



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" and "Follow On"

- 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

10 MINUTES

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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 "Follow On," 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 "Follow On," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com*

Worship Leader enters.

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

WORSHIP 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. Sing with me.

Lead children in singing "Follow On."

"Great job, friends. 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!"

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: star projector and small table; *Optional: extension cord and painter's tape*

Preset the small table in the storytelling area. Option: If the star projector isn't battery-operated, plug in an extension cord and tape the cord to the floor to prevent falls.

Host enters, carrying a star projector, as Worship Leader exits.

HOST: "Hello, friends! Welcome to [your environment or story time]!"

Place star projector on table. Option: Plug the star projector into the extension cord if the projector isn't battery-operated.

"My name is [your name], and I am SO glad you're here today! I have something exciting to show you!"

"I went camping with my [family member]. I was so excited to look at all of the stars in the sky at night. (*sadly*) But then it got cloudy, and I couldn't see any stars. I did not feel happy. I felt a little sad. But then my [family member] pulled this out of their backpack!"

Hold up the star projector.

"It's a star projector! When we turned it on . . ."

Turn on the star projector.

"It made stars inside of our tent, like this!"

Looks around at the stars.

"It made me feel happy to see all of the stars inside my tent."

"Have you ever seen stars in the sky? (*Pause.*) Stars are so beautiful!"

Put your pointer finger up to show that you have an idea! Place the projector on the table and hold your hands up like twinkling stars.

"Can you hold your hands up like this and twinkle your fingers like stars in the sky?"

Look around at the children.

"You're doing it! You look like the stars in the sky!"

Put your hands down.

"Our Bible Story today has stars in it. And I can't wait for you to hear all about it! I'll be back after the story! Bye!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits, leaving projector on the table.



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STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible, 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 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.

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"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 STORYTELLER: "I can help!"

STORYTELLER: "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 STORYTELLER: "I can share!"

STORYTELLER: "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 STORYTELLER: "You can go first!"

STORYTELLER: "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 STORYTELLER: "Thank you!"

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

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

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

STORYTELLER: "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!"



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PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "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."

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

Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Star projector and small table (*from Intro*)

The small table and star projector are still in the storytelling area.

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! I can do what Jesus says with a happy heart instead of arguing and complaining. Then I will shine like the stars in the sky!"

"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! I'm going to have a happy heart and say thank-you, because I got to see stars from this projector and your twinkling fingers! See you next time, and keep shining your light!"

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

Host dismisses small groups and exits.



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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, 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
- "Follow On," available on the All Good 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 "Follow On," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Star projector
- *Optional: extension cord and painter's tape*

WHAT YOU DO:

- *Option: If star projector isn't battery-operated, plug in an extension cord and tape the cord to the floor to prevent falls.*

3. 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:

- *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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