



# Tea Time

*Serve Others with a Smile*  
2025–2026



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**CLASS TIME:** 10:00 am

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Step into a world of elegance and fun! Complete with hats, gloves, and fans, this delightful class invites young tea enthusiasts to explore the wonderful traditions of tea time. We'll embark on a tasting adventure, sampling a variety of delicious teas and tea snacks. We will discover the secrets to hosting a memorable tea party with a new host each week, ensuring our young participants become confident and polite guests and hosts. Children will learn essential table etiquette and good manners. Complementing our tea time adventures, we will read and discuss age-appropriate books that convey important moral lessons, encouraging thoughtful reflection and character development. Get ready for sips, stories, and smiles! Pinkies up! Each week our class will have a new host to ensure they each get the opportunity to learn the art of a true hostess. This will also help to ensure the true meaning of serving one another as Jesus taught his disciples.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- Children develop social grace (manners, etiquette), character (morals from stories), imagination (dress-up), and even sensory exploration (tea tasting).
- Instead of just being told about manners, children practice them in a real-world, yet playful, setting (the tea party). This hands-on approach makes learning stick.
- The dress-up and story time elements make the class highly engaging and fun, while still subtly embedding important life lessons.
- Tapping into children's natural love for pretend play transforms the learning environment into a magical, immersive experience.
- Elevating a simple activity into a structured lesson on social graces, politeness, and even fine motor skills (handling cups, pouring). It introduces children to a sophisticated, yet accessible, social ritual.
- Provides a valuable platform for discussing empathy, honesty, kindness, and other crucial character traits.



## EXPECTATIONS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Students are expected to host their fellow classmates at least once. If you know you are the host for the week, please be on time, ready to serve.

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## REQUIRED MATERIALS

This class will have everything needed. Please come prepared to don your favorite color hat, gloves, and fan! Our host for the week will welcome each student who comes in and show them to their seat. They will then serve their tea.

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## TENTATIVE COURSE TIMELINE

### Fall Semester

#### WEEK 1- 9/5

**TOPIC:** Fill a Bucket

**OBJECTIVE:**

- Learn hosting skills
- Learn how to stir tea quietly, passing, sharing, and proper teacup holding
- Try a new snack and drink
- Learn a new story and moral, and apply it

**BIBLE APPLICATION:**

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.” Psalm 23:5

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

**ACTIVITY:**

- Dress up in our hats and accessories
- Host will welcome their classmates and help serve their tea
- Read our story while enjoying our snacks
- Discuss the moral of our story and how we can apply it today
- Teach how to stir tea, proper teacup handling, passing, and sharing
- Clean up

**SUPPLIES:** Snack is pudding with Oreos on top, turkey pinwheels, chocolate covered strawberries

**STUDENTS BRING:** Water bottle, backpack, and snack if unable to enjoy the class snack

**NOTES:** Please bring a snack if allergies include dairy or gluten



## **WEEK 2 - 9/12**

**TOPIC:** A Sick Day for Amos McGee

**OBJECTIVE:**

- Learn hosting skills
- Learn proper place settings
- Try a new snack and tea
- Learn a new story and moral

**BIBLE APPLICATION:**

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

**ACTIVITY:**

- Dress up in our hats and accessories
- Host will welcome their classmates and help serve their tea
- Read our story while enjoying our snacks
- Discuss the moral of our story and how we can apply it today
- Teach proper place settings
- Clean up

**SUPPLIES:** Snack is chocolate-dipped pretzels, shaped fruit, and tea sandwiches made with chicken meat

**STUDENTS BRING:** Water bottle, backpack, and snack if unable to enjoy the class snack

**NOTES:** Please bring a snack if allergies include dairy, gluten, or fruit

## **WEEK 3 - 9/19**

**TOPIC:** Rainbow Fish

**OBJECTIVE:**

- Learn hosting skills
- Learn proper manners (napkin holding) and social cues
- Try a new snack and tea
- Learn a new story and a moral

**BIBLE APPLICATION:**

“Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you do.” Deuteronomy 15:10

**ACTIVITY:**

- Dress up in our hats and accessories
- Host will welcome their classmates and help serve their tea
- Read our story while enjoying our snacks
- Discuss the moral of our story and how we can apply it today
- Discuss proper manners (where to keep napkins, elbows) and verbal cues
- Clean up

