



WEEK
ONE
MAY 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
RUG

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can hear from God.

KING JOSIAH
2 CHRONICLES 34

MEMORY VERSE

"I will always love you."

JEREMIAH 31:3, CEV

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you?

BOTTOM LINE

God loves me.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

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.

King Says . . .
Book Makers
Take a Look

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"You Are with 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.

Memory Verse with Motions
Hear from God
Hear Poster
King, King, Where's the Bible?
Written on the Scroll
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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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" Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "You Are with Me," included in your monthly files; *Optional: Dance Moves Video for "You Are with 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! It's time to worship God—to sing and dance and let Him know how much we love Him. Because God loves you and me!

"When I ask, '**Who loves you?**' I want you to say, '**God loves me! Who loves you?**'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "God loves me."

LEADER: "Yes, **God loves me** and God loves you, and God is ALWAYS with us. Stand up on your feet and sing this out with me."

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

"That's right! **God loves me!** And the Bible teaches us that God says, 'I (point up) will always (draw circles with finger pointing up) love you,' (cross arms over chest) Jeremiah 31:3." (Open hands like a book)

"Let's learn our Memory Verse together. Are you ready? Watch me say it and do the motions, and then you can do it with me!

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"Great job, friends! God loves us and we can share His love with everyone. 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! I'm [your name], and I love telling you true stories from the Bible.

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

"This true story from the Bible is about a king.

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"This king was a young king, and his name was King Josiah. He was a VERY young king. Can you help me find out how old he was? Let's count together.

Hold up fingers and count slowly with the children.

"1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8! King Josiah was eight years old!

"Most eight-year-old kids are making artwork. Show me how you can use your hand to draw art in the sky.

Move hand in the air like drawing with a crayon.

"Or, eight-year-olds are building with blocks. Let's pretend we are stacking blocks.

Pretend to stack blocks.

"Or, eight-year-olds are playing at the park. Now, run in place like you are playing at the park.

Run in place.

"Great running! You can sit back down now.

"King Josiah wasn't making artwork, building blocks, or playing at the park. Eight-year-old Josiah was KING.

"King Josiah loved God. And he wanted to hear from God. Who else wants to hear from God? Raise your hand high in the air if you do.

Raise hand in the air.

"Me too!

"Well, one day some of King Josiah's workers found something very special! They found a scroll. Scrolls are like books, and the scroll King Josiah's workers found had God's words on it! Wow!

"King Josiah was SO excited! Show me your best excited face!



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Make an excited face.

"Great job, everyone! You look very excited.

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"King Josiah was so excited that he began reading God's words so he could hear from God. King Josiah wanted to do what God said because he loved God and he knew God loved him.

"God loves someone else too. God loves YOU, *(point to kids)* and God loves ME! *(point to self)* Can you point to yourself?

"That's right! God loves you so much. That's why God gave us a BOOK where we can hear from God too. Do you know what book I'm talking about?

Pick up the Bible.

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"The Bible, yes! You're right. The Bible is full of stories and words from God about who God is, how we should live, and how much God loves us. The Bible is like a big 'I LOVE YOU' from God! Give yourself a great big hug to show how much God loves you!

Hug yourself.

"God loves me. Who loves you?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "God loves me!"

LEADER: "Yes, **God loves me!** [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, thank You for sharing Your words with us in the Bible. Help us learn more about You and hear from You through these stories. Thank You for always loving us, God. We love You too! In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

"I LOVE spending time with you, friends. I'll see you next time. Bye!"

[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" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Bible

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "You Are with Me," included in your monthly files

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "You Are with Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut apart.
- Place "Memory Verse Card" in Bible at Jeremiah 31:3.
- 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 W1 01
- Story Image W1 02
- Story Image W1 03

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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