

WEEK
TWO
MAY 2024

3-5 YEAR OLDS

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can pray to God.

HANNAH 1 SAMUEL 1-2

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

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.
Find the Hearts
Mirrored Emotions
Talk to God

LARGE GROUP



WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"You Are with Me" Bible Story Prayer

SMALL GROUP



GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Full Heart
Pray to God
Pray Poster
What Time?
Love Bracelet
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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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 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 happy to be with you. It's my favorite time of the week—worship time! God is worthy of all our worship and praise because God loves us, no matter what!

"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 you, always and forever. Sing this with me."

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

LEADER: "That's right! **God loves me!** 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.)

"Say it with me, friends.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"Way to go! God loves us and sent Jesus to be our friend forever. 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 can't wait 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 a woman named Hannah. In our story, Hannah is feeling sad.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)

"Have you ever felt sad? (Pause.) Show me your sad face. (Pause.) Yes, that's what a sad face looks like.

"Hannah was so sad that she cried!

(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)

"But even though Hannah was so sad, she knew she could pray and talk to God. Hannah could talk to God even when she was crying.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)

"Hannah talked to God about why she was sad. Hannah knew she could pray and talk to God about anything.

"Guess how Hannah is feeling now?

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

"Yay! Hannah is smiling. She feels happy! Show me your happy face too.

"Talking to God made Hannah feel so much better! Hannah had joy again because she knew that God loved her and she could pray and talk to God about anything.

"God loves you and God loves me. That means we can pray and talk to God about anything, too!

"You can pray and talk to God when you feel happy, or sad, or frustrated. No matter how you're feeling, you can talk to God. Say with me, 'I can talk to God."

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can talk to God."

LEADER: "When you get a new toy at the store and you feel so excited, say it with me, 'I can talk to God."

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can talk to God."

LEADER: "When you lose your favorite teddy bear and you feel worried, what can you do?"



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can talk to God."

LEADER: "When you go someplace new and you feel nervous or afraid, who can you talk to?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can talk to God."

LEADER: "You can pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything. Because God . . . Loves . . . YOU! **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, we're thankful we can talk to You when we are happy, sad, excited, or scared. We can talk to You anytime, anywhere, and about anything. You're the best, God! In Jesus' name, we pray, 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 Jeremiah 31:3

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:

• 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 W2 01
- Story Image W2 02
- Story Image W2 03
- Story Image W2 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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