

SHOP & PREP

measure up

WEEK 1

ACTIVITY | Lost in the Park

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Amusement park map puzzle pieces
 - Items for hiding spots
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print an amusement park map like [this one](#) as large as you can, and cut it into at least five puzzle pieces. Create clues that will work with the items in your space like a chair, a clock, or the snack bar. You can also set up hiding place items like a poncho or an artificial plant.

ACTIVITY | Fun for All Heights

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Timer or stopwatch
 - A way to keep track of the score
 - Hula hoops
 - Balloons
 - Cookies or other amusement park food items
 - Plastic cups that a sticker placed on the bottom of one can't be seen when place on a table
 - Stickers
 - Water
 - 2-liter bottles
 - Jelly beans or other small food items
 - Tape
 - Empty popcorn container like [this one](#)
 - Paper streamer rolls
- **WHAT TO PREP:** For each mini game you plan to play, prepare the needed items ahead of time. Have a couple of volunteers help with keeping score, tracking time, or setting up and cleaning up each game. Check out this [list of party games](#), this [list of group games](#), or check out the Grow Games and Icebreakers App for more Minute to Win It game ideas.

SCRIPTURE | Matthew 2:13–23 (The Escape to Egypt)

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Project and play a video like [this one](#) without the sound on during the Bible story. Wear ride-operator clothing (polo shirt with khaki pants or shorts and a name badge). Create wearable signs or large name tags for the volunteers who are playing Herod, the Magi, the angel, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus.

BIG IDEA | God guides us to safety.

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - [Carnival punch-out reusable game](#)
 - OR
 - Cups, tissue paper, heavy-duty tape, and large foam board
 - Printout of Big Idea graphic
 - Lanyards for each kid
 - [Assorted pins](#)
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ACTIVITY | Escape Ride

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Painter's tape
 - Blindfolds
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print and/or project a [map](#) detailing Jesus and his family's escape route to Egypt and back to Israel. Mark the floor using painter's tape laid out in a curvy path (like a 2-D roller coaster). Be aware of [copyright and fair use for churches](#) when using or printing materials from online or print resources.

OBJECT LESSON | Safety First

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Prepare the following media resources:
 - [Safety guidelines video clip](#)
 - [Parent holding child's hand](#)
 - [Child accompanied by grown-up on ride](#)
 - [Rollercoaster harness](#)
 - [Carousel fence](#)
 - ["Must be this tall to ride" sign](#)

REFLECTION | Oh, The Places You'll Go!

- **WHAT TO PREP:** The site [wordclouds.com](#) is free and offers a variety of shape options appropriate to the amusement park theme or you can upload an icon [like this](#). The website will be needed, along with an internet connection and projection capability.

RESPONSE | I Am Never Alone

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Printable
 - Writing materials
 - Scissors
 - Glue
 - Poster paper
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print one copy of the popcorn printable per kid. You may choose to cut the popcorn pieces out ahead of time. Draw a popcorn container on the poster paper.

MEMORY VERSE | Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Chairs (optional)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** If you are using chairs, place two chairs next to each other, then two directly behind those chairs, continuing so there is a "rollercoaster" created.

ACTIVITY | Guided to Safety

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Play-Doh
 - Straws
 - Flat surface
 - Ping pong balls
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Gather the materials small groups will use to make their maze, straws, and ping pong balls.

WEEK 2

ACTIVITY | Family Feud Fun

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Game scoreboard
- **WHAT TO PREP:** If you are using one of the [templates](#), real-time score updates are provided. If you are creating your own physical game board, utilize a volunteer who is good at math to keep track on a whiteboard. Prepare Family Feud style [questions and answers](#).

ACTIVITY | Grown-Up Trap

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Whatever you want to use to create your maze
 - Blindfolds
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Any maze design will work! [Here](#) is one maze idea! [Here](#) is another.

SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:41–52 (The Boy Jesus at the Temple)

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Play a video like [this one](#) without the sound on as your backdrop as you begin to tell the Bible story from Luke 2:41–52. Dress up as a ride operator (polo shirt with khaki pants or shorts and name badge). Create name tags or find accessories for volunteers to wear so kids can easily tell who Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are.

BIG IDEA | We can love God with our actions.

