



WEEK  
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JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP  
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## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

I can have joy  
because God loves me.

**STORY OF THE LOST SHEEP**  
**LUKE 15:1-7**

### 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.*

Herding Sheep  
Sprinkle Joy   
Fluffy Sheep 

### LARGE GROUP

**20**  
MIN

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

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

"Start the Party" and "You Are with 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  
Find the Sheep  
Color by Number Sheep  
Found Sheep  
Smooch Paint Sheep  
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 WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

### WORSHIP

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page; cardstock; Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "Start the Party," included in your monthly files; and "You Are with Me," available on OrangeKidsMusic.com; *Optional: Dance Moves Videos for "Start the Party," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com, and "You Are with Me," available from 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 sing and dance and worship God—the One who made us and loves us! God gives me 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 WORSHIP LEADER:** "**I can have joy all the time.**"

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Yes, **I can have joy all the time.** It's time to celebrate, so stand up on your feet, and let's 'Start the Party!'"

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

"That's right! Jesus' love is for everyone and that gives us joy! **I can have joy all the time!** 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 learn our Memory Verse together. Are you ready? Watch me say it and do the motions, and then you can do it with me!"

*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'll be learning that verse all month long! But for now, how about one more song? Let's sing this out because Jesus is with us day and night.

*Lead children in singing "You Are with 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:** Stack of pancakes, plate, pan, spatula, pajamas, and apron

*Preset the table in the storytelling area. Place one pancake in the pan, and set the pan, spatula, and plate of pancakes on the table. Host enters wearing pajamas and an apron.*

*Host enters as Worship Leader exits.*

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name], and I can't wait to tell you what I did this morning!"

"It all began when I woke up super-early with the BEST idea! (*Pause excitedly.*) I had the idea to invite my friends to come to my house for a Pancake Pajama Party!"

*Hold both arms in the air with a very excited facial expression.*

"I told you I had the BEST idea! And this is the apron I wore while I made pancakes. Do you like it?"

*Hold both edges of the apron out.*

"What about pancakes? Do you like pancakes? If you like pancakes, rub your tummy and say, 'Yum, yum!'"

*Rub tummy.*

**CHILDREN AND HOST:** "Yum, yum!"

**HOST:** "Me too! And I had so much fun making them! My [family member] helped me mix the batter and pour it into the pan."

*Pretend to mix in a bowl and pour into the pan.*

"And then I flipped the pancakes!"

*Flip one of the cooked pancakes with a spatula.*

"It took me a little while to get the hang of it, but after some practice, my pancakes turned out great!"

*Hold up the platter of cooked pancakes and smell them with a look of delight.*

"And they smell SO good!"

*Put the platter of pancakes on the table.*



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"I made A LOT of pancakes for all of my friends, but then I found out that only one of my friends could come over to my pancake pajama party.

*Hold up one finger.*

"Only one!

"I was feeling kind of sad at first. I worked so hard to make lots of pancakes. I even had whipped cream, strawberries, and chocolate chips to go on our pancakes. But then something happened that made my pancake pajama party special, and I wasn't sad anymore.

"I'll have to tell you what happened after the Bible Story. I'll be back! Bye!"

*Storyteller enters as Host exits with the pan, spatula, and pancakes.*

## STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Animals" Activity Pages, cardstock, painter's tape, and Bible; *Optional: plush bird, fish, and sheep in place of "Animals" Activity Pages and cardstock; Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

*Preset bird, fish, and sheep cutouts in different spots in the storytelling area for the children to find.*

*Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible, as Host exits.*

**STORYTELLER:** *(As the Host and Storyteller pass one another.)* "Mmm . . . those pancakes smell delicious! *(To children.)* Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

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

"Our story begins with Jesus. Jesus is special because Jesus is God's Son. One day, Jesus told a story to teach us about how much God loves us. Would you like to hear the story Jesus told? *(Pause.)* Great!

"This story is about a shepherd who had 100 sheep.

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)*

"Wow! That's a lot of sheep!

"Hmm . . . what does a sheep say? Does a sheep say, 'Moooooo, moooooo?' *(Pause.)* No. *(Little chuckle.)* Does a sheep say, 'Quack, quack?' *(Pause.)* No. *(Little chuckle.)* Well then, what does a sheep say? Let me hear it!

