to reinforce what kids are learning.	<b>Grid Post + Caption</b> Post a Parent Cue image from the series art.	<i>Hey, parents! Here's a conversation cue for this week. Take a moment to connect with your child at [Meal Time/Morning Time/Drive Time/Bed Time]. For more cues, check out the Parent Cue App!</i>
Tuesday	<b>Ministry Highlight or Testimonial</b> Share a win or highlight from your kids' ministry to encourage engagement and build community.	<b>Grid/Reel Post + Caption</b> Post a photo or video from your team.	<i>"We love seeing kids grow in their faith! This week, [Kid's Name] shared how they applied what they learned at church. Share in the comments a recent win you've seen with your child."</i>
Wednesday	<b>Bottom Line or Key Question</b> Provide a midweek reminder of what kids are learning and encourage families to reflect.	<b>Grid Post + Caption</b> Post a bottom line or key question image from the series art.	<i>"This week, we learned that [Insert Bottom Line]. How can you put this into action today?"</i>
Thursday	<b>Volunteer Appreciation or Behind-the-Scenes</b> Recognize and celebrate your volunteers to build community and cultivate a positive ministry culture.	<b>Grid/Reel Post + Caption</b> Post a photo or video from your team of a volunteer or from behind-the-scenes.	<i>"Shoutout to [Volunteer's Name]! They help create a fun and meaningful experience for kids every week. Drop a thank-you note in the comments!"</i>
Friday	<b>Memory Verse or Worship Song Highlight</b> Reinforce scripture memory or introduce the worship song kids are learning.	<b>Grid/Reel Post + Caption</b> Post the verse graphic from the series art or a short (30 sec.) video of worship from your team.	<i>"This month's memory verse: [Insert Verse Reference] Take time to memorize this as a family and remind each other of God's truth!"</i>
Saturday (Optional)	<b>Service Photos or Videos</b> Create engagement by creating spontaneous posts, fun polls, or engaging questions.	<b>Grid/Reel Post + Caption</b> Share a photo or video from service. Bonus if you post a carousel!	<i>What's your favorite Bible story?</i>
Sunday	<b>Weekly Recap</b> Summarize what was taught in church that week and encourage families to continue the conversation.	<b>Grid/Reel Post + Caption</b> Post a carousel of photos and videos from your team.	<i>"This week, we explored [Bible Story/Theme] and learned [Key Lesson]. Keep the conversation going at home by watching this recap on [Parent Cue App/Website]!"</i>

# Social Media Management Strategy

## Monthly Features (Pinned Posts)



### Memory Verse of the Month (Image included in Series Art)

*This month's memory verse: [Insert Verse]. Let's commit to memorizing this together as a family!*



### Ways to Get Involved (Volunteer Call-to-Action)

*Want to make an impact? We're looking for amazing volunteers to join our kids' ministry team! Sign up today to be part of something special.*



### Monthly Theme Overview Carousel (Image & Video)

*This month in kids' ministry, we're diving into [Theme Name]. Join us each week as we learn how God is working in our lives!*



### Upcoming Events & Announcements

*Mark your calendars! [Event Name] is coming up on [Date]. We can't wait to see you there!*

## POV Content Prompts (Point of View)

### About POV

POV-style video to directly engage parents and spark conversation. Encourage parents to comment, tag friends, and share their own experiences to increase engagement on these posts!

### Permissions

Make sure you have obtained permission from the child's guardian before posting any videos or images. A Photo/Video Release form is a great tool for this.



### POV: When kids surprise us with their wisdom

Video of a child explaining a Bible story in their own words, with a caption: *"Sometimes, the best teachers are the kids themselves! What's something your child has taught you about faith?"*



### POV: Sunday morning chaos getting to church

Fast-paced, funny clips showing the behind-the-scenes rush of a family trying to get out the door for church. Caption: *"If this is you every Sunday morning, you're not alone! Tag a parent who can relate!"*



### POV: When a child remembers the memory verse before you do

A playful skit where a child corrects a leader on the memory verse. Caption: *"Who else has been called out by a kid for not knowing the memory verse? 😂"*



### POV: When kids randomly start singing the worship song from church

A child joyfully singing a worship song in the car or at dinner. Caption: *"Worship doesn't stop on Sundays! What's your child's favorite worship song right now?"*

# Going Home

Encourage leaders and volunteers to connect parents with what happened in preschool world today. Take time to communicate what preschoolers learned so that parents can continue learning at home.

