



WEEK
FOUR
AUGUST 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
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STAGE

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

God loves us so much that God gave us Jesus.

GOD LOVES ME
JOHN 3:16; 1 JOHN 4:9-10

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

God made 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.

God Gave Us Jesus
Scoop it Up
Cake Bakers

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Made Us Wonderful" and "Wonderfully Made"
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.

Colorful Hearts Verse
Pockets of Love
L.O.V.E.
Foot Transfer
Into the Mixing Bowl
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 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 "Wonderfully Made," available on Store.ThinkOrange.com; *Optional: Dance Moves Videos for "Made Us Wonderful," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com, and "Wonderfully Made," available from Store.ThinkOrange.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, I'm so glad to see you! My name is [your name] and I love to sing and dance and worship God with you!"

"We're learning that we are WONDERFULLY made! Did you know you're wonderfully made by God? It's true! 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: "Yes, **God made me wonderful!** Sing this with me."

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

"I LOVE singing 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.*)

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"God made every part of you, and every part is wonderful! Let's sing about how we are wonderfully made!"

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"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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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Small rolling cart, plate, bread slices, milk, plate, clear cups, small paintbrush, chef's hat and apron for the Host to wear; *Optional: small table, tablecloth, and box*

Preset all items on the rolling cart. (Option: If using a small table instead of a rolling cart, preset the small table by spreading the tablecloth on it and putting the box filled with supplies on it.)

Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host wears a chef's hat and apron and pushes the rolling cart.

HOST: "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name]."

"Actually, it's Chef (*your name*). Today I'm making food using a special recipe to give to people I love. And today's special food is—drumroll please!

Pat legs for a drumroll.

"Rainbow toast! The ingredients for rainbow toast are just bread and colorful milk."

Gesture to the bread slice and colorful milk.

"Let's get started! First, I use a paintbrush to make designs with the colorful milk. What color should I start with? I have [color] and [color]. (*Pause.*) [Color], it is! Hold up your pretend paintbrush and paint with me."

Dip the paintbrush into the milk and brush onto the bread.

"Now that I have my super-special design on the bread, I need to put the bread in the toaster. Whoops! I better go find the toaster. See you later, friends!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits with cart.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Jesus" Activity Page, 11" x 17" paper, gift box with removable lid (*or large gift bag*), teddy bear, toy car, butcher paper, glue, marker, two volunteers, and a Bible; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and gift box, as Host exits. Set gift box on the table.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I have an awesome TRUE story from the Bible to share with you today."

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

"Today's true story from the Bible is about Someone who loves you very, very much."

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)



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"Let's see if you can figure out who it is! First, answer this question. **Who made you wonderful?"**

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God made me wonderful!"

STORYTELLER: "That's right! God made you wonderful, and God loves you so much! Give yourself a BIG hug because God loves you so much!"

Give yourself a hug and lead children to give themselves a hug too.

"God did something very special because God loves us. God gave us a gift.

Move to stand next to the gift box.

"Has someone ever given you a gift? Maybe someone gave you a teddy bear as a birthday gift.

Open the gift box, pull out the teddy bear, and set it on the table.

"Or a toy car. Those are good gifts for sure.

Pull out the toy car and set it next to the teddy bear.

"But the gift God gave us is the most amazing gift ever! And it's for everyone in the whole world!"

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

"Can you make a drumroll like this?"

Lead children to pat legs. Two volunteers enter with rolled-up banner.

"God loves us so much that God gave us . . .

Volunteers unroll the banner.

"JESUS! Who did God give us?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus!"

(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)

STORYTELLER: "God loved the world so much God gave us Jesus! Wow! Jesus is special because Jesus is God's Son, AND . . . Jesus wants to be our friend forever!"

"God made you and loves you so much that God gave you Jesus to be your friend forever. What a special gift! Thank You, God!"

Make the ASL sign for "Thank you": Move flat hand forward from lips.

"Can you say 'thank You' to God for loving us so much?"



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Make the ASL sign for 'thank you.'

"Thank You, God! Thank You for Jesus, and thank You for making us wonderful! **Who made you wonderful?"**

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God made me wonderful!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes! God made you and **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: "God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever! Jesus is the BEST gift. Thank You for loving us and for making us wonderful. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen."

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

Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Toasted bread from Intro

Host enters as Storyteller exits. Host carries toast from Intro. (Toasting the bread intensifies the colors.)

HOST: "Wow! God made us all wonderful, and God loves us SO much God gave us Jesus!"

"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 love making special food (*show finished toast*) to give the people I love, but Jesus is the best gift ever. **[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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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 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
- "Wonderfully Made," available on the Amazing 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 "Wonderfully Made," available from Store.ThinkOrange.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Small rolling cart
- Bread slices, two per Large Group
- Milk
- Plate
- Clear cups, two per Large Group
- Small paintbrush
- Chef's hat and apron for the Host to wear
- Toaster
- Toasted piece of colorful bread for the Outro Sketch
- *Optional: Small table, tablecloth, and box*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pour a small amount of milk into two clear cups.
- Add two different colors of food coloring, one to each cup, and swirl to mix.
- Place the plate, one slice of bread, cups of colorful milk, and the small paintbrush on the rolling cart.
- *Option: If using a small table instead of a rolling cart, preset the tablecloth on the small table. Place the items (the plate, one slice of bread, cups of colorful milk, and small paintbrush) in the box. Preset the small table by placing the box on it in the Storytelling area.*
- For the Outro Sketch, paint a design on the second piece of bread, and then toast it in the toaster. Or simply toast the slice of bread from the Intro during the Bible Story.



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3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Jesus" Activity Page
- 11" x 17" paper
- Gift box with a removable lid (*or large gift bag*)
- Teddy bear
- Toy car
- Butcher paper
- Glue
- Marker
- Two volunteers
- Bible
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

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

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy and enlarge "Jesus" on 11" x 17" paper and cut.
- Glue Jesus cutout onto butcher paper.
- Use markers to draw hearts on the butcher paper.
- Place the teddy bear and toy car inside the gift box.
- Preselect two volunteers to hold the Jesus banner during the Bible Story.
- *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.ThinkOrange.com.

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