



WEEK
FIVE
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
RUG

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy
no matter what.

GOD WILL GIVE US JOY
HABAKKUK 3:17-18

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.

Heart Moves
Finding Joy
Party Time 

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.

Four Corners Verse
Joyful Heart
Even When . . .
First to the Heart
JOY Self-Portrait
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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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. We're having a GREAT time celebrating this month! Because we're learning that we can have joy, not just sometimes, but ALL the time.

"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.**"

LEADER: "That's right! **I can have joy all the time.** It's time to start the party! So stand up and let's sing this together.

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

"That's such a fun song to sing. 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.*) Say it with me!"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"You've got it! Tell me: **Who can have joy all the time?**"

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

LEADER: "Yes! We can have joy all the time because God loves us! **[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 the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

"Our story begins with a man named Habakkuk.

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"One day, Habakkuk was thinking about God, and he started to pray. Habakkuk prayed:

(Option: Display Story Image W5 02)

"'Even if I don't have any figs on my fig trees, I can have joy because God loves me.'

(Option: Display Story Image W5 03)

"'Even if I don't have any grapes on my grapevines, I can have joy because God loves me.'

(Option: Display Story Image W5 04)

"'Even if no food grows in my garden, I can have joy because God loves me.'

(Option: Display Story Image W5 05)

"'Even if I don't have any animals on my farm, I can have joy because God loves me.'

(Option: Display Story Image W5 06)

"Habakkuk knew that God loved him all the time, even when he didn't have the things he wanted. And knowing that God loved him all the time meant that Habakkuk could have joy all the time.

"We can have joy all the time, because God loves us too! Point to yourself (*point to self*) and say, '**God loves me!**'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "God loves me!"

LEADER: "That's right! So let's think about it like Habakkuk did.

"If we don't get to have a cookie—does God still love us? (*Pause.*) Yes! God loves us! Can we still have joy? (*Pause.*) Yes! We can have joy all the time!

"What about if we really want a new toy at the store, but we can't have it? Does God still love us? (*Pause.*) Yes! God



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"How about if we don't get to do something we want to do—does God still love us? *(Pause.)* Yes! God loves us! Can we still have joy? *(Pause.)* Yes! We can have joy all the time!

"Habakkuk knew that God loved him all the time, and that's why he could have joy all the time. We know that God loves us all the time, so we can have joy all the time too! That's good news!

"So let me hear you say it! **Who can have joy all the time?"**

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

LEADER: "One more time! Who can have joy all the time?"

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

LEADER: "Great job! [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, having joy all the time can be hard, especially when we don't get what we want or we can't do what we want to do. But when we remember how much You love us, and that nothing will ever change that, we truly can have joy all the time. Thank You for loving us so much, God. You're the best! In Jesus' name. Amen."

"Wow! That was a great story! **[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 W5 01
- Story Image W5 02
- Story Image W5 03
- Story Image W5 04
- Story Image W5 05
- Story Image W5 06

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