



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy forever because Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

HEAVEN
REVELATION 21, 22:1-5;
JOHN 14:3

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.

- Flip Side
- Something Amazing 
- Spinning Forever

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.

- Broadcast News
- What Will Heaven Be Like?
- Forever Paper Chain
- Spread the Joy
- Pure Joy
- 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, "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, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm so glad to see you! Do you know why? Because I LOVE worshipping with you! We can sing and dance and tell God how much we love Him. We're learning that **Jesus gives me joy. Who gives you joy?"**

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

LEADER: "You've got it. **Jesus gives me joy.** Jesus is our best friend! So stand up and 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 say that together.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"Great job! 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! 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.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

"Jesus is God's Son and Jesus wants to be our friend forever. And since Jesus is our friend forever, we can have JOY forever.

"Did you know that Jesus is getting heaven ready right now for all of His friends? *(Pause for response.)*

"Would you like to hear what heaven is going to be like?

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

"In heaven, there will be no more boo-boos. No skinned knees. No bumps on the head. Everyone can run and play and no one will ever get hurt in heaven! Say, 'No more boo-boos!' with me!"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "No more boo-boos!"

(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)

LEADER: "In heaven, no one will ever get sick. No runny noses. No tummy aches. No earaches. Everyone will be healthy in heaven! Say, 'No more sick!' with me!"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "No more sick!"

(Option: Display Story Image W4 04)

LEADER: "In heaven, no one will ever be sad, because sad things don't happen in heaven. Say, 'No more sad!' with me!"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "No more sad!"

LEADER: "In heaven, there will be nothing to worry about and no reason to be afraid. We will have everything we need. We won't get hungry or tired or lonely. Heaven will be like a party that never ends!"



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"We will have joy all the time, because we will be with our friend Jesus, and Jesus gives us joy! So, this time, when I ask you: **'Who gives you joy?'** I want everyone to cheer and clap and say **'Jesus gives me joy!'** Here we go! **Who gives you joy?'**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: *(Cheer and clap.)* **"Jesus gives me joy!"**

LEADER: "Louder! **Who gives you joy?'**"

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

LEADER: "Yay! **Jesus gives me joy!** Yay, Jesus! Thank you for celebrating the good news about Jesus with me.

[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, Jesus gives us so much joy! Jesus wants to be our friend forever. Jesus always loves us. And Jesus is getting heaven ready for all of His friends! Thank You for Jesus, God! You're the best! 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 W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03
- Story Image W4 04

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.

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