*Lean toward children to listen with one hand behind an ear.*

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "Baaaaa, baaaaa!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes! Sheep say, 'Baaaaa, baaaaa!'"



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"And a shepherd is someone who takes care of sheep. A good shepherd makes sure their sheep have food and water and that they don't get hurt or lost.

"One day, the shepherd in Jesus' story was counting his sheep, and he saw that one of them was missing! Oh no!

*Hold up one finger.*

"One sheep was missing!

"What do you think the shepherd did? (Pause.) Hold up one finger if you think the shepherd went to look for his lost sheep.

*Hold up one finger.*

"Yes! That's what the shepherd did!

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)*

"The shepherd went to look for his one lost sheep because the shepherd loved each and every one of his sheep.

"Let's pretend we are the shepherd looking for the one lost sheep. Hold your hands up like this.

*Hold hands around your eyes like binoculars.*

"These will be our sheep-finding goggles. Are you ready to look for the lost sheep? (Pause.) Okay, here we go!

*Walk to the bird cutout.*

"Is the sheep up here?

*Point to the bird cutout.*

"No. This is not a sheep. What is this? (Pause.) Yes, this is a bird! Let's keep looking.

*Walk to the fish cutout.*

"Is the sheep down here?

*Point to the fish cutout.*

"No. This is not a sheep. What is this? (Pause.) Yes, this is a fish! Let's keep looking.

*Walk to the sheep cutout.*

"Is the sheep over here?

*Point to the sheep cutout.*



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"Look! Look! It's the lost sheep!

*Pick up the sheep and hold it up in the air.*

"Yay! We found the lost sheep!

*Walk to the center of the storytelling area.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)*

"When the shepherd found his lost sheep, he put the sheep on his shoulders and JOYFULLY ran home! He rejoiced because he found his lost sheep!

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 04)*

"Jesus told this story to teach us that God loves us like the shepherd loved his sheep. Every (*hold up one finger*) ONE is important to God. That's good news! And that's why we can have joy all the time! Because God loves us all the time!

"God loves you in the morning when you brush your teeth, so you can have joy in the morning! God loves you in the afternoon when you're playing, so you can have joy in the afternoon! God loves you when you go to bed, so you can have joy when you go to bed! God loves you all the time, so you can have joy 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!'** Let's try it!

**"Who can have joy all the time?"**

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

**STORYTELLER: "Now say it with a big smile! Who can have joy all the time?"**

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

**STORYTELLER: "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**

**STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to teach us about how much You love us. Help us remember that we can have joy all the time because You love us all the time. You're the best, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."**

"Well, that's our story for today! I'll see you next time! Bye!"

*Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.*



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## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** "Wow! God loves us like the good shepherd loved his sheep. God loves us all the time which means we can have joy all the time!

"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!"

"Now, do you want to hear what happened to make my pancake pajama party so special? (*Pause.*) I remembered that I could still have joy even though only one friend was coming, because I can have joy all the time! And guess what! We had SO much fun eating ALL of those pancakes! (*Big smile.*) See you next time!"

**[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, "Start the Party," included in your monthly files
- "You Are with Me," available on the Never Better album on OrangeKidsMusic.com

#### 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
- Dance Moves Music Video for "You Are with Me," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut apart.
- Place "Memory Verse Card" in Bible at Proverbs 17:22.
- Download all songs available and have them ready to use.

### 2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Stack of pancakes
- Plate
- Pan
- Spatula
- Pajamas (for Host)
- Apron (for Host)

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Place one pancake in the pan and the rest on a plate.
- Set the pan, plate of pancakes, and spatula on the table in the storytelling area.
- Host wears pajamas and an apron.





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### 3. BIBLE STORY

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- Cardstock
- Painter's tape
- Bible
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- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

#### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W1 01
- Story Image W1 02
- Story Image W1 03
- Story Image W1 04

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Animals" Activity Pages on cardstock and cut.
- Tape or hang the bird cutout somewhere high.
- Tape the fish cutout somewhere low, but still visible to the audience.
- Tape the sheep cutout somewhere midlevel.
- Option: Set plush animals around the storytelling space.
- *Option: Copy Story Images on cardstock or download to display on a device or 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](http://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](https://bit.ly/FL_StartTheParty_June)