



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is the
Light of the World.

JESUS IS THE LIGHT
JOHN 1:4-5, 8:12, 9:5

MEMORY VERSE

"You are the
light of the world."

MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

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.

Light-Up Hopscotch
Bright Banner
Pick a Place 

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways


"Be a Light"
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.

Memory Verse with Motions
Light of the World
Light-Source Brainstorm
Light Up the World
Bubble-Painted World 
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
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
RUG

PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

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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" Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "Be a Light," included in your monthly files; *Optional: Dance Moves Video for "Be a Light," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com*

LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO excited to see you today! We are here to worship Jesus because Jesus is the Light of the World and Jesus loves us! We can be bright lights too when we love like Jesus. When I ask, **'Who can love like Jesus?'** I want you to say, **'I can love like Jesus! Who can love like Jesus?'**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: **"I can love like Jesus."**

LEADER: "Yes, you can love like Jesus and **I can love like Jesus!** Let's sing about how we can be a light!"

Lead children in singing "Be a Light," this month's worship song.

"What a great song! We'll sing it all month long. The Bible teaches us that Jesus said: 'You (*point to others*) are the light (*twinkle fingers*) of the world,' (*make a circle with your arms*) Matthew 5:14. (*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.

"Great job, friends! Jesus is the Light and we can be bright lights when we love like Jesus loves! **Who can love like Jesus?'**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: **"I can love like Jesus."**

LEADER: "That's right! 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 can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

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

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with the whole world.

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"God made the whole world and everything in it. Then God made the people, and God gave a gift for all people. God sent someone really special.

"Raise your hand if you think you know who God sent for everyone. We celebrate this special person being born on Christmas. Do you know who it is? *(Pause.)* Yes, it's Jesus!

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"God sent Jesus to be the Light of the World. Now, Jesus is not a light like a flashlight. Jesus is a light who helps us see how amazing God is.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)

"When Jesus helped people, He was a bright light showing us how God helps people.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 04)

"When Jesus forgave people, He was a bright light showing us how God forgives people.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 05)

"When Jesus loved people, He was a bright light showing us how God loves people and how we can love people too.

"If our friend needs help learning to play a game, we can love like Jesus and help them.

"If our brother or sister knocks down our block tower, we can love like Jesus and forgive them.

"If our friend is sad, we can love like Jesus and ask them if they would like a hug.

"I'm so glad God sent Jesus to be the Light of the World and show us how to love others. We can all love like Jesus.

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CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can love like Jesus!"



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LEADER: "Yes, **I can love like Jesus**. **[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: "God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. Jesus showed us how to love others. Help us to be bright lights and love like Jesus everywhere we go. We love You. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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." Advance preparation is necessary.

1. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Instruments or music player
- "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Bible

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Be a Light," included in your monthly files

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "Be a Light," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut.
- Place "Memory Verse Card" in Bible at Matthew 5:14.
- 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 W1 01
- Story Image W1 02
- Story Image W1 03
- Story Image W1 04
- Story Image W1 05

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 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.

MONTHLY WIDGET*:

LOVE LIKE JESUS SUNCATCHER

This month, we offer a unique item that helps kids and families apply what they're learning at home. Available at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

*WIDG·ET [WIJ-IT] -noun

1. Something unspecific whose name is either forgotten or not known.
2. A device that is very useful for a particular job
Origin: 1925-30; perhaps an alternative form of gadget

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