

WEEK
ONE
JANUARY 2024

3-5 YEAR -OLDS

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

People came to hear Jesus because He teaches important things.

JESUS TEACHES A CROWD MARK 6:30-34

MEMORY VERSE

"The people were amazed at his teaching."

MATTHEW 7:28, NCV

KEY QUESTION

Who teaches you important things?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus teaches me important things.

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



SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

Looking for Clues
Taking It to the Beach
Teacher of the Year

LARGE GROUP



WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Important Things," Bible Story Prayer

SMALL GROUP



GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Memory Verse with Motions

Fingerprint People Lacing Fun

From Your Town

Jesus Teaches Me Notebook

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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PRELUDE

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10 MINUTES

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LARGE GROUP

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" Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "Important Things," included in your monthly files; Optional Dance Moves Video for "Important Things," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com

LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO happy to see you today! It's a brand-new year and a brand-new day! Did you know that you're learning new things every single day? It's true. God sent us Jesus to teach us important things! When I say, 'Who teaches you important things?' I want you to say, 'Jesus teaches me important things!' Who teaches you important things?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus teaches me important things."

LEADER: "It's true! Jesus teaches us SO many important things. Let's sing about that together. Stand up on your feet!

Lead children in singing "Important Things," this month's worship song.

"What a GREAT song! Jesus teaches us important things we need to know! Who teaches you important things?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus teaches me important things."

LEADER: "That's right! **Jesus teaches me important things!** The Bible teaches us that 'The people (spread arms out) were amazed (hold hands like binoculars, open and shut) at his teaching,' (pull O-hands from head) Matthew 7:28. (Open hands like a book.) 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!"

"'The people (spread arms out) were amazed (hold hands like binoculars, open and shut) at his teaching,' (pull O-hands from head) Matthew 7:28." (Open hands like a book.)

Repeat the verse and motions with the children.

"Great job! We'll repeat that verse all month long! The people who heard Jesus were amazed at His teaching! Because **Jesus teaches me important things!** Thanks for worshipping with me, friends.



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS

10 MINUTES

[Transition] "And now it's time to turn around, sit down, shake the wiggles out (wiggle hands) so we can hear (cup hands behind ears) what the story's all about!"

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 Bible for children to see, then set it down.

"Today's true story from the Bible begins on a beach.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)

"Jesus and His friends, the disciples, had been working very hard so they went to a beach so they could rest and pray. While they were there, people came from far away to see Jesus.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)

"Some people were so excited to see Jesus they even RAN to get there. Let's pretend to run to Jesus! Stand up and run in place!

Run in place.

"Run, run, run! Whew! We made it. You can have a seat, friends.

"The people were so excited to see Jesus! More and more people came to see Jesus. When Jesus saw the people, He loved them and wanted to help them. So, Jesus began teaching them.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)

"The people were so happy to be with Jesus that they stayed for a long time. They stayed to listen to Jesus teach important things all through the day and into the night. People went to see Jesus and He taught them important things.

"Jesus teaches YOU important things too. When we read the Bible, (hold up your Bible) we can learn so many important things from Jesus. (excited) Jesus wants to be our friend forever, and Jesus teaches us important things.

"When I ask, 'Who teaches you important things?' I want you to say, 'Jesus teaches me important things!' Who teaches you important things?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus teaches me important things!"

LEADER: "Yes, **Jesus teaches me important things.** [**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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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You gave us Jesus. I'm so glad that Jesus wants to be our friend forever and He wants to teach us so many important things. 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 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." Advanced preparation is necessary.

1. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- · Instruments or music player
- "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Bible

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

This month's worship song, "Important Things," included in your monthly files

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

 Dance Moves Music Video for "Important Things," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut apart.
- Place "Memory Verse Card" in Bible at Matthew 7:28.
- · Download song and have it ready to use.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Optional cardstock

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W1 01
- Story Image W1 02
- Story Image W1 03

WHAT YOU DO:

• Option: Copy the Optional Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

WONDER, LOOK AT GOD'S STORY: First Look offers weekly introductory sketches and Bible stories on the DVD titled "Wonder, Look at God's Story." This DVD is available for purchase at OrangeStore.org or as part of your monthly Media Package.

FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. bit.ly/FL_ClubhouseClues

2. BIBLE STORY