



WEEK
ONE
MAY 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

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" and "You Love 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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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" Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "You Are with Me," included in your monthly files; and "You Love Me," available through OrangeKidsMusic.com; *Optional: Dance Moves Videos for "You Are with Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com, and "You Love Me," available through OrangeKidsMusic.com*

Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP 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 WORSHIP LEADER: "God loves me."

WORSHIP 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!

"'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).

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job, friends! God loves us and we can share His love with everyone. Sing this with me."

Lead children in singing "You Love Me."



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"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.

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Red wagon and preschool books, including one about animals

Preset the red wagon in the center of the storytelling area.

Host enters, carrying books, as Worship Leader exits.

HOST: "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name]. And this (*points to wagon*) is our little red wagon. Have you ever been on a wagon ride? If you have, wave your hands in the air like this.

Wave hands above head.

"Wagons are SO much fun! Wagons can be used for all sorts of things! Today, I am filling this wagon with books! Lots and lots of books, so it can be like a library! Give me a thumbs-up if you like books.

Give kids a thumbs-up and start loading books into the wagon.

"I can walk up and down my street and share books with my neighbors! I have books about animals.

Hold up and show the animal book as you continue putting books in wagon.

"I have books about space. I have books about football and books about flowers. I think I have books for everyone!

"Speaking of books, I bet you're ready to hear a story from one of our favorite books, the Bible. I'll be back after that. See you soon!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits with wagon.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, 11" x 17" paper, 18" dowel rods, brown yarn or twine, tape, and marker; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

Preset the scroll in the storytelling area.

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible, as Host exits.

STORYTELLER: "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.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)

"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



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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!

Hold up the scroll and open it up.

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

Make an excited face.

"Great job, everyone! You look very excited.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)

"King Josiah was so excited that he began reading God's words so he could hear from God.

Continue holding the scroll as if reading it, then set it down.

"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?



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"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.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)

"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 STORYTELLER: "God loves me!"

STORYTELLER: "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

STORYTELLER: "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!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Red wagon filled with books (*from Intro*)

Host enters, pulling the wagon with books, as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! King Josiah heard from God when he read God's words. And we can hear from God when we read the Bible too."

"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!"

"You know what this book wagon needs? A BIBLE! That way people can hear from God, from the most important book!"

Host picks up Bible and adds it to the wagon.

[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" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Bible

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "You Are with Me," included in your monthly files
- "You Love Me," available on the Never Better album on OrangeKidsMusic.com

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

- Dance Moves Music Video for "You Love Me," available 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 all songs and have them ready to use.

2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Red wagon
- 8-10 preschool books, including one about animals

WHAT YOU DO:

- Preset the wagon in the storytelling area.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- 11" x 17" piece of paper
- 18" dowel rods, two per Large Group
- 12" piece of brown yarn or twine
- Tape
- Marker
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W1 01
- Story Image W1 02
- Story Image W1 03

WHAT YOU DO:

- Write this month's Memory Verse in the middle of the paper.
- Make a scroll by taping the paper to a dowel rod on each end, rolling it up, and tying it with the brown string.
- Preset the scroll in the storytelling area.
- *Option: Copy the Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.*



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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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- Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. bit.ly/FL_LittleRedWagon