



WEEK
THREE
APRIL 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

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" and "Never Better"

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



WEEK
THREE
APRIL 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

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.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, 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; and "Never Better," available on OrangeKidsMusic.com; *Optional: Dance Moves Videos for "You Love Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com, and "Never Better," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com*

Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP 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 WORSHIP LEADER: "**I can do what Jesus says.**"

WORSHIP 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! When we love others and let our light shine, we are being a good friend like Jesus. Sing with me."

Lead children in singing "Never Better."

"Thanks for singing it out 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!"

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.



WEEK
THREE
APRIL 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Small table, basket, flashlight, Glo Worm® toy, glow stick, and light-up shoes

Preset a small table in the storytelling area.

Host enters, carrying the basket of items and singing "This Little Light of Mine," as Worship Leader exits.

HOST: *(Singing.)* "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine! *(Notices children.)* Oh! Hi there, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name].

Put basket on table.

"Would you like to see what's in my basket? *(Pause.)* Great!

Hold up the flashlight, then place it on the table.

"I have a flashlight . . .

Hold up the Glo Worm™, then place it on the table.

"A Glo Worm® . . .

Hold up the glow stick, then place it on the table.

"A glow stick . . .

Hold up the light-up shoes, then place them on the table.

"And light-up shoes! Do you know what is the same about all of these things? *(Pause.)* I heard you say it! Yes! They all shine light!

Hold up the flashlight and turn it on.

"When I push this button on the flashlight, it shines!

Put down the flashlight, pick up the Glo Worm® and squeeze it so it glows.

"When I squeeze this Glo Worm's™ tummy, it shines!

Put down the Glo Worm®, pick up the glow stick, and bend it, and shake it to activate it.

"When I bend this glow stick, it shines!

Put down the glow stick, pick up the shoes, and tap the soles together to make the lights blink.



WEEK
THREE
APRIL 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

"And when I walk in these shoes, they shine, too!

Put the shoes in the basket and begin putting all props back in the basket.

"I think it's so cool how all of these things shine. But today, you're going to hear a story about something WAY cooler that can shine! [Storyteller's Name] has a Bible Story about how YOU can shine! That's right! YOU can shine!

Point to the children.

"I'll be back after the story. See you later!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits with basket.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; small table from Intro; large paper grocery bag with handles; coat; pillow; toy food; and red marker; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

The table from Intro should already be in the storytelling area.

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and a large grocery bag with props in it, as Host exits.

STORYTELLER: "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!

Pull coat from the bag and put it on.

"Ahh . . . that's better! 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)

Pull pillow from the bag and lay your head on it.



WEEK
THREE
APRIL 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

"... 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!

Set pillow on the table.

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

(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)

Rub your belly like you're hungry, then pull toy food out of the bag and pretend to take a bite.

"... 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!

"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 STORYTELLER: "I can do what Jesus says!"

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

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

STORYTELLER: "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

STORYTELLER: "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."

"I'll see you next time. Bye!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible and bag of props.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Light-up shoes from Intro



WEEK
THREE
APRIL 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

Host enters, carrying light-up shoes, as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! We can do what Jesus says and love like Jesus!"

"I think I (*point to self*) got the story. Did you (*point to children*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?" (*Cup one hand behind ear.*)

CHILDREN AND HOST: "Got it!"

HOST: (*Give two thumbs-up.*) "Good!"

"These light-up shoes are really fun, but I don't need special shoes to shine. When I love like Jesus, I can shine wherever I go! See you next time!"

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

Host dismisses small groups and exits.



WEEK
THREE
APRIL 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

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, the introductory sketch, and the Bible story. The Stage Script is written for those who gather their preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible story. If you are pulling your children to a rug on one side of your preschool space, you may benefit from using the Rug Script.

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

A Worship 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 adult or teenager who relates well to preschoolers to tell the Introductory Sketch. If possible, use the same person for an entire month, as the Host role stays the same each month.

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
- "Never Better," available on the Never Better album on OrangeKidsMusic.com

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
- Dance Moves Music Video for "Never Better," available

from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Small table
- Basket
- Flashlight
- Glo Worm® toy
- Glow stick
- Light-up shoes

WHAT YOU DO:

- Put the props in the basket.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Small table from Intro
- Large, paper grocery bag with handles
- Coat
- Pillow
- Toy food
- Red marker
- *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:

- Draw a large, red heart on the paper bag.
- *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.

FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

- Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. bit.ly/FL_Shine