



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?

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BASIC TRUTH

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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" and "You Love Me"

Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
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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



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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, "Be a Light," included in your monthly files; and "You Love Me," available on Store.ThinkOrange.com; *Optional: Dance Moves Videos for "Be a Light," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com, and "You Love Me," available from Store.ThinkOrange.com*

Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP 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 WORSHIP LEADER: "I can love like Jesus."

WORSHIP 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! Jesus is the Light of the World and Jesus loves us! Let's sing about His love."

Lead children in singing "You Love Me."



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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!"

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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Small table; large, clear bowl filled with water; small tote; and light-up water toys

Preset the small table in your storytelling area. Place the large, clear bowl of water on the table.

Preset the standing person cutouts for Story. See Getting Ready for options.

Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host carries a small tote filled with light-up water toys.

HOST: "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! I'm [your name] and I can't wait to show you what I have.

Hold up a water toy.

"Water toys! Count them with me.

Host pulls out toys from the tote bag and lays them in front of the large, water-filled bowl as you count them together.

"One, two, three, four, five, six! Great counting, friends! I'm going to toss one in the water, and then you'll see why I love these toys so much. Can you say, 'Splish, splash?' Ready . . . *(With children.)* Splish, splash!

Toss one toy into the water. Toy should light up when in the water.

"Wow, that looks so cool! Do you see how it lights up in the water? *(Pause.)* Now, let's put them all in the water now. Everyone, say, 'Splish, splash!' *(with children)* Splish, splash!

Put all the toys in the water.

"Wow! It's even better when you turn off the light.

Dim lights if possible.

"They're so bright everyone can see!

Bring lights back up.

"Ooh! [Name of Storyteller] has a story about Someone who shines bright for all of us too! If you're ready for a story, say 'Bright light!' *(With children.)* Bright light! It sounds like you are ready for a story. I'll see you later!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits.



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STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; small, inflatable pool; mat or beach towel; foam core board or cardboard; paint in a variety of bright colors; paintbrushes; utility knife; large binder clips; and an inflatable globe beach ball; *Option: butcher paper in a variety of bright colors and scissors; Optional: cardboard box to hold small standing person cutouts; Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

If you have a large space and are using large standing person cutouts, scatter your cutouts around the storytelling area with the heart side facing away from the children.

Preset the small, inflatable pool a few feet from the center of your storytelling area.

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries inflatable globe, mat or beach towel, and Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends!

Toss the inflatable globe inside the pool.

"I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

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

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with Jesus, God's Son.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)

One day, Jesus saw a man by a pool of water.

Roll out the mat or beach towel in the center of your storytelling area, next to the pool.

"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.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)

"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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As you talk, stand, pick up the mat or beach towel, and walk around with excited awe.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)

"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!

Walk over to the inflatable pool.

"Jesus helped the man at the pool because Jesus loves everyone. That means Jesus loves you!

"Give yourself a hug!

Hug yourself, then bring one standing person cutout to the front of your storytelling area, turning it around to reveal the heart.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

"Yes, Jesus loves you! And Jesus loves your family.

Bring two more standing person cutouts to the front. Turn them around to reveal the hearts and place them on either side of the first cutout.

"Jesus loves everyone here in [name of your town].

Bring two more standing person cutouts to the front. Turn them around to reveal the hearts and place them next to the other cutouts.

"Jesus loves the people in EVERY town. *(Gets an idea.)* Oh!

Pick up the inflatable globe from the inflatable pool and show it to the children.

"Jesus loves everyone in the world!

Set the inflatable globe next to the standing person cutouts.

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

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 STORYTELLER: "I can love like Jesus!"



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STORYTELLER: "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

STORYTELLER: "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.

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

Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Large, clear bowl filled with water; and tote with light-up toys in it (*from Intro*)

Host enters as Storyteller exits. Host is carrying tote filled with light-up toys. Water-filled bowl is still set on the table.

HOST: "Wow! Jesus helped the man by the pool. Jesus loves everyone, and we can love everyone too!"

"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!"

"You know what? I can love like Jesus. I'm going to share these awesome toys.

[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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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 Matthew 5:14

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Be a Light," included in your monthly files
- "You Love Me," available on the *Never Better* album on [Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://store.thinkorange.com)

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](https://store.thinkorange.com)
- Dance Moves Music Video for "You Love Me," available from [Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://store.thinkorange.com)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs available and have them ready to use.

2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Small table
- Large, clear bowl filled with water
- Small tote
- Light-up water toys, such as <https://a.co/d/exCpJ6d>

WHAT YOU DO:

- Preset table in your storytelling area by putting the large, clear bowl filled with water on top of it.
- Place the pool toys in a small tote for the Host to carry.



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3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Small, inflatable pool
- Mat or beach towel
- Foam core boards or cardboard
- Paint in a variety of bright colors
- Paintbrushes
- Utility knife
- Large binder clips, ten per Small Group
- Inflatable globe beach ball
- *Option: Butcher paper in a variety of colors and scissors*
- *Optional: Box to hold small standing person cutouts*
- *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:

- Cut simple person shapes out of foam core board using a utility knife, five person cutouts per Large Group.
- Paint the cutouts on both sides.
 - *Option: Use butcher paper in a variety of bright colors and scissors to cover the cutouts and to make hearts, instead of using paint.*
- Add one large heart to each cutout with paint.
- To make the standing person cutouts stand up, add a large binder clip to the bottom of each foot.
 - *Option: Instead of using binder clips, cut out cardboard rectangles. Then, cut slits in the center of each rectangle and foot of each person cutout. Slide the rectangles onto the feet at the slits. (The longer the rectangles, the more stable the cutout will be as it stands.)*
- If your space is large, make the cutouts large and preset the cutouts at the back of your storytelling area. If your space is small, make the cutouts small, and place the cutouts in a box, and preset the box in the storytelling area.
- Inflate the pool and globe beach ball.

- Preset the inflatable pool and few feet from the center of your storytelling area.
- *Note: Save the standing person cutouts for Week 3.*
- *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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