



WEEK  
**TWO**  
JUNE 2024

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

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

I can have joy  
because God helps me.

**FEAST OF BOOTHS**  
**DEUTERONOMY 16:13-17**

### MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart  
is good medicine."

**PROVERBS 17:22, ESV**

### KEY QUESTION

Who can have joy all the time?

### BOTTOM LINE

I can have joy all the time.

### 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.*

Celebrate  
Tend the Garden  
How Does Your Garden Grow?

### LARGE GROUP

**20**  
MIN

#### **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

#### **STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways**


"Start the Party"  
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.*

Hopscotch Verse  
Thank You, God!  
Blossoming Beans   
Celebration Dance Party  
Joyful Harvest  
Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home  
Memory Verse Card  
Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)  
Parent Cue App



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



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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" from Week One in Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "Start the Party," included in your monthly files; *Optional: Dance Moves Video for "Start the Party," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com*

**LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO glad to see you here today. Do you know what time it is? (Pause.) It's time to worship God and tell God we love Him! One way to do that is by singing songs together that tell about God's big love! God loves us all the time so we can have JOY all the time.

"When I ask, '**Who can have joy all the time?**', I want you to say, '**I can have joy all the time.**' **Who can have joy all the time?**"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "**I can have joy all the time.**"

**LEADER:** "Yes, **I can have joy all the time.** Let's sing this song together and get this party started!"

*Lead children in singing "Start the Party," this month's worship song.*

"What a great song! **I can have joy all the time!** The Bible teaches us that: 'A joyful (*brush flat hands upward twice*) heart (*tap chest twice with fingertip*) is good medicine;' (*move flat hand from chin to palm*) Proverbs 17:22. (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Let's say our Memory Verse together. Are you ready?"

*Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.*

"Great job, friends! One more time: **Who can have joy all the time?**"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "**I can have joy all the time.**"

**LEADER:** "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:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible about celebrating!

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

"We celebrate a lot of things, don't we? We celebrate birthdays! We celebrate Christmas! And we celebrate New Year's Eve! But in our Bible Story today, God wanted His people, the Israelites, to celebrate for a different reason.

*(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)*

"The people worked in their gardens every day, and they grew lots of food. But it was God who helped them.

"God made the sun to shine. Make a big sun with your arms, like this.

*Make a big circle over your head with your arms.*

"God made the rain to water the plants. Let's make a rain sound by patting our legs, like this.

*Pat your legs with your hands.*

"God even made the food grow. So God wanted His people to take time to thank Him for all He had done to help them.

"So that's what they did! They got everyone together—sons, daughters, people who lived in town, people who lived out of town—EVERYONE came to do what God said. And they celebrated for . . . are you ready for this . . . SEVEN DAYS!

"Let's count to seven together!"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "One, two, three, four, five, six, SEVEN!"

*(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)*

**LEADER:** "They celebrated for seven days and seven nights! It was a BIG way to say thank You to God for helping them!

"Hey! Let's celebrate and say, 'Thank You' to God right now! When I count to three, I want us all to say: 'Thank You, God!' One, two, three . . ."

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Thank You, God!"

**LEADER:** "Yes! Thank You, God, for all of Your help!

"The people in our story could have joy all the time because God helped them all the time! And we can have joy all the time, because God helps us too!



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"Does God still make the sun shine?"

*Make a big circle over your head with your arms.*

"Yes! Does God still make it rain?"

*Pat your legs with your hands.*

"Yes! Does God still make our food grow? Yes, God still helps us all the time, so we can celebrate God and have joy all the time!"

"That's why, when I ask you, '**Who can have joy all the time?**', I want you to say '**I can have joy all the time!**' Let's try that! **Who can have joy all the time?**"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can have joy all the time!"**

**LEADER: "Again! Who can have joy all the time?"**

**CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can have joy all the time!"**

**LEADER:** *(Clap and cheer for God.)* "Yay, God! Yay, God! Thank You, God!"

**[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 all of the ways You help us every day. We want to stop and celebrate You by saying thank You. You are amazing, God, and we love You! In Jesus' name. Amen."

"I hope you enjoyed the Bible Story as much as I did! **[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 Proverbs 17:22

#### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Start the Party," included in your monthly files

#### OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "Start the Party," 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

#### 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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