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IMAGE | Learning to Love

- Paper
- Crayons or markers
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Prepare the following images (or something similar):
 - [Jesus teaching people](#)
 - [Jesus with his parents](#)
 - [Kids and parents](#) at church
 - [Kids with a babysitter](#) or other trusted adult

OBJECT LESSON | Hearts in Action

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Balloons
 - Markers
 - Air pumps (optional)

RESPONSE | Toss the Toy

- Containers labeled with love action words
- Small plush toys
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Set up a bean bag toss [like this](#). Instead of point values, label the containers with words that describe love in action.

MEMORY VERSE | Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Popsicle sticks
 - Marker
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Write actions on popsicle sticks.
 - Stick out your tongue
 - Hold your nose
 - Stand on one leg
 - Spin around
 - Run in place
 - Do jumping jacks
 - Pat head & rub belly
 - Touch your toes

ACTIVITY | Fingerprint Ferris Wheel

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Ink pads for fingerprints
 - Writing supplies
 - Drawing/coloring supplies
 - Ferris wheel printable
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print and copy Ferris wheel printables for each kid.

WEEK 3

ACTIVITY | Popcorn Toes

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Thick, sturdy rubber bands
 - Plastic cups
 - Popcorn or packing peanuts
 - Buckets
 - Tape for start/return and filling lines
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Create [popcorn-shoe holders](#), one set per team, by piercing a small hole in the center of each cup bottom. Push one end of the rubber band through the hole and into the cup. Use a paper clip to hold the rubber band inside the paper cup. Gently pull the other end so it rests on the bottom of the cup. Also, designate a start/return line and a popcorn filling line.

SCRIPTURE | John 1:29-42 (The Baptism of Jesus)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Spray bottles
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Play a video like [this one](#) without the sound on as your backdrop as you tell the Bible story from John 1:29–42. Dress up as a ride operator (polo shirt with khaki pants or shorts). Create name tags or find accessories for volunteers to wear so kids can easily identify Jesus, John, Andrew, and Simon.

BIG IDEA | We can follow Jesus.

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VIDEO | Duck, Duck, Follow the Leader!

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Prepare to show [this video](#).

OBJECT LESSON | Human Ferris Wheel

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Yoga or athletic mats
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Practice this [human Ferris wheel](#) activity with your leaders before showing your kids.

SCRIPTURE | Psalm 40:8-11

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - [Bubbles](#) (1 per kid)
 - [Write-on labels](#)
 - Fine-point permanent markers

REFLECTION | Cast Member

- Clothes or costume for someone to dress up as a ride operator or theme park cast member

RESPONSE | Fishing for Friends

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Fish printable, four fish per kid
 - Markers, crayons, or other arts supplies to decorate fish
 - Paperclips
 - Fishing rod supplies (one rod per team)
 - Dowels
 - String
 - Washer magnets
 - Shallow tray or bin or empty kiddie pool
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print and cut out four fish per kid using printable. Create enough fishing rods for each team to have one.

MEMORY VERSE | Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Paper
 - Markers

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Write one or two words of the verse on a paper. Do this for the entire passage.

- Water

ACTIVITY | Bible Story Water Ride

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Plastic zip bags
 - Blue food coloring or blue hair gel
 - Permanent markers

WEEK 4

ACTIVITY | Rocket Blast

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - 5 or more large plastic hula hoops
 - Cord or string to hang hoops
 - [Large foam rockets](#)
 - Strong tape to hang hoops
 - Masking tape for 'stand behind' lines
 - Prizes for players who successfully blast rockets into hoops (optional)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Here is a [video](#) for setup guidance. If inside, hang hula hoops from the ceiling using strong string and tape. Leave ample space behind the hoops for flying rockets. If outside, hang hula hoops from a tree branch. Place 'stand behind' lines on the ground. For alternative ways to play, lay hoops on the floor and have rockets land in them or tape hoops to a wall like a dart board.

ACTIVITY | Carousel Chairs

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Chairs
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Set up chairs in a circle, all facing the same way. Think carousel with horses — if the chair back is the horse front and the chair seat is the saddle. You can use carousel music ([like this](#)) during game play.

SCRIPTURE | Matthew 4:12–23 (Jesus Begins His Ministry)

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Play a video like [this one](#) without the sound on as your backdrop as you begin to tell the Bible story. Dress up as a ride operator (polo shirt with khaki pants or shorts and name badge). Create name tags or find accessories for volunteers to wear so

kids can easily identify Jesus, Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Zebedee.

