

3-5 YEAR -OLDS

# TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

#### BIBLE STORY

I am important to God.

GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT ME PSALM 139:1-4; MATTHEW 10:30

#### MEMORY VERSE

"How you made me is amazing and wonderful."

**PSALM 139:14, NIRV** 

#### KEY QUESTION

Who made you wonderful?

# **BOTTOM LINE**

God made me wonderful.

# BASIC TRUTH

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# ALLERGY

This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.

# PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

Wonderful Hair

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** 

### **SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction**

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

Chef's Relay

Wonderfully Made

# **LARGE GROUP**

20 MIN WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Made Us Wonderful" and "Just the Way I Am" Bible Story Prayer

# **SMALL GROUP**

**25** 

# GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Sweet Verse
Noodle Names
Recipe of Wonder
We Are Souper
Creatively Me
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, "Made Us Wonderful," included in your monthly files; and "Just the Way I Am," available on Store. Think Orange.com; Optional: Dance Moves Videos for "Made Us Wonderful," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store. Think Orange.com, and "Just the Way I Am," available from Store. Think Orange.com

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

Worship Leader enters.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Friends, it's so good to see you here today! My name is [your name] and I'm here to sing and dance and worship with you! It's my very favorite thing.

"This month, we're learning that God made you and God made me wonderful! When I ask, 'Who made you wonderful?' I want you to say, 'God made me wonderful!' Who made you wonderful?"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God made me wonderful!"

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "You've got it, friends! God made you wonderful and God loves you very much. Let's sing!"

Lead children in singing "Made Us Wonderful," this month's worship song.

"I love worshipping with you! The Bible teaches us that, 'How you (point up) made me (point to self) is amazing and wonderful,' (push hands up twice) Psalm 139:14. (Open hands like a book.)

"Let's say it together.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"How God made us IS wonderful! God loves you just the way you are. Sing it out with me!

Lead children in singing "Just the Way I Am," this month's worship song.



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GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT ME PSALM 139:1-4; MATTHEW 10:30 "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.

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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

#### **INTRO SKETCH**

WHAT YOU NEED: Chef's hat and apron for Host to wear, large mixing bowl, wooden spoon, and a recipe card

Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host wears a chef's hat and apron and carries a mixing bowl and cooking spoon.

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name] and I'm SO happy to see you today! I'm having so much fun cooking with my friends. We have been making all kinds of recipes.

Hold up recipe card.

"And this one is the most important one! Everyone in my family knows how to make this recipe. My mom knows how to make this recipe. My grandma knows how to make this recipe. My grandma knows how to make this recipe.

"This recipe is so important, and so special to my family that I want to know how to make it too. And do you know what it is? Banana pudding! Do you want to pretend to make it with me?

"First, we put some cookies in the bowl.

Pretend to drop a few cookies in a large mixing bowl.

"Next, we add bananas.

Pretend to scoop in some bananas with the wooden spoon.

"Then, we scoop in some pudding.

Pretend to scoop in some pudding with the wooden spoon.

"The last step of this recipe is to put some whipped cream on top-my favorite part!

Pretend to put some whipped cream on top.

"Friends, we did it! Now we know everything about making banana pudding, but [Storyteller's name] has a true Bible Story to share with you about someone who knows everything about YOU! I can't wait for you to hear it."

Storyteller enters as Host exits with the recipe card, the mixing bowl, and the wooden spoon.

#### STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; Optional: Story Images and cardstock

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible.

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

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



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"Today's true story from the Bible begins with someone very important . . . it's YOU! Do you know who thinks you're important? God! God thinks you're important. God loves you so much and God knows everything about you.

"Let's play a game to learn more! It's called, 'God knows.' If the answer is, 'YES, God knows,' wave your hands high in the sky, like this, and say, 'Yes, God knows!'

(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)

"Let's try it. Does God know when you are happy?"

Lead children to wave their hands up toward the sky.

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Yes, God knows!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, God knows when you're happy. Does God know when you're sad?"

Lead children to wave their hands up toward the sky.

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Yes, God knows!"

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

STORYTELLER: "Yes! God knows when you're sad. Does God know when you sit down?"

Lead children to wave their hands up toward the sky.

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Yes, God knows!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes! Does God know when you stand up?"

Lead children to wave their hands up toward the sky.

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Yes, God knows!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes! God knows when you sit down or stand up.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)

"Does God know the words you're going to say to a friend?"

Lead children to wave their hands up toward the sky.

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Yes, God knows!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes! God even knows what you're going to say to your friend before you say it!

"Hey, did you notice all of the answers were, 'YES, God knows!'?



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"Wow! God is amazing and God knows everything about me.

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"God even knows how many hairs are on our heads! That's pretty amazing. Let's see if we can count all the hairs on my head.

Attempt to count the hairs on your head.

"1, 2, 3, 4, 5 . . . 6, 7, 8, 9, 10! There are so many hairs! I can't count them all, but God can. Does God know how many hairs are on our heads?"

Lead children to wave their hands up toward the sky.

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Yes, God knows!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes! God knows exactly how many hairs are on our heads. God knows everything about you and me because we are important to God. Wow! God made you wonderful, and **God made me wonderful! Who made you wonderful?"** 

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God made me wonderful!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, **God made me wonderful.** [**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, we love You! It's amazing that You know everything about us because You made us and You love us very much! Thank You for the wonderful way You made all of us. Help us to love You with our whole wonderful selves! In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

"I'll see you next time. Bye!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.





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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

#### **OUTRO SKETCH**

WHAT YOU NEED: Chef's hat and apron for Host to wear and a recipe card (from Intro)

Host enters as Storyteller exits. Host is dressed as a chef and carries a recipe card.

**HOST:** "Wow! I am important to God. **God made me wonderful,** and God knows everything about me. That is so special!

"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!

Hold up the recipe card from earlier.

"I know how to make this recipe, but God knows how many hairs are on my head! That's really special.

[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 Intro 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 Intro 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." Advance preparation is necessary.

# 1. WORSHIP

# WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- · Instruments or music player
- "Memory Verse Card" from Week One, placed in Bible at Psalm 139:14

#### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Made Us Wonderful," included in your monthly files
- "Just the Way I Am," available on the Never Better album on Store.ThinkOrange.com

# OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

• Dance Moves Music Video for "Made Us Wonderful,"

- available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com
- Dance Moves Music Video for "Just the Way I Am," available from Store. Think Orange.com

#### WHAT YOU DO:

Download all songs and have them ready to use.

#### 2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Chef's hat and apron for the Host to wear
- Large mixing bowl
- Wooden cooking spoon
- Recipe card

# 3. BIBLE STORY

# WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Optional: Story Images and cardstock

#### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W3 01
- Story Image W3 02
- Story Image W3 03
- Story Image W3 04

### WHAT YOU DO:

• 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 videos to engage preschoolers with the Bible Story. Join our Bible storytellers, Clubhouse friends, and, of course, Ollie the Owl to discover the wonder in God's story. Available in the First Look Media Package or can also be purchased monthly at Store. Think Orange.com.

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