



WEEK
TWO
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

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" 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.

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.



WEEK
TWO
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

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.

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" from Week One in Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "Start the Party," included in your monthly files; and "You Love 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 Love Me," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com*

Worship Leader enters.

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

WORSHIP 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! We CAN have joy all the time when we remember that God loves us, no matter what. Sing this with me.

Lead children in singing "You Love Me."

"What a great song! One more time: **Who can have joy all the time?**"



WEEK
TWO
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

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

WORSHIP 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!" Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Small table; tan, white, and red felt; large tray; pizza pan or plate; wooden spoon; small bowls or ramekins; chef's hat; and scissors; *Optional: Pizza play set*

Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host carries the prepared tray and wears a chef's hat.

HOST: "Ciao [chow], friends! Welcome to [your environment or story time]! My name is [your name]!"

"Did you know 'ciao' is how you say 'hello' in Italian? (*Pause.*) It's so fun to say! Can you wave like this (*wave at children*) and say 'ciao' with me?"

CHILDREN AND HOST: (*Waving.*) "Ciao! Ciao! Ciao!"

HOST: "I like saying words in different languages. Today, I'm saying Italian words, because I'm making Italian food. Can you guess what it is? It has a crust . . . and sauce . . . and cheese . . . and pepperoni! Tell me what you think I'm making."

Lean toward the children with hand behind ear to listen.

"Yes! I'm making pizza! But not just for me. I'm making little pizzas for my friends so we can have a pizza party!"

"You know, making a pizza is kind of like being an artist. First, you have to paint on the sauce! Hold up your pretend brushes with me and pretend to paint sauce on your pizza. Ready?"

Pretend to spread sauce with the wooden spoon on the tan felt circle.

"Swish, swish, swish . . . beautiful! Next, we have yummy cheese. Raise your hand if you like to eat cheese."

Raise hand.

"Me too! Take a pretend big handful of cheese and pretend to sprinkle it all over your pizza."

Sprinkle cheese or yellow felt strips.

"Bravo! Now comes the most fun part. We get to decorate our pizzas! We can decorate pizzas with so many things! There's pepperoni, sausage, bell peppers, mushrooms, pineapple! Yum! One of my friends likes black olives on their pizza!"

"Hey! When I count to three, tell me what you like to put on top of your pizza. One, two, three!"



WEEK
TWO
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

Put hand behind ear to listen.

"Those are all tasty choices! I'm going to decorate this pizza with pepperoni.

Put pepperonis on pizza as you count.

"One . . . two . . . three . . . four! Four pepperonis!

"I have several more pizzas to make, so I'm going to go finish them while you listen to the Bible Story. See you later!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits with the tray and all of the pizza props.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Small table, birthday party hat, light-up Christmas necklace, party horn, small bag, and Bible;
Optional: Story Images and cardstock

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and the prepared small bag, as Host exits.

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends!

Place bag on table.

"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!

Put on birthday party hat.

"Happy birthday! Oh, we celebrate Christmas!

Put on a light-up Christmas necklace.

"Merry Christmas! And we celebrate New Year's Eve!

Blow the party horn.

"Happy New Year!

Take off the birthday hat and light-up necklace and lay everything on the table.

"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.



WEEK
TWO
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

"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 STORYTELLER: "One, two, three, four, five, six, SEVEN!"

(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)

STORYTELLER: "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 STORYTELLER: "Thank You, God!"

STORYTELLER: "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!

"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!



WEEK
TWO
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

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

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

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

STORYTELLER: (*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

STORYTELLER: "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! See you next time! Bye!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! The people in our Bible story had joy and celebrated God, because God helped them. We can have joy and celebrate God because God helps us 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! I'm thankful to God for all of the food we have . . . especially pizza! I can't wait to celebrate with my friends! See you next time! Arrivederci!" [uh-reev-uh-der-chee]

[Transition] "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Host dismisses small groups and exits.



WEEK
TWO
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

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" 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
- "You Love 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 Love Me," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs available and have them ready to use.

2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Small table
- Tan, yellow, and red felt
- Large tray
- Pizza pan or plate
- Wooden spoon
- Small bowls or ramekins, two per Large Group
- Chef's hat for Host
- Scissors
- *Optional: Pizza play set, such as <https://a.co/d/j4UGoFs>, in place of felt*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Cut the tan felt into a large circle for pizza crust, and lay it on a pizza pan or plate.
- Cut the white felt into short, thin strips for shredded cheese, and place in a small bowl or ramekin.
- Cut the red felt into 1" circles for pepperoni, and place in a small bowl or ramekin.
- Place pizza pan and small bowls on a large tray, along with the wooden spoon.
- Host wears a chef's hat.



WEEK
TWO
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Small table
- Birthday party hat
- Light-up Christmas necklace
- Party horn
- Small bag
- Bible
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W2 01
- Story Image W2 02

WHAT YOU DO:

- Put the birthday party hat, light-up necklace, and party horn in the small bag.
- *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 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