



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus says to  
let my light shine.

**LIGHT OF THE WORLD**  
**MATTHEW 5:1-2, 14-16**

### MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine."

**MATTHEW 5:16, NIV**

### KEY QUESTION

Who can do  
what Jesus says?

### BOTTOM LINE

I can do what Jesus says.

### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be  
my friend forever.

### PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

### SMALL GROUP

**15**  
MIN

#### SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

*Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.*

Jump and Shine  
Flashlight Finds  
Shining Through

### LARGE GROUP

**20**  
MIN

#### WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

#### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"You Love Me"  
Bible Story  
Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN

#### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

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

Memory Verse with Motions  
Circle of Light  
Let Your Light Shine  
Shine Your Light  
Flashlight Viewfinder  
Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home  
Memory Verse Card  
Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)  
Parent Cue App



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

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**LARGE GROUP**

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

**WORSHIP**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page; cardstock; Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "You Love Me," included in your monthly files; *Optional: Dance Moves Video for "You Love Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com*

**LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO excited to see you today! Why? Because we're going to learn about how we can do what Jesus says!

"When I ask, '**Who can do what Jesus says?**' I want you to say, '**I can do what Jesus says!**' **Who can do what Jesus says?**'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "**I can do what Jesus says.**"

**LEADER:** "Yes, **I can do what Jesus says.** That's right! Jesus loves you and me. His love is so amazing. Stand up on your feet and sing this with me!

*Lead children in singing "You Love Me," this month's worship song.*

**LEADER:** "That's right! Jesus loves us! And the Bible teaches us that Jesus says, 'Let (*move flat hands forward from your hip*) your light (*palms facing forward*) shine' (*twinkling hands moving out*) Matthew 5:16. (*Open hands like a book.*)"

"Let's learn our memory verse together. Are you ready? Watch me say it and do the motions, and then you can do it with me!

*Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.*

"Great job, friends! We can sing and shout because Jesus is the best! Thanks for worshipping with me today! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"



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## STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible; *Optional: flashlight or battery-operated lantern; Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

*Open Bible for children to see, then set it down.*

"Our story begins with Jesus. Jesus is very special because Jesus is God's Son.

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)*

"One day, Jesus was on a mountain with His friends, the disciples. While they were there, Jesus began to teach.

"Jesus said, 'You are the light of the world.' *(Pause.)* Hmm, how can PEOPLE be a light?

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)*

"We know that flashlights shine light. And we know that lamps shine light. But Jesus said, 'YOU are the light.' How can PEOPLE be a light?

*Smile with excitement.*

"Great question! And I can't wait to tell you!

*Option: Pick up flashlight.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)*

"You see, when you are kind to people . . .

*Option: Turn on flashlight.*

". . . you shine like a light so people can see that Jesus is kind.

*Option: Turn off flashlight.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 04)*

"When you forgive people . . .

*Option: Turn on flashlight.*

". . . you shine like a light so people can see that Jesus forgives. You can shine like a light every day.

*Option: Turn off flashlight and set down.*



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"Now, I have a game that will help us remember to shine our light! Would you like to play a game with me? (Pause.) Yay! All you have to do is hold your finger out, like this.

*Hold one hand out with pointer finger pointing up like a candle.*

"Pretend your finger is a really bright light. What would happen to your light if you covered it up, like this? Go ahead. Cover your light, like I'm doing.

*Cover finger with opposite hand.*

"If you did this, you would hide your light, and no one could see it. We don't want to hide our light. We want to shine our light!

*Uncover finger.*

"Uncover your light, like me! (Pause.) Now I can see your light!

"Let's play a game with our pretend lights. I'll tell you a little story and then you will show me if the person is shining their light by holding up your light, like this . . .

*Hold up finger like a shining light.*

". . . or hiding their light by covering it, like this.

*Cover finger with opposite hand.*

"Let's play! There is a boy playing with two cars. He will NOT share one of his cars with his friend. Is the boy who will not share shining his light . . .

*Hold up finger like a shining light.*

". . . or is he hiding his light?

*Cover finger with opposite hand.*

"You're right! He's hiding his light. How could the boy shine his light? (Pause.) Yes! He could share one of his cars. When you share with people, you shine your light . . .

*Hold up finger like a shining light.*

". . . so people can see that Jesus shares!

"Let's play again! A little girl needs help getting her cup off the high counter. Her older brother helps her and gives her the cup. Is the brother shining his light . . .



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*Hold up finger like a shining light.*

"... or hiding his light?"

*Cover finger with opposite hand.*

"Show me with your hands. (Pause.) Right, again! He is shining his light.

*Hold up finger like a shining light.*

"When you help people, you shine your light so people can see that Jesus helps!

"Every time you do what Jesus says, you shine your light. And Jesus says to shine your light so the world can see that Jesus loves them and He wants to be their friend forever, just like Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever!

"Raise your hand if you can do what Jesus says and shine your light.

*Look around at the children.*

"Yes! We can do what Jesus says and shine our light! So, when I ask you, **'Who can do what Jesus says?'**, I want you to say, **'I can do what Jesus says!'** Let's try it! **Who can do what Jesus says?'**

**CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can do what Jesus says!"**

**LEADER: "Again! Who can do what Jesus says?"**

**CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can do what Jesus says!"**

**LEADER: "Yes, I can do what Jesus says! [Transition]** Our story time is over (*pick up and close Bible*), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

## **PRAYER**

**LEADER: "Dear God, we want to do what Jesus says. We want to shine our light so everyone can see that Jesus loves them and He wants to be their friend forever. Please help us shine. You're the best, God, and we love You! In Jesus' name, amen.**

**[Transition]** "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

*Lead small group to first activity.*



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## GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive worship and the Bible story. The Rug Script is written for those who pull their children to a rug (or area) to one side of their preschool space to tell the Bible story. If you gather your preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible story, you may benefit from using the Stage Script.

### WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

A leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

### STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

#### 1. WORSHIP

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Instruments or music player
- "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Bible

##### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "You Love Me," included in your monthly files

##### OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "You Love Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com

##### WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut.
- Place "Memory Verse Card" in Bible at Matthew 5:16.
- Download the song and have it ready to use.

#### 2. BIBLE STORY

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- *Optional: Flashlight or battery-operated lantern*
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

##### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W1 01
- Story Image W1 02
- Story Image W1 03
- Story Image W1 04

##### WHAT YOU DO:

- *Option: Copy the Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.*

#### SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

**WONDER, LOOK AT GOD'S STORY:** First Look offers weekly introductory sketches and Bible stories on the DVD titled "Wonder, Look at God's Story." This DVD is available for purchase at OrangeStore.org or as part of your monthly Media Package.

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