



## 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" and "Made Us Wonderful"


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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PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

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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 from 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.*

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

**WORSHIP 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! Let's sing about that together!"

*Lead children in singing "Made Us Wonderful."*

"I just love to worship with you! Thanks, 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!"

*Host enters as Worship Leader exits.*



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## INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** T-shirts, glow-in-the-dark fabric paint, and a bin

*Host enters as Worship Leader exits. (Option: Host wears the T-shirt with the heart painted on it.)*

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name] and I want to show you what I made! I painted shirts for my friends.

*Pull the sunflower shirt from bin and hold up for the children to see.*

"Do you see all these bright colors? There is something special about the paint I used. It's glow-in-the-dark paint! That means if you wear the shirt in the dark—it glows!

"I wanted to paint something special on these shirts for my friends. So, I made a sunflower shirt for my friend, [friend's name]. She loves sunflowers.

"Do you want to see the other shirts I've made?"

*Put the sunflower shirt in the bin. Pull the pizza shirt from the bin and hold it up for the children to see.*

"My friend [friend's name] loves pizza, so I made him a shirt with a piece of pizza on it.

*Put the pizza shirt in the bin. Pull the smiley-face shirt from the bin and hold it up for the children to see.*

"And I made [friend's name] a shirt with a smiley face because he's always smiling.

"I can't wait to give my friends the shirts I made for them. And [Storyteller's name] can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible about a woman who made something for her friends!

*Storyteller enters as Host exits, leaving the bin and shirts on the table.*

## STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible, child's coat, child's dress, bin, and two standing person cutouts from previous weeks; *Optional: Construction paper, scissors, and spring-loaded clothespins; Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

*Preset two standing person cutouts across the storytelling area.*

*Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible and prepared bin.*

**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.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W5 01)*



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

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "Tabitha!"

**STORYTELLER:** "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.

*Pull the child's coat out of bin and walk to a standing person cutout.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W5 02)*

"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.

*Drape the coat over the standing person cutout.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W5 03)*

"Tabitha loved like Jesus and helped people.

*Pull the dress out of bin and walk to a standing person cutout.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W5 04)*

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

*Drape the dress over the standing person cutout.*

*(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 STORYTELLER:** "**I can love like Jesus!**"

**STORYTELLER:** "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

**STORYTELLER:** "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."

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

*Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.*

## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** T-shirt with heart painted on it; *Optional: Host is wearing heart T-shirt*

*Host enters, carrying heart T-shirt, as Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** "Wow! Tabitha made clothes for people and helped them. We can help others and love like Jesus 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!"

*Hold heart shirt up for children to see. (Or gesture to the shirt you are wearing.)*

"This shirt has a heart on it to remind me to love like Jesus and help others. **[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 from 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:

- Four blank T-shirts
- Glow-in-the-dark fabric paint
  - Note: Unless you plan on turning off the lights or pulling out a black light to show that the paint truly glows, you can simply use neon fabric paint.
- Bin to hold the T-shirts

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Follow the manufacturer's directions to paint one of the following designs on each shirt:
  - Sunflower
  - Slice of pizza
  - Smiley face
  - Heart
- Once the paint has dried, put the shirts in a bin.
- Option: Have Host wear the heart shirt.



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### 3. BIBLE STORY

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Child's coat
- Child's dress
- Bin (to hold the coat and dress)
- Two standing person cutouts from previous weeks
- *Optional: Construction paper, scissors, and spring-loaded clothespins*
- *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:

- Put the child's coat and dress in the bin.
- *Option: If clothing items are too large for your standing people cutouts, cut a coat and dress shape out of construction paper, and use spring-loaded clothespins to attach paper shapes to standing people cutouts.*
- *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](http://Store.ThinkOrange.com).

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