**SUPPLIES:** Goldfish crackers, fish-shaped fruit, veggies

**STUDENTS BRING:** Water bottle, backpack, and snack if unable to enjoy the class snack

**NOTES:** Please bring a snack if allergies include dairy



#### **WEEK 4 — 9/26**

**TOPIC:** Llama Llama Red Pajama

**OBJECTIVE:**

- Learn hosting skills
- Learn how to chew with mouth closed and use a napkin on lap
- Try new snack and tea
- Learn new story and moral

**BIBLE APPLICATION:**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4:6

**ACTIVITY:**

- Dress up in our hats and accessories
- Host will welcome their classmates and help serve their tea
- Read our story while enjoying our snacks
- Discuss the moral of our story and how we can apply it today
- Teach how to quietly chew food and where napkins should go
- Clean up

**SUPPLIES:** Chamomile tea, animal crackers, finger sandwiches filled with fruit jam, veggies

**STUDENTS BRING:** Water bottle, backpack, and snack if unable to enjoy class snack

**NOTES:** Bring a snack if allergies include gluten, fruit jam, or preserves

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#### **WEEK 5 — 10/3**

**TOPIC:** We Don't Eat Our Classmates

**OBJECTIVE:**

- Learn hosting skills
- Learn different tea types and traditions
- Try new snack and tea
- Learn new story and moral

**BIBLE APPLICATION:**

“Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.” Luke 11:4

**ACTIVITY:**

- Dress up in our hats and accessories
- Host will welcome their classmates and help serve their tea
- Read our story while enjoying our snacks
- Discuss the moral of our story and how we can apply it today
- Teach types of tea and different cultures that have tea times
- Clean up
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**SUPPLIES:** Tea, brownies, carrot sticks, cream cheese finger sandwiches

**STUDENTS BRING:** Water bottle, backpack, and snack if unable to enjoy class snack

**NOTES:** Bring a snack if allergic to gluten, dairy, eggs.



## **WEEK 6 — 10/17**

**TOPIC:** Grumpy Monkey

**OBJECTIVE:**

- Learn hosting skills
- Learn conversation starters
- Try new snack and tea
- Learn new story and moral

**BIBLE APPLICATION:**

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” Romans 12:15

**ACTIVITY:**

- Dress up in our hats and accessories
- Host will welcome their classmates and help serve their tea
- Read our story while enjoying our snacks
- Discuss the moral of our story and how we can apply it today
- Learn conversation starters
- Clean up

**SUPPLIES:** Tea, animal crackers, pinwheels, grapes

**STUDENTS BRING:** Water bottle, backpack, and snack if unable to enjoy class snack

**NOTES:** Bring snack if allergies are dairy or gluten

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## **WEEK 7 — 10/24**

**TOPIC:** The Leaf Thief

**OBJECTIVE:**

- Learn hosting skills
- Try to guess the flavor of the tea, learn delicate pouring skills
- Try new snack and tea
- Learn new story and moral

**BIBLE APPLICATION:**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

**ACTIVITY:**

- Dress up in our hats and accessories
- Host will welcome their classmates and help serve their tea
- Read our story while enjoying our snacks
- Discuss the moral of our story and how we can apply it today
- Develop our taste buds to recognize different flavors
- Clean up

**SUPPLIES:** Tea, pumpkin muffins, graham crackers, cucumber sandwiches

**STUDENTS BRING:** Water bottle, backpack, and snack if unable to enjoy class snack

**NOTES:** Bring snack if allergic to gluten, eggs, dairy

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## **WEEK 8 - 10/31**

**TOPIC:** The Ugly Duckling

**OBJECTIVE:**

- Learn hosting skills
- Learn how to decorate cookies (turning plain cookies into beautiful cookies)
- Try new snack and tea
- Learn new story and moral

**BIBLE APPLICATION:**

“Dear friends, since God so loves us, we also ought to love one another.” 1 John 4:11

**ACTIVITY:**

- Dress up in our hats and accessories
- Host will welcome their classmates and help serve their tea
- Read our story while enjoying our snacks
- Discuss the moral of our story and how we can apply it today
- Decorate cookies
- Clean up

**SUPPLIES:** Tea, deviled eggs (look like swans), veggies, cookies, decorating bags and tips, homemade frosting with different colors, sprinkles

