



WEEK  
**TWO**  
JANUARY 2024

LARGE GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS  
RUG

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus teaches that  
God cares for us.

**BIRDS AND FLOWERS**  
**MATTHEW 6:25-34**

### 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

**15**  
MIN

#### SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

*Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.*

Pass the Worm

Bird and Flower Puzzles

In the Nest

### LARGE GROUP

**20**  
MIN

#### WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

#### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Important Things"

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.*

Memory Verse Clues

A Flower to Remember 

Taking Care

Bird or Flower?

Bird in Flight

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

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; and this month's worship song, "Important Things," included  
in your monthly files; *Optional Dance Moves Videos for "Important Things,"*  
*available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com*

**LEADER:** "Hello, everybody! My name is [your name]. If you are ready to worship  
God, I want you to say, 'Oh yeah!'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Oh yeah!"

**LEADER:** "Oh, yeah! I love singing and dancing and saying, 'Thank You, God!' for  
all the wonderful things God has done! God gave us Jesus to be our friend forever  
and to teach us important things! When I ask, '**Who teaches you important  
things?**' you say, '**Jesus teaches me important things!**' **Who teaches  
you important things?**"

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

**LEADER:** "That's right! **Jesus teaches me important things.** So, stand up  
on your feet and sing about it with me!"

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

"Jesus teaches us how to love, and share, and be kind! These are such important  
things! **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 when Jesus taught, '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 say our memory verse together with the motions too.

*Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.*

"Way to go! Thanks for worshipping with me, friends. **[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!"



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

"It begins with our good friend, Jesus.

*(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)*

"One day, Jesus sat down on the ground with His disciples and began teaching them important things. Would you like to hear what Jesus taught them? *(Listens.)* Great!

"Jesus said, 'Look at the birds.'

*(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)*

"I love to watch birds in my yard. When I look in my yard, I see blue birds and red birds and black birds! So many beautiful birds! Jesus taught His disciples that God takes care of the birds.

"Think about it. Do birds have refrigerators in their trees? *(Listen.)* No! And do birds go to the grocery store? *(Laugh.)* No! And do they just get a kid's meal in the drive-thru? No!

"Jesus taught that God takes care of the birds! They don't have to plant a garden. God made trees and bushes that give them food.

"Next, Jesus told His disciples to look at the flowers.

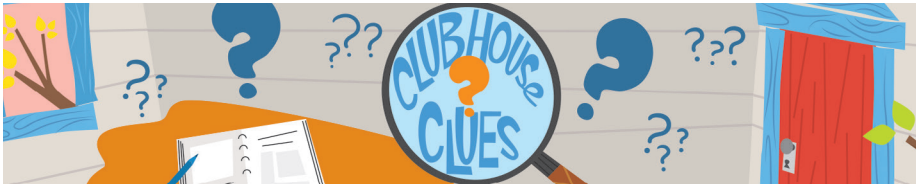
*(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)*

"Flowers are so pretty. God made flowers with the most beautiful colors. There are blue and red and yellow and pink and purple and white and orange flowers too!

"Jesus asked His disciples, 'Do you think these beautiful flowers are worried about what to put on so they will look beautiful?' *(Laughs.)* No! God already made the flowers beautiful!

"Jesus taught His disciples that God takes care of the flowers and God takes care of the birds. Jesus told this story to teach us something very important. God loves us more than flowers and birds! And since God takes care of flowers and birds, that means that God will take care of us too!

"We don't need to worry about what we're going to eat or drink. Just like God takes care of the birds and gives them food to eat, God will take care of us.



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"We don't need to worry about the clothes we will wear. Just like God takes care of the flowers and gives them beautiful colors to wear, God will take care of us.

"Jesus teaches us that we don't have to worry. God will take care of us. I'm so glad Jesus teaches us important things.

**Who teaches you important things?"**

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

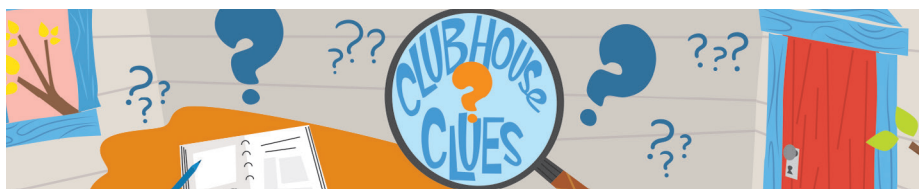
**LEADER:** "Yes, **Jesus teaches me important things.** [Transition] Our story time is over (*pick up and close Bible*), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

## PRAYER

**LEADER:** "God, thank You for sending Jesus to teach us important things! Help us to remember that just as You take care of the birds and flowers, You take care of us too. What a good God! 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 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" from Week One, placed in Bible at Matthew 7:28

#### 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:

- Download song and have it ready to use.

## 2. BIBLE STORY

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Optional cardstock

#### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W2 01
- Story Image W2 02
- Story Image W2 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

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