



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus says to tell others about Him.

GREAT COMMISSION
MATTHEW 28:18-20

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.

On the Mountain
Sunshine Doh 
Illuminated

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.

Bright
Places
Mail All Over the World
This Little Light
Important Job
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



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LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
RUG

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" from Week One in 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! All month long we're talking 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: "That's right! Jesus shows us how to be patient and kind. We can do what Jesus says. Sing this out with me."

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

"That's right! **I can do what Jesus says!** And the Bible teaches us to: '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.) Jesus said that! Let's say our Memory Verse together.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"You've got it! You can do what Jesus says and shine your light every day. 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: Story Images and cardstock*

LEADER: "Hello, friends! My name is [your name], and [Host's name] is right! I do have a true story from the Bible . . .

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

". . . about how YOU can be a light!

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"Our story begins on a mountain with Jesus and His friends, the disciples. While they were on a mountain, Jesus gave them a very important job to do.

"What do you think the important job was? *(Pause.)* Do you think Jesus told them to be a firefighter? Do you think Jesus told them to be a doctor? Do you think Jesus told them to be carpenters?

"All of those are very important jobs, but Jesus had one important job that was for EVERYONE who follows Him. Raise your hand if you're ready to hear what this important job is. *(Pause.)* Okay. Here it is . . . the important job Jesus told EVERYONE who follows Him to do is . . . GO and TELL!

Freeze in place.

"Wait. Go and tell what?

Smile and continue with story.

"Jesus told them to go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive AND Jesus wants to be their friend forever!

"Wow! That IS a very important job! And that job is for you and me too.

"When we do what Jesus says and go and tell people that Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be their friend forever, we shine our light!

Hold up one finger, like a candle.

"Hold your finger, like this, and shine your light with me. *(Pause.)* Great job! Now, let's practice. When I count to three, I want you to hold up your light and say, 'Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!' One, two, three!"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

LEADER: "Wow! You sound wonderful! Now, let's think about some people we can go and tell about Jesus.

"When I call out a person, I want you to hold up your finger . . .

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"... like a light, and say, 'Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!' Here we go!

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"A friend on your soccer team!"

Hold up one finger, like a candle.

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)

LEADER: "A friend at the playground!"

Hold up one finger, like a candle.

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

LEADER: "Your grandparents!"

Hold up one finger, like a candle.

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

LEADER: "When we go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and Jesus wants to be their friend forever, we're doing what Jesus says. And when we do what Jesus says, we shine our light!"

"Now when I ask you, '**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: "Louder! **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 and go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. 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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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

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" from Week One, placed in Bible at Matthew 5:16

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:

- Download the song and have it ready to use.

2. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W2 01
- Story Image W2 02
- Story Image W2 03
- Story Image W2 04

WHAT YOU DO:

- *Optional: Copy Story Images on cardstock or download to display on a device or 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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