



WEEK
FOUR
JANUARY 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
RUG

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus teaches us that
God loves us
no matter what.

PRODIGAL SON
LUKE 15:11-24

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.

Picture Clues
Rolling Hearts
Shop with Ollie

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
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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.

Memory Verse Party Hat
Great Big Heart
The Special Chair
Story Search
Run to the Prodigal Son
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 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: "Hi, everyone! My name is [your name]. I'm so happy you're here today. We're learning that **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.** Stand up and let's sing about that together."

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

"What a fun song! Great job, friends. **Jesus teaches me important things!** Let's say our Memory Verse together with the motions too. Watch me first, and then 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.

"The people WERE amazed because Jesus teaches us so many important things. One more time, **who teaches you important things?**"

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

LEADER: "You've got it! **[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]. I am here to share a true story from the Bible with you!"

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

"Today's story begins with Jesus teaching something very important.

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"One day, Jesus told some people a story about a dad and his son.

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"The dad had saved a lot of money to give to his son when the son was MUCH older. But, one day the son asked his dad to give him all the money right NOW. And the dad gave it to him.

"What do you think the son did? Raise your hand if you think the son stayed with the dad. *(Pause.)*
Raise your hand if you think the son left and went somewhere else. *(Pause.)*

"Yes, the son left. He took the money and went far away from home. The son took his dad's money and spent it on EVERYTHING!

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"He bought fancy clothes. He ate really fancy food. The son spent money with all of his friends and then . . . whoops! The money was ALL GONE. Everyone, say: 'All gone!'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "All gone!"

LEADER: "There was NO MORE money. The son didn't know what to do. He didn't have a bed to sleep in or any food to eat. He was so hungry he even thought about eating pig food!"

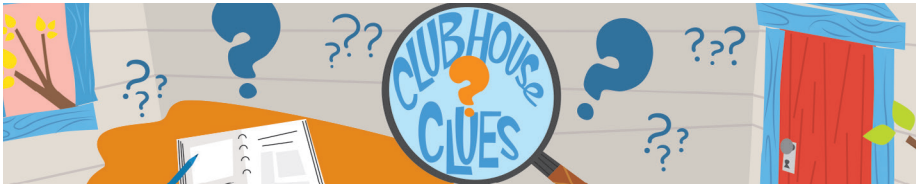
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"Everyone, say: 'Eew!'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Eew!"

LEADER: "The son was really hungry, and he was so sorry for what he had done. The son wanted to go back home, but he didn't know if his dad would let him.

"After thinking about it, the son decided to go home. And, when his dad saw his son coming, he was SO happy to see him. The dad ran to his son!"



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"The dad hugged his son, and he gave his son a new robe and ring and shoes. The dad loved his son no matter what. He even threw a big party because his son was home!

"Jesus told this story because He wants to teach us something VERY important. He wants us to know that God loves US no matter what. 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: "Heavenly Father, thank You for this story Jesus told to teach us something very important! Just as the father in the story loved his son no matter what, we know that YOU love us no matter what! Thanks for loving us, all the time, every single minute of every single day. We love You, God. 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 W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03
- Story Image W4 04
- Story Image W4 05

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