



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is a
light for everyone.

THE MAN AT THE POOL
JOHN 5:1-9

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.

Four Corners
Light Bright Hearts
Dressed Up Love

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.

Mirror YOU
Sing It!
All the People, All the Places
Pool of Hearts
Man with a Mat
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Memory Verse Card
Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)
Parent Cue App



10 MINUTES

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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, "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 it's great to see you today! I love singing and dancing and worshipping with you! We're learning that Jesus is the Light of the World and that we can be bright lights when we love like Jesus!

"So, 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, **I can love like Jesus**. Yes, we can love like Jesus and be bright lights! Stand up on your feet and sing this out with me."

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

"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.*) Jesus said we can be bright lights when we love like Jesus!

"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.

"You've got it! 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!"



WEEK
TWO
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LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
RUG

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

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 Jesus, God's Son.

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"One day, Jesus saw a man by a pool of water. This man had been lying on a mat by the pool for a very long time because he could not walk. The man thought that if he could get into the pool of water, it would make him better. But he had no one to help him get into the water.

"Jesus knew the man had been sick for a long time, and He loved the man and wanted to help him.

"Can you show me your heart hands? Make heart hands like this.

Hold hands in front of your chest in the shape of a heart.

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"Yes! Jesus loved the man!

"The man said, 'I don't have anyone to help me.' So, Jesus told him: 'Get up! Pick up your mat and walk!' (*John 5:8, NIV*)

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"And the man did exactly what Jesus said. The man stood up, picked up his mat, and walked!

"That is amazing! The man could not walk, and Jesus made him all better so he could walk! Jesus helped the man at the pool because Jesus loves everyone. That means Jesus loves you!

"Give yourself a hug!

Hug yourself.

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"Yes, Jesus loves you! And Jesus loves your family. Jesus loves everyone here in [name of your town]. Jesus loves the people in EVERY town. Jesus loves everyone in the world!

"Can you make the sign for 'love'?"



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Make the ASL sign for "love": Cross arms over chest.

"Yes! Jesus loves everyone in the whole world, and we can love everyone too. We can love like Jesus! **Who can love like Jesus?**

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

LEADER: "Yes, you can love and **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, we love You! Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus is a light to everyone! Help us to be bright lights and love like Jesus. 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" from Week One, placed in Bible at Matthew 5:14

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:

- 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
- Story Image W2 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 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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