BIG IDEA | God makes us ready at the right time.

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ACTIVITY | Picture Cards

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Index cards
 - Poster paper or large sheets of paper
 - Drawing supplies
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Write these scripture passages on index cards to pass out to the teams.
 - Matthew 4:13, 17
 - Matthew 4:18
 - Matthew 4: 19
 - Matthew 4:20
 - Matthew 4:21-22
 - Matthew 4:23

ACTIVITY | Bumper Cars

- WHAT TO GET:
 - 5-10 [inflatable tubes](#)
 - Timer
 - Fun, upbeat music (optional)
- WHAT TO PREP: Inflate the tubes ahead of time.

MEMORY VERSE | Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Hula hoops
 - Streamers
 - Batons
 - Pom poms
 - Clappers

- Parade music

ACTIVITY | Go Fish!

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Decks of [playing cards](#) or [Go Fish cards](#) for each group
- WHAT TO PREP: Learn the rules of how to play [Go Fish](#).

WEEK 5

ACTIVITY | Coaster Concentration

- WHAT TO PREP:
 - Chairs
- WHAT TO PREP: Set up chairs like a rollercoaster with rows of two seats.

also snap photos with your phone and text or email pictures.

ACTIVITY | Photo Booth

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Photo booth backdrop:
 - DIY [rollercoaster backdrop](#)
 - Vinyl amusement park backdrops like [this cartoon one](#), [this realistic one](#), or [this nighttime one](#)
- [Chalkboard speech bubbles](#) and chalk
- Photobooth props
- Camera or phone
- Instant cameras and film (optional)
- WHAT TO PREP: Set up your photo booth with a fun backdrop. Provide mini chalkboards or dry erase speech balloons for kids to write on and hold up as they take their photos. Your photo booth can be as simple or elaborate as you'd like it to be. Have a table for props. You'll just need volunteers to take photos of kids, and you're all set! If you use Polaroid cameras, kids can take photos home that day. You can

SCRIPTURE | Luke 4:1–13 (Jesus Is Tempted In The Wilderness)

- WHAT TO PREP: Play a video like [this one](#) without the sound on as your backdrop as you begin to tell the Bible story. Dress up as a ride operator (polo shirt with khaki pants or shorts).

BIG IDEA | God's words help us make wise choices.

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line. Use tape, traffic cones, or whatever you have on hand!

STORY | Choose Jamie's Adventure

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - White board and dry erase markers (optional)

ACTIVITY | Mystery Choices

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Small prizes for each kid, like a piece of candy or a small toy
 - Boxes to hide prizes under
 - Decorations to make boxes look flashy, fun, and desirable
 - Less desirable prizes to hide under each mystery box, such as socks, dog food, lemons, celery stalk, etc.
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Set up mystery boxes with secret prizes underneath each one. Secretly hide less desirable prizes under each mystery box.

SCRIPTURE | 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

- Two sticky notes for each kid
- Two large pieces of butcher paper
- Writing materials
- **WHAT TO PREP:** In large letters, write "Foolish" at the top of one piece of butcher paper and "Wise" at the top of the other piece.

ACTIVITY | Temptation Tower

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Empty vegetable cans
 - Supplies to decorate each can
 - A small table on which to set up the tower
 - Tablecloth (optional)
 - Dried beans
 - Tape
 - Heavy bean bags
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Empty vegetable cans, and fill each halfway with dried beans. Secure tape over the top of each can to keep beans inside. Decorate cans to match your amusement park theme (wrapping paper or brightly colored paint). Stack the cans in the shape of a pyramid like [this](#). You'll also need a starting

ACTIVITY | Roller Coaster Roll

- Roller coaster board game
- 1 large foam six-sided die
- Game pieces for each team
- Card deck created from printable
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Take a large packing box and cover it with pieces of colored paper. Draw one continuous board game path starting from one side of the box and weaving in and out of the different sides of the box. Section off the path into spaces by drawing lines across the path. [Here](#) is an example. Print out the question cards from the printable and cut them out to create a card deck. You may choose to print out a second copy without cutting them and jot down the answers so whoever is running the game can have quick access to all of the questions and answers.

MEMORY VERSE | Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - [Pink](#) and [blue](#) rolls of tulle

ACTIVITY | BOGO Friend Pass

- **WHAT TO PREP:** Print and cut out Amusement Park Season Pass printable.