



WEEK
FOUR
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
RUG

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy when I see what God has made.

JOY IN THE PSALMS PSALMS 8 AND 19

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.

Joy to the World
Rhythm Band
Let's See!

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.

Joy in My Heart
Wow!
Songwriting
Scarf Dancing
Wow, God! Banner
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, "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 excited to see you today! Jesus loves us all the time and that gives us joy!

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

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

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

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

LEADER: "We CAN have joy all the time because God loves us so. Stand up on your feet and sing this out with me."

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

"What an awesome song! **Who can have joy all the time?**"

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

LEADER: "And 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.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"Great job, friends! A joyful heart is like medicine that makes you feel better! We can have joy, all the time, because God loves us all the time!

"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.

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

"Today's story begins with a king named David. King David loved God. And King David liked to write songs to God. One time King David wrote a song because everywhere he looked he saw things God made that gave him joy.

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"David saw the moon and the stars in the night sky. Can you twinkle your fingers like stars?"

Hold up arms and twinkle fingers.

"When King David saw the moon and the stars, he was like, 'Wow, God! You are awesome!'

Do the ASL sign for "awesome": push hands up in the air twice.

"Say and do that with me!"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Wow, God! You are awesome!"

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LEADER: "Then David saw the sun coming up in the morning and how it was SO big and bright. Can you make a big sun with your arms like this?"

Hold arms overhead in a large circle.

"When King David saw the sun, he was like, 'Wow, God! You are awesome!'

Do the ASL sign for "awesome": push hands up in the air twice.

"Say and do that with me!"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Wow, God! You are awesome!"

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"Then King David saw all the people God made—children and grandparents, farmers and fishermen, short people, tall people. And that includes you! Point to yourself because God made you too.

Point to yourself.



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CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Wow, God! You are awesome!"

Do the ASL sign for "awesome": push hands up in the air twice.

LEADER: "Each time King David saw something God made, it gave him joy and he wanted to celebrate God with his whole heart! That's why he wrote the songs—to celebrate God!"

"King David had joy when he saw all that God had made. We can have joy when we see what God made too! (*Excited pause.*) Wait, that means we can have joy all the time, because everywhere we look we see things God made! Because God made everything! Wow!"

"So when I ask you, '**Who can have joy all the time?**', let me hear you 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: "Say it with us, King David! **Who can have joy all the time?**"

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

LEADER: "Yes, **I can have joy all the time!** **[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, it gives us so much joy when we look at this amazing world You made. Help us celebrate You like King David did. In Jesus' name. 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 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 W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 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 or as part of your monthly Media Package.

FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

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