



WEEK
THREE
MAY 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
RUG

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can talk about God to others.

JEREMIAH
JEREMIAH 31:3, 29:11

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.

Heart Delivery
Tell Everyone
Through the Town

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.

Walkie-Talkie Verse
Talk about God
Talk Poster
Tag! God Loves You!
Table Thoughts
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 it's so great to see you all here today. Do you know why I'm so happy? Because it's time to sing and dance and worship God together.

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

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**God loves me.**"

LEADER: "You've got it! **God loves me** and you. God loves us no matter what! Let's sing this song together!"

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

"Yes! God is with us wherever we go. The Bible teaches us that God said, '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 do that together.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"You've got it! We can know for sure that God loves us. 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.

"This true story from the Bible is about a man named Jeremiah.

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"Jeremiah was a prophet. That means his job was to talk about God to others. Jeremiah told other people God's messages.

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"One day, God gave Jeremiah a very special message to give to the people.

"Let's pretend we are Jeremiah and we are giving the people a very special message from God. I'll use this megaphone and you can use pretend megaphones. Just hold your hands like this.

Cup hands around your mouth.

"Now say what I say. 'I have a message!'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: *(Into megaphone.)* "I have a message!"

LEADER: "Very good! Jeremiah talked about God with others. He gave the people a message from God. He said, 'God has plans for you. And God will always love you!'"

"Let's talk about God and say what Jeremiah said!

Cup hands around your mouth.

"Say this with me: 'God has plans for you.'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: *(Into megaphone.)* "God has plans for you."

LEADER: *(Cup hands around mouth.)* "Say this with me: 'God will always love you!'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: *(Into megaphone.)* "God will always love you!"

LEADER: "We did it! And we can keep doing it because we can talk about God with others like Jeremiah did! We can talk about God to others and tell them that God loves them and God has plans for them!"



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"Can you think of someone you can talk about God to?"

Encourage children to respond.

"That's right!"

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"We can talk about God with our friends, our neighbors, the person at the grocery store, our teachers, and all our family too! Because God LOVES everyone! That means God loves you and **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, help me talk to my friends and my family about You just like Jeremiah did. I want them to know that You love them and that You love me too! Thank You for loving me. 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](https://www.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 W3 01
- Story Image W3 02
- Story Image W3 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](https://www.OrangeStore.org) or as part of your monthly Media Package.

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