



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus said to
love one another.

**JESUS GIVES
A NEW COMMAND**
JOHN 4:1-30, 13:34-35;
LUKE 18:15-16, 19:1-10

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 Bright Toss
Love People
Teach Me

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Be a Light" and "Made Us Wonderful"

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.

When We Love Like Jesus . . .
Hearts for Everyone
Important Things
Loving Like Jesus
Love Glasses
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

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LARGE GROUP

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 "Made Us Wonderful," 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 "Made Us Wonderful," available from Store.ThinkOrange.com*

Worship Leader enters.

MEMORY VERSE

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WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO glad to see you today! Do you know what time it is? It's my FAVORITE time because it's worship time! We can sing and dance because God gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. And Jesus loves everyone! We can love like Jesus too. **Who can love like Jesus?"**

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

KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, I can be a light because **I can love like Jesus.**"

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

BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

"What a great song! And it's true. Because you can love 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.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

"What a great verse! God made us to be bright lights and love others. God made us wonderful! Sing with me!"

Lead children in singing "Made Us Wonderful."

"One more time: **Who can love like Jesus?"**

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



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WORSHIP 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!"

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Small table, Lite-Brite® with a partially completed heart outline, extra Lite-Brite pegs on the bottom or sides of the Lite-Brite, and batteries

Preset a table in your storytelling area.

Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host carries prepared Lite-Brite.

HOST: "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name]."

Turn the Lite-Brite around, and turn it on to reveal a partially completed heart.

"Shout it out if you know what this is! (*Listens.*) That's right! This is a Lite-Brite. The Lite-Brite comes with pictures you can make, or you can make up your own. I love creating shapes like this.

Add the extra pegs on the side or the bottom of the Lite-Brite to complete the heart outline while you speak.

"You take one of these colorful pegs, and then you push it into one of the holes. And when you're done, your picture shines bright!"

"What shape do you see? (*Pause.*) A heart!"

"This heart reminds me of love, and [Storyteller's name] has a story about loving like Jesus! See you in a minute, friends!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits, leaving the Lite-Brite on the table.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Small table and Lite-Brite (from Intro), construction paper, scissors, painter's tape, Bible, and standing person cutouts from Week Two; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

The table and Lite-Brite from Intro are still in the storytelling area.

Preset the standing people cutouts in the storytelling area with one group of three and two standing individually. Cutouts should have the heart facing away from the children.

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible.

STORYTELLER: "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.

"Our story begins with Jesus, God's Son."

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"One day, Jesus was teaching, and He said something very important.

"Put your hands behind your ears so you can hear the important thing Jesus taught. Are you ready? (Pause.) Great!

"Jesus said the most important thing He wants us to do is to love each other the way that He loves us. And Jesus showed us how to love like Him! We can read about it in the Bible.

Walk to the group of three standing person cutouts.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

"One day, Jesus was teaching some people.

Kneel and gesture to the child cutout.

"Some grown-ups brought their children to see Jesus, but Jesus' friends, the disciples, told the children to go away.

"When Jesus heard this, He said, 'Let the little children come to me' (Luke 18:16, NIV). Jesus loved the children!

"Jesus loves everyone—children, grown-ups, grandparents.

Turn the standing person cutouts so their hearts are showing.

"We can love like Jesus and love everyone too!

Walk to a standing person cutout.

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"Jesus loves everyone, even if they've made a bad choice.

"One day, Jesus met a man named Zacchaeus (*gesture to cutout*) who had made bad choices. Zacchaeus didn't have any friends because everyone was mad at him.

"But Jesus was Zacchaeus' friend. Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house because He loved Zacchaeus and wanted to help Zacchaeus love others.

"Jesus loves everyone—even when they make bad choices.

Turn the cutout around to reveal heart.

"We can love like Jesus and love everyone too!

Walk to final standing person cutout.

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"Then, there was a time when Jesus saw a woman at the well and He asked her for a drink of water. The woman was surprised when Jesus spoke to her because she was from a different town than Him.

"But Jesus loved the woman even though she was from a different town!

"Jesus loves everyone—no matter where they live.

Turn the cutout around to reveal heart.

"We can love like Jesus and love everyone too!

"When we love everyone the way Jesus loves us, we are doing the most important thing Jesus taught us to do: Love like Jesus! You can love like Jesus, and **I can love like Jesus. Who can love like Jesus?"**

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

STORYTELLER: "One more time: **Who can love like Jesus?"**

Prompt the children to make a heart with their hands.

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

STORYTELLER: "It's true. **I can love like Jesus** and so can you! **[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, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to love others! This week, help us to love others like Jesus because Jesus loves us! Jesus is our friend forever. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

"I'll see you next time, friends!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.



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OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Lite-Brite (from Intro)

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow!"

Hold up the Lite-Brite with the heart.

"The most important thing we can do is love like Jesus.

"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! I'm going to put this in my room so I can remember to love like Jesus!"

[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
- "Made Us Wonderful," available on the *My Friend Forever* album on 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
- Dance Moves Music Video for "Made Us Wonderful," available from 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
- Lite-Brite®
- Lite-Brite® Pegs
- Batteries

WHAT YOU DO:

- Preset the small table in your storytelling area.
- Create a partially completed heart outline on the Lite-Brite, leaving room for a few pegs to be added to complete the heart.
- Place a few pegs along the bottom or sides of the Lite-Brite so Host can finish the heart.



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3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Small table and Lite-Brite (from Intro)
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Painter's Tape
- Bible
- Standing person cutouts from Week Two
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*
- *Note: Save the standing person cutouts for the rest of the month.*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W3 01
- Story Image W3 02
- Story Image W3 03
- Story Image W3 04

WHAT YOU DO:

- Create child cutouts by cutting person shapes from construction paper, six per Large Group. Choose different colors than the color of the standing person cutouts.
- Cut three small heart shapes to fit the child cutouts.
- Tape the heart cutouts to three of the child cutouts.
- Tape the child cutouts with hearts to the heart side of three standing person cutouts, and tape the child cutouts without hearts to the opposite side of the same standing person cutouts.
- Preset the standing people cutouts in the storytelling area with one group of three and two standing individually.
- *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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