## 01 Get Ready

- Prep Parent Cues by printing or scheduling an email
- Print the Going Home PDF for leaders and volunteers

## 02 Equip Your Team

- Set any take-home creations where you or parents can get them easily
- Set Parent Cues out where parents can find them

## 03 Remind Your Team

- Greet parents at the door and tell them what preschoolers are learning this month
- Encourage parents to repeat the bottom line at home and use activities found in Parent Cue to reinforce what they are learning at church
- Hand parents any take-home creations, Parent Cues, and anything else relevant (like Babies Check-Out)

# Parent Cue

Parent Cue is your direct-to-parent strategy. Along with Parent Cue handouts and emails found in your curriculum files, the Parent Cue App connects you to parents and families all week long.

The Parent Cue App is free to download and includes content that aligns to the curriculum schedule. Unlock more features and content with church customization or an individual subscription.

## Church Customization

Deliver weekly curriculum content, empower parents, and centralize your communication in a customizable app.

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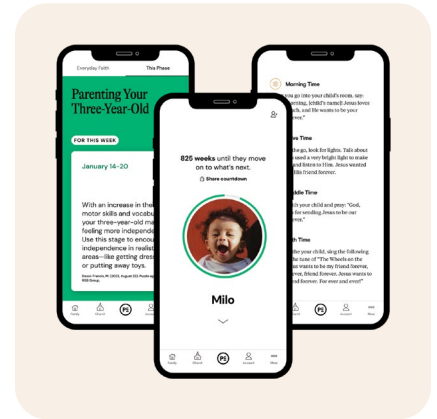
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# Volunteer Appreciation

Everyone loves to know that they are loved and appreciated! What better way to appreciate your volunteers than with some fun, meaningful, and engaging events and resources?

The Volunteer Appreciation document provides you with various ways to engage your volunteers all year long with:

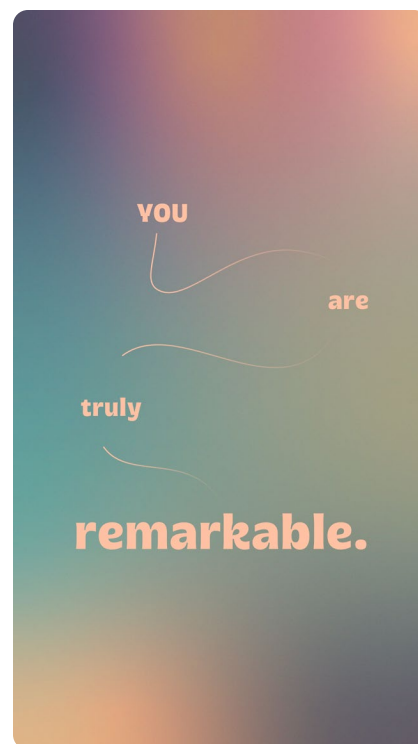
- 5 Budget Friendly Ideas
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No matter what you choose to do, we hope that your volunteers feel poured into as they continue to serve in your ministry.

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# Statement of Faith

## About God

There is one, and only one, living and true God, existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is just, powerful, good, and holy. God is infinite in love. Through love, God creates, sustains, suffers, judges, rescues, liberates, redeems, reconciles, and reigns.

## About Jesus

God became human in Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead, and on the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. The death and resurrection of Jesus offers redemption for humanity and the world.

## About The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, the fully divine Spirit of God, whose present activity is to guide, to convict, to comfort, to transform, and to strengthen. The Spirit bestows gifts, and cultivates the character and mind of Christ in believers for use in and through the Church.

## About The Bible

The Holy Scripture was written under the divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is accurate, reliable, and authoritative. It is the primary authority for all Christian faith and practice. The Scripture reveals the character of God, the nature of humanity, and the primacy of Jesus.

## About Salvation

Jesus, being fully God and fully human, was born, lived, died, and rose again. It is only through Christ Jesus that humanity can find complete forgiveness, reconciliation, and wholeness. Anyone who accepts the free gift of salvation made possible through Christ Jesus is welcome into the Kingdom of Heaven now and forever.

## About People

All people are made in God's image, and like God, have the capacity to love, to care, to communicate, and to create. All people have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. The fall of humanity distorted creation and separated all people from God. Because of the fall, humans often feel isolated, angry, inadequate, ashamed, or overwhelmed by the constant awareness that all is not as it should be.

## About The Church

The Church is the body of Christ, an extension of Christ's life and ministry in the world today. It includes the redeemed of all ages, races, genders, and nations. Because of Jesus, with the guidance of the Spirit, believers are invited to participate in the work of the Church. Jesus prayed for unity in the Church, and our Christian unity gives evidence of God to every generation.

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