



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I am a light when
I love like Jesus.

WE ARE THE LIGHT
MATTHEW 5:14-16;
ACTS 8:26-35

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.

Collecting Love
Love Like Jesus
Light Bright Glow

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.

Picture It
Philip Helps
Shine Jesus' Light
Find Your Light
My Light
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! I'm [your name], and I'm SO glad to see you today! We're learning something BIG this month! Did you know that Jesus loves you? It's true! Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever. And because Jesus loves you and me, Jesus wants us to love others too. We can love like Jesus. **Who can love like Jesus?"**

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

LEADER: "That's right! When we choose to love others like Jesus loves us, we can be bright, bright lights! Stand up on your feet and let's sing about that!"

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

"I can be a light and **I can love like Jesus!** 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.*) Say it with me."

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"I love that verse! We are bright lights when we love like Jesus! **[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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FOUR
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LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
RUG

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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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 was talking to His friends, the disciples, on a mountain. Jesus said, 'You are the light of the world.'
(Matthew 5:14, NIV)

"You see, when we love like Jesus, we shine bright like a light! Jesus even said, 'Don't hide it!' Jesus wants us to be a bright light for everyone to see!

"Now, I want to tell you about a friend of Jesus' named Philip. Philip let his light shine bright just like Jesus said.

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"One day, Philip was walking down a road and saw a man sitting in a chariot.

Pick up Bible.

"The man was reading God's words, but the man needed help understanding what he was reading.

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"So, Philip sat with the man, and Philip helped him understand God's words about Jesus and how Jesus had come to be his friend forever. Wow!

"Philip chose to shine his light, and he helped the man. Philip loved like Jesus, and we can love like Jesus too. **Who can love like Jesus?"**

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

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!"



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PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to love others and be bright lights! Just like Philip chose to be a bright light, help us to love others this week too. 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 W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03

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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