



WEEK
THREE
APRIL 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
RUG

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus says to love like Him.

EARLY CHURCH
ACTS 2:42-47;
JOHN 15:12,
HEBREWS 10:24

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.

Spreading God's Love

Jars

Watch the Light

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.

Shine Bright Memory Verse

All Together

Spread the Love

Pour the Light

Light the Lantern

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" 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! We are learning that we can do what Jesus says. **Who can do what Jesus says?"**

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

LEADER: "That's right! **I can do what Jesus says.** Stand up on your feet and sing with me."

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

"It's true! We can do what Jesus says and love others. And when we love others and are patient and kind, we shine like a light! And the Bible teaches us that Jesus said, '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 say our Memory Verse together.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"Way to go, friends! Thanks for worshipping with me! **[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 I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

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

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with Jesus and some of the people who followed Him. One day, Jesus told the people to love others the way He loves them. So, do you know what they did? They loved like Jesus!

"Do you know how they loved like Jesus? Well, if someone needed a coat . . .

(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)

Wrap your arms around your shoulders and pretend to shiver.

". . . someone gave them a coat! The people who shared the coat did what Jesus said and loved like Jesus. And when we do what Jesus says, we shine our light!

"If someone needed a place to sleep . . .

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

Rest head on hands as if laying head on a pillow.

". . . someone shared their home! The people who shared their homes did what Jesus said and loved like Jesus. And when we do what Jesus says, we shine our light!

"If someone didn't have any food to eat . . .

(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)

Rub your belly like you're hungry.

". . . someone gave them food to eat! The people who shared their food did what Jesus said and loved like Jesus. And when we do what Jesus says, we shine our light!

"And do you know what else Jesus' friends did?

(Option: Display Story Image W3 04)

"Jesus' friends also ate and talked and prayed together. They sang and praised God. They loved each other because Jesus loved them. This showed everyone that they were friends with Jesus. They were loving like Jesus and shining their light!



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"Do you know what that means!?!? (*Pause with excitement.*) When we do what Jesus says, and love like Jesus, we shine our light for everyone to see that Jesus loves them too! Wow! That's amazing! We can do what Jesus says, right? Let me hear you say it! **Who can do what Jesus says?"**

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

LEADER: "Turn to a friend and say it. **Who can do what Jesus says?"**

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

LEADER: "Yes, we can! **[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 love people the way Jesus loves us. Help us to be kind and share with others, so we can shine and show the world that Jesus loves them. Thank You, God. 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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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 W3 01
- Story Image W3 02
- Story Image W3 03
- Story Image W3 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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