**STUDENTS BRING:** Water bottle, backpack, and snack if unable to enjoy class snack

**NOTES:** Please bring snack if allergic to eggs, dairy, gluten

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## **WEEK 9 -11/7**

**TOPIC:** The Lion and the Mouse

**OBJECTIVE:**

- Learn hosting skills
- Learn more about sharing and passing politely
- Try new snack and tea
- Learn new story and moral

**BIBLE APPLICATION:**

“Charge them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, to be generous and ready to share.” 1 Timothy 6:18

**ACTIVITY:**

- Dress up in our hats and accessories
- Host will welcome their classmates and help serve their tea
- Read our story while enjoying our snacks
- Discuss the moral of our story and how we can apply it today
- Decorate (paper) teacups
- Clean up

**SUPPLIES:** Glue, glitter, stickers, markers (safe on clothes), tea, scones, chocolate-covered fruit, veggies

**STUDENTS BRING:** Water bottle, backpack, and snack if unable to enjoy class snack

**NOTES:** Please bring snack if allergic to gluten, dairy



## **WEEK 10 - 11/14**

**TOPIC:** It Will Be Okay

**OBJECTIVE:**

- Learn hosting skills
- Learn not to critique the food of your host
- Try new snack and tea
- Learn new story and moral

**BIBLE APPLICATION:**

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5

**ACTIVITY:**

- Dress up in our hats and accessories
- Host will welcome their classmates and help serve their tea
- Read our story while enjoying our snacks
- Discuss the moral of our story and how we can apply it today
- Teach ways to compliment and not critique the host’s food
- Clean up

**SUPPLIES:** Tea, pudding cups (fake mud) in flower pots, egg salad sandwiches

**STUDENTS BRING:** Water bottle, backpack, and snack if unable to enjoy class snack

**NOTES:** Bring snack if allergic to eggs, gluten, dairy

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## **WEEK 11- 11/21**

**TOPIC:** Thankful

**OBJECTIVE:**

- Learn hosting skills
- Discuss in what ways we are thankful
- Try new snack and tea
- Learn new story and moral

**BIBLE APPLICATION**

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**ACTIVITY:**

- Dress up in our hats and accessories
- Host will welcome their classmates and help serve their tea
- Read our story while enjoying our snacks  
Discuss the moral of our story and how we can apply it today
- How can we show God how thankful we are?
- Clean up

**SUPPLIES:** Tea, mini pies, turkey, cheese

**STUDENTS BRING:** Water bottle, backpack, and snack if unable to enjoy class snack

**NOTES:** Please bring snack if allergic to dairy, gluten



**WEEK 12 - 12/5**

**TOPIC:** The Rabbit Listened

**OBJECTIVE:**

- Learn hosting skills
- Learn how to be good listeners and empathetic to our friends
- Try new snack and tea
- Learn new story and moral

**BIBLE APPLICATION:**

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” James 1:19

**ACTIVITY:**

- Dress up in our hats and accessories
- Host will welcome their classmates and help serve their tea
- Read our story while enjoying our snacks
- Discuss the moral of our story and how we can apply it today
- Practice listening ears and role play if our friends were sad
- Clean up

**SUPPLIES:** Tea, chicken salad tea sandwiches, fruit kabobs

**STUDENTS BRING:** Water bottle, backpack, and snack if unable to enjoy class snack

**NOTES:** Please bring snack if allergic to gluten

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**SPRING SEMESTER**

*Weeks 1-12 — Topics, objectives, supplies, activities, and notes to be announced.*



## **SPRING SEMESTER**

**Week 1 – 1/16**

**TOPIC:** *Tea Party Rules* by Ame Dyckman

**OBJECTIVE:**

- learn about honesty and hospitality

**BIBLE APPLICATION:** "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." — 1 Peter 4:9

**ACTIVITY:**

- discuss our etiquette lesson: how to invite people to our table
- drink our tea
- eat our snacks

**SUPPLIES:** tea and snacks (exact tea items will be emailed weekly)

**STUDENTS BRING:** provided

**NOTES:**gluten free options or complete substitutions will be provided

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**Week 2 – 1/23**

**TOPIC:**The Word Collector by Peter H. Reynolds

**OBJECTIVE:**

- learn about the power of words

**BIBLE APPLICATION:** "Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body."  
— Proverbs 16:24

**ACTIVITY:** etiquette lesson- using kind words to keep the conversation going, even if you have different likes and dislikes.

