



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I love like Jesus
when I help others.

TABITHA HELPS
ACTS 9:36-42

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.

Moving Light
A Coat to Keep Warm
Light Bright Shapes

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.

Verse Sequence
Love Helps
Fizzy Hearts 
Love Pass
Sewing Kit
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

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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 I'm really happy you're here. We are learning that you and **I can love like Jesus! Who can love like Jesus?"**

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

LEADER: "That's right! **I can love like Jesus!** And when we love like Jesus, we are bright lights! Stand up and sing this with me."

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

"What a great 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.) Say it with me."

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"You are the light of the world when you love like Jesus, and God made you so you can love like Jesus! Thanks for worshipping with me, friends. **[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.

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"Today's true story from the Bible begins with a woman named Tabitha. What was her name?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Tabitha!"

LEADER: "That's right! Tabitha loved Jesus. Tabitha knew that the most important thing Jesus taught us to do is to love people the way Jesus loves us. So, that's what Tabitha did! She looked for ways to love like Jesus.

"Tabitha was good at making clothes and sewing so she looked for ways she could help others with her sewing. Let's see how Tabitha helped.

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"Can you show me what it looks like when you're cold? Can you shiver and shake?"

Lead children to shiver and shake.

"Oh, SO cold! If Tabitha saw someone who needed a coat, she made a coat for them.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 03)

"Tabitha loved like Jesus and helped people.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 04)

"If Tabitha saw someone who needed new clothes, she made clothes for them.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 05)

"Tabitha loved like Jesus and helped others, and we can love like Jesus too! **Who can love like Jesus?"**

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

LEADER: "You've got it! **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: "God, thank You for sending Jesus, our friend forever. We want to help others and show Jesus' love wherever we go, just like Tabitha. 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" 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 W5 01
- Story Image W5 02
- Story Image W5 03
- Story Image W5 04
- Story Image W5 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.

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