



WEEK
FOUR
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
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STAGE

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" 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.

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

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

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

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

WORSHIP 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! Let's sing!



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Lead children in singing "You Love Me."

"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 bottle of bubbles with a wand, battery-operated bubble machine, and a tote; *Optional:* wide painter's tape

Place the small bottle of bubbles and the bubble machine in the tote.

Host enters, carrying the prepared tote, as Worship Leader exits.

HOST: "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name], and I think bubbles are SO. MUCH. FUN! Do you think bubbles are fun? (*Pause.*) You do?!? Would you like to have a bubble party with me? Like, right now? If you want to have a bubble party, wave your hand in the air and say, 'Bubbles!'"

Wave a hand in the air excitedly.

"Sounds like you're ready for a bubble party! I'll make the bubbles, and you catch them. But you have to stay seated and wait for the bubbles to come to you. Got it?"

Give the children two thumbs-up.

"Okay, get ready!"

Go to each small group and blow bubbles using the small bottle of bubbles.

"That was fun! But do you know what's even better than a few bubbles? (*Pause.*) A LOT of bubbles!"

Take the bubble machine out of the bag.

"This is my super-duper bubble-making machine. I can't wait for you to see what it can do! Stay seated and wait for the bubbles to come to you. Got it?"

Give the children two thumbs-up.

"Okay, get ready to catch some bubbles!"

Turn on the bubble machine and walk to each small group giving them lots of bubbles.

"Look! There are bubbles everywhere!"

"I know what we can do! Let's dance with the bubbles! Stay seated and dance right where you are."



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Host dances in place.

"We're . . . (say like a conga song) dancing with the bu-bbles! Dancing with the bu-bbles! Whew! Let's stop and take a bubble break.

"I'm so glad God made bubbles. But God didn't just make bubbles. God made the whole world and everything in it! God is amazing! And you get to hear more about God and all that God made in our Bible Story today!

"Thanks for having a bubble party with me! I'll be back later! Bye!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Volunteer to play King David, toy crown, robe, kazoo, chair, and Bible; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

Preset a chair in the center of the storytelling area.

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible, as Host exits.

STORYTELLER: "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.

(To King David, who is hidden.) "Oh, King David! Will you come out here and meet my friends? *(To children.)* Let's play our pretend trumpets to welcome King David. Ready, 1, 2, 3!

Pretend to play a trumpet, making a simple horn sound.

"Great job, everyone!

King David volunteer enters, wearing a crown and robe.

Note: Think of King David as an energetic mime. He does not speak until the end of the script, but he is very expressive.

"He's here! This is King David.

Go to King David and lead him to the chair.

"King David, you can have a seat here. You can pretend it is your throne. And these are my friends. I was just about to tell them a story about how you wrote songs to God. Would you like to help me?

King David gives enthusiastic two thumbs-up and smiles.

"Great! So the Bible tells us that King David loved God.



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Look at King David as he makes the ASL sign for "love" (cross arms over chest) and then points up.

"And King David liked to write songs to God. One time he wrote a song because everywhere he looked he saw things God made that gave him joy.

King David nods and gives two thumbs-up to children.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

"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 . . .

King David sees the children's twinkling stars and makes the ASL sign for "awesome": push hands up in the air twice.

". . . 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 STORYTELLER: "Wow, God! You are awesome!"

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

STORYTELLER: "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 . . .

King David sees the children's suns and makes the ASL sign for "awesome": push hands up in the air twice.

". . . 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!"

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"Then King David saw all the people God made—children and grandparents, farmers and fishermen, short people, tall people —

King David jumps up from his chair and excitedly gestures to the children.

"Yes! That includes you! Point to yourself because God made you too.

Point to yourself.

"When King David saw all the people God made, he was like—say and do it with me!

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

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

STORYTELLER: "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 plays his kazoo and makes the ASL sign for "awesome" one last time.

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

STORYTELLER: "Say it with us, King David! **Who can have joy all the time?"**

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

STORYTELLER: (*To King David volunteer.*) "Thanks for helping us, today, King David. Everyone, say goodbye to King David!

King David exits.

[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!"



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PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "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."

"Enjoy all the things God made today! I'll 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! When King David looked at the world God made, he had so much joy that he wrote songs about it!

"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! God made so many wonderful things for us to enjoy. That gives me joy!"

[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" 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 bottle of bubbles with a wand
- Battery-operated bubble machine
- Tote
- *Optional: wide painter's tape*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place the small bottle of bubbles and the bubble machine in the tote.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Volunteer to play King David
- Toy crown (for volunteer)
- Robe (for volunteer)
- Kazoo
- Chair
- Bible
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give the King David volunteer a copy of the script.
- *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.

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