**SUPPLIES:** tea and snacks (exact tea items will be emailed weekly)

**STUDENTS BRING:** provided

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**Week 3 – 1/30**

**TOPIC:** *Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney

**OBJECTIVE:** learn how to make the world more beautiful

**BIBLE APPLICATION:** "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16

**ACTIVITY:**

- learn etiquette- posture (sitting tall and not slouching)

**SUPPLIES:** tea and snacks (exact tea items will be emailed weekly)

**STUDENTS BRING:** provided

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**Week 4 – 2/6**

**TOPIC:** *A Little Stuck* by Oliver Jeffers

**OBJECTIVE:** learn patience and asking for help

**BIBLE APPLICATION:**"I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry." — Psalm 40:1

**ACTIVITY:**

- learn our etiquette- how to react if something goes wrong (spills etc)

**SUPPLIES:** tea and snacks (exact tea items will be emailed weekly)

**STUDENTS BRING:** provided

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Week 5 – 2/13

TOPIC: *The Scarecrow* by Beth Ferry

OBJECTIVE: learn how to show compassion to others

BIBLE APPLICATION: "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." — Hebrews 13:2

ACTIVITY:

- etiquette- always serve others before yourselves

SUPPLIES: tea and snacks (exact tea items will be emailed weekly)

STUDENTS BRING: provided

NOTES: gluten free options or complete substitutions will be provided

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Week 6 – 2/20

TOPIC : *The Table Where Rich People Sit* by Byrd Baylor

OBJECTIVE: learn what true riches are and learn about contentment

BIBLE APPLICATION: "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it." — 1 Timothy 6:6-7

ACTIVITY:

- etiquette- Gratitude: How to thank the host for the tea and snacks.

SUPPLIES: tea and snacks (exact tea items will be emailed weekly)

STUDENTS BRING: provided

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Week 7 – 2/27

TOPIC: *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña

OBJECTIVE: learn that we can find Beauty Everywhere

BIBLE APPLICATION: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely... think about such things." — Philippians 4:8

ACTIVITY:

- etiquette- Eye Contact: Looking at someone when they speak to you.

SUPPLIES: tea and snacks (exact tea items will be emailed weekly)

STUDENTS BRING: provided

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**BREAK- 3/6**

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**Week 8 – 3/13**

**TOPIC:** *Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett

**OBJECTIVE:** learning about generosity and having a giving heart

**BIBLE APPLICATION:** "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have." — Hebrews 13:5

**ACTIVITY:**

- review of what we've learned so far

**SUPPLIES:** tea and snacks (exact tea items will be emailed weekly)

**STUDENTS BRING:** provided

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**Week 9 – 3/20**

**TOPIC:***The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires

**OBJECTIVE:** learning Perseverance/Peace

**BIBLE APPLICATION:** "Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." — James 1:4

**ACTIVITY:**

- etiquette- introductions. learn how to show courage in making friends and inviting them to your table

**SUPPLIES:** tea and snacks (exact tea items will be emailed weekly)

**STUDENTS BRING:** provided

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**Week 10 – 3/27**

**TOPIC:** The Rabbit Listened

**OBJECTIVE:** learn about listening and being there for our friends when they need it most

**BIBLE APPLICATION:** "Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues." — Proverbs 17:28

**ACTIVITY:**

- etiquette- taking small bites to help with chewing with closed mouths and talking

**SUPPLIES:** tea and snacks (exact tea items will be emailed weekly)

**STUDENTS BRING:** provided

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**BREAK- 4/3**

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**Week 11 – 4/10**

**TOPIC:***Waiting* by Kevin Henkes

**OBJECTIVE:** learning patience in anxious moments

**BIBLE APPLICATION:** "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles." — Isaiah 40:31

**ACTIVITY:**

- etiquette- *Waiting for Everyone:* Not eating until everyone is served.

**SUPPLIES:** tea and snacks (exact tea items will be emailed weekly)

**STUDENTS BRING:** provided

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**BREAK- 4/17**

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**Week 12 – 4/24**

**TOPIC:** *Charlie The Caterpillar by Dom De Luise*

**OBJECTIVE:** learn about Inner Strength/Identity. what God crafts within us

**BIBLE APPLICATION:** "He has made everything beautiful in its time." — Ecclesiastes 3:11

**ACTIVITY:**

- **etiquette- The Farewell: How to push in your chair and say a proper goodbye.**

**SUPPLIES:** tea and snacks (exact tea items will be emailed weekly)

**STUDENTS BRING:** provided

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