



WEEK  
**TWO**  
JULY 2024

LARGE GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS  
RUG

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus helps us have joy.

**WEDDING AT CANA**  
**JOHN 2:1-11**

### MEMORY VERSE

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

**LUKE 2:10, ESV**

### KEY QUESTION

Who gives you joy?

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus gives me joy.

### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### 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.

Helping Fun

Six

Make a Jar

### LARGE GROUP

**20**  
MIN

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

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

"Best Friend"

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.

Share the Verse

Story Jars

Color-Changing Water Jars

Jars to Jesus

Special Turn

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 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, "Best Friend," included in your monthly files; *Optional: Dance Moves Video for "Best Friend," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com*

**LEADER:** "Hey, everyone! My name is [your name], and I'm SO glad you're here today! Did you know that **Jesus gives me joy?** It's true!

"When I ask, '**Who gives you joy?**' I want you to say, '**Jesus gives me joy!** **Who gives you joy?**'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "**Jesus gives me joy.**"

**LEADER:** "That's right! **Jesus gives me joy.** He's our best friend. Sing this out with me.

*Lead children in singing "Best Friend," this month's worship song.*

"That's right! **Jesus gives me joy!** And the Bible teaches us that an angel said: 'I bring you (*move upward-facing palms to one side*) good news (*move flat hand from chin to palm*) of great joy (*brush flat hands upward twice*) that will be for all the people;' (*arms out wide*) Luke 2:10. (*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.*

"Way to go, friends! We have good news of great joy for ALL people! Jesus loves us and wants to be our friend FOREVER.

"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:** "Hello, friends! I'm [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 at a wedding party where everyone was celebrating a bride and groom.

*(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)*

"Lots of their friends were at the wedding party to celebrate. Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were at the wedding party to celebrate. And Mary, Jesus' mom, was at the wedding party to celebrate too!

"There was music and dancing, and there were lots of special food and special wedding drink. All of the people were having so much fun at the wedding, but then there was a big problem! They ran out of special wedding drink! Oh, no!

*Make a big surprised face.*

"Everyone, make an 'Oh no' face with me, and say, 'Oh no!'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Oh no!"

**LEADER:** "Well, when Mary, Jesus' mom, found out, she knew it would make the bride and groom very sad if they knew they had run out of special wedding drink. So, Mary went to Jesus for help.

"You see, Mary knew that Jesus is God's Son and Jesus can do anything. Mary told Jesus what happened, and then she told the helpers to do whatever Jesus said.

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"Jesus told the helpers to fill up six big jars with water. Next, Jesus did something amazing! Something only Jesus can do! Jesus told the helpers to dip a cup into the jar of water.

*(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)*

"When the helper brought the cup out of the jar, it wasn't water anymore! It was special wedding drink!

"Jesus' disciples and the helpers were amazed! Jesus did something that no one else can do! Jesus changed the water into special wedding drink! Wow!

"Jesus helped Mary, the disciples, and the helpers have joy! Now the helpers could give the bride and groom the special wedding drink, and everyone could continue celebrating the bride and groom!



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"Jesus gave the people at the wedding joy and Jesus can give us joy too. That's why, when I ask you, '**Who gives you joy?**' I want you to say '**Jesus gives me joy!**' Let's try that!"

**LEADER:** "**Who gives you joy?**"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "**Jesus gives me joy!**"

**LEADER:** "Again! **Who gives you joy?**"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "**Jesus gives me joy!**"

**LEADER:** "Yes, **Jesus gives me joy!** **[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, thank You for Jesus. Thank You that Jesus wants to be our friend forever and that He can help us have joy. You're the best, God! 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 Luke 2:10

#### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Best Friend," included in your monthly files

#### OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "Best Friend," 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 W2 01
- Story Image W2 02
- Story Image W2 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

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