



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

I shine when I do what Jesus says.

**SHINE LIKE THE STARS**  
**PHILIPPIANS 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.

Sticky Star  
Shape Sorting  
Shining Stars 

### 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.

Expanding Star  
Shine Like Stars  
Ways to Shine Brainstorm  
Make It to the Star!  
You're a Star  
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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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 happy you're here today! This month, we're learning that we can shine when we do what Jesus says. **Who can do what Jesus says?"**

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

**LEADER:** "Yes, we can do what Jesus says, and when we love others the way Jesus loves us, we shine like a light! Sing with me.

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

"The Bible teaches us that Jesus said 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) Can you say that with me?"

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

"Great job! We can follow Jesus and shine our light every day. **[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 story is about how WE can shine like the stars in the sky. Yes! I can shine like the stars, and YOU can shine like the stars.

*(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)*

"The Bible teaches us that when we do what Jesus says, like when we don't argue or complain, we will shine like stars! Tap your chin like you are thinking.

"Hmm. . . what does that look like?

*(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)*

"Well, when your mom asks you to clean up and you do it with a happy heart, without complaining, you shine like the stars!

"Show me your star hands!

*Hold hands up and twinkle fingers; then put hands down.*

"That's it! Now when someone asks you to help clean up, you can say with a happy heart, 'I can help!' and shine like the stars! Let's say, 'I can help' together.:

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "I can help!"

**LEADER:** "Let's try another one.

*(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)*

"When your brother or sister asks you to share and you do it with a happy heart and don't argue, you shine like the stars.

"Show me your star hands!

*Hold hands up and twinkle fingers, then put hands down.*

"Now when someone asks you to share, you can say with a happy heart, 'I can share,' and shine like the stars! Let's say, 'I can share' together."



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**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "I can share!"

**LEADER:** "You're good at this! Let's do another one! When you let someone go first in line and don't argue or complain, you shine like the stars.

"Show me your star hands and shine like the stars in the sky.

*Hold hands up and twinkle fingers, then put hands down.*

"Now when it's time to take turns, you can say with a happy heart, 'You can go first' and shine like the stars! Let's say, 'You can go first' together."

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "You can go first!"

**LEADER:** "Okay, let's do one more. When it's snack time and the snack is not your favorite, but you say, 'Thank you' and eat it with a happy heart, you shine like the stars.

"Show me your star hands!

*Hold hands up and twinkle fingers, then put hands down.*

"Yay! Now when someone gives you a snack, no matter what it is, you can say with a happy heart, 'Thank you' and shine like the stars!

"Let's say, 'Thank you' together.

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Thank you!"

**LEADER:** "There are so many ways Jesus teaches us to shine our light. Now sometimes there will be people around you who complain or argue, but YOU can choose to shine your light and do what Jesus says. Then you will shine like the stars in the sky.

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"Show me your star hands one more time and shine like the stars in the sky.

*Hold hands up and twinkle fingers, then put hands down.*

"And tell me, **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!**"



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**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 don't want to argue and complain. We want to share, help, let others go first, and say thank you. We want to shine like the stars so everyone can see that Jesus loves them and He wants to be their friend forever. Thank You for helping us do what Jesus says. 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 the 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" 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 W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03
- Story Image W4 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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