



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
MAY 2024

LARGE GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS  
RUG

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

I can live for God.

**SHADRACH, MESHACH,  
AND ABEDNEGO  
DANIEL 3:10-28**

### 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.*

God's Love Is Everywhere  
Red, Yellow, Orange  
Every Day of the Week

### 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**  
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#### **GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect**

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

Always  
Live for God  
Live Poster  
Everywhere in the World  
Story Cups  
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:** "Yes, **God loves me.** And God loves you. He loves us so much, and He is always with us."

*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 '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.*

"You've got it. God ALWAYS 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]. It's an awesome day, 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 three people named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Those are some big names! Can you say them with me? Say, 'Shadrach.'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Shadrach."

**LEADER:** "Say, 'Meshach.'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Meshach."

**LEADER:** "Say, 'Abednego.'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Abednego."

**LEADER:** "Great job! Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego loved God and God loved them. But there was a king named King Nebuchadnezzar. Say, 'King Nebuchadnezzar.'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "King Nebuchadnezzar."

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**LEADER:** "King Nebuchadnezzar thought that he was the greatest king and that EVERYONE should know it. So he built a giant golden statue. The king said, 'Every time you hear music play, you have to bow down and worship my gold statue.'"

"Hold on! This isn't right! God says you should only bow down and worship the one true God!"

"Then the king said, 'And if you do not bow down and worship the statue, you will be thrown into a fiery furnace!' Everyone, say 'Whoa!'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Whoa!"

**LEADER:** "Whoa is right. This was serious. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had a choice to make. Were they going to live for the king and bow down to his gold statue, OR were they going to live for God and do what God said?"

*Encourage the kid actors to nod their heads yes.*

"Yes! Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose to live for God and do what God said! They told the king that God had the power to save them, but even if He didn't, they wanted to live for God!"



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"So the next time the music played and all the other people started bowing down to the statue, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego lived for God, and they did NOT bow and worship the king's statue.

"The king was so mad that he had *(hold up one finger for each name)* Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego thrown into the fiery furnace! But when the king looked into the fire, he saw something amazing!

*(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)*

*Hold up an additional finger for the angel.*

"FOUR people were walking around in the fire! And the fire was not hurting them at all! Help me count the people in the fire.

"Let's count them. *(Count on fingers.)* 1, 2, 3, 4! Four people! God had sent an angel to keep Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego safe!

*(Option: Display Story Image W4 04)*

"When the king saw the four people walking around, he told Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to come out of the fire! And they did!

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose to live for God and do what God said. They knew that no matter what happened, God loved them.

"We can choose to live for God too, because **God loves me** and 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, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose to live their lives for You. Please help me live my life for You too. I'm so thankful that You love me. I love You too, 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 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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