Open with Play Time

Welcome each Kid-O into the room as they arrive. Help them find a toy or game to encourage engagement during play time.

___:20 Music & Worship: Pick a song

Have Kid-Os use scarves, ribbons, or instruments as you lead them in singing. Encourage the Kid-Os to use their hands, feet, and voices as they worship God!

__:25 Group Time

Follow the Group Time Guide on the next page.

__:35 Coloring

Hand out the Bible story coloring sheets and coloring utensils. Encourage the Kid-Os to color a picture to take home!

End with Play Time

Allow the Kid-Os to play or color until they are picked up. Before each Kid-O leaves, match their name tag to the grown-up's security tag.

Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: "What do you choose?" cards

1. Circle Up

Circle Up: Have all Kid-Os sit in one section of the room for story time.

2. Bible Story: Jesus Chooses Matthew – Matthew 9

Do This: Read through the Bible Story at least one time. If Kid-Os are engaged, feel free to read it a second time.

3. Hands-On Option: What Do You Choose?

Do This: Play a game of "What do you choose?" Hold up two cards at a time. Have kids point to which thing they would choose between the two items.

Say This: Just like you got to choose things during this game, Jesus chooses each one of you to be his friend and follow him.

The Point: Jesus invites each one of us to follow him and be his friend. We can choose to follow Him each day.

4. Prayer

Do This: Pray! "Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for choosing to be our friend. Amen."