

First Look Curriculum Components

MAKE IT FUN

Each teaching lesson begins with Small Group activities that are fun and welcoming. These activities are designed to make the children feel drawn into the room. Not only do they help the children become more comfortable in their classroom, they also introduce new concepts they need to understand the Bible story. There are three types of Make It Fun activities: movement, game, and investigation or role play.

MAKE IT TRUE

After a fun time with classroom friends, children are led to a Large Group time for worship, intro sketch and Bible story. Whether you have Large Group in a classroom or theater, this is when children come together to hear the truth of God's Word.

During worship, children are encouraged to openly express their love for who God is and praise Him for all He has created. The curriculum provides one song and recommends up to two others. Worship time also equips leaders to teach the month's memory verse.

The introductory sketch (in 3s-5s) provides a real-life situation to which preschoolers can relate that connects their world to the Bible Story.

The Bible story is written with age-appropriate language and told in an exciting and interactive manner. First Look Bible stories are written to be told spoken and not read, and we encourage advance preparation by leaders.

MAKE IT STICK

Children return to their room to participate in a variety of Small Group activities that will help them apply what they have learned. These activities may be crafts, games, or even yummy snacks. Each activity reinforces that month's Bottom Line in a fun and interactive way. Throughout this time of the lesson the Bottom Line is repeated to be sure each child knows the truth of God's love. There are five types of Make It Stick activities: Memory Verse Review, Bible Story review, Just for Fives (more advanced), movement and craft.

MAKE IT REAL

Three- through 5-year-olds are led into a Small Group time where they can personalize the lesson and have a time for prayer. In Small Groups, relationships grow as children are encouraged to share their thoughts about the Bottom Line and talk to God in their own words.

PARENT CUE

Different Parent Cues are provided depending on the age group. Each has a way for the parent and child to interact over what was learned at church. What happens at home is more important than what happens at church.

