



WEEK
ONE
FEBRUARY 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
RUG

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves everyone.

THE MAN WITH LEPROSY
MATTHEW 8:1-3;
MARK 1:40-45

MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving
to each other."

EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV

KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

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.

Serving Hearts
Design Your Bandage
Surrounded by Love

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"I Love You So Much"
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 with Motions
Bye-Bye, Boo-Boos!
Removing Boo-Boos
Spot Removal
My Food Truck
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" Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "I Love You So Much," included in your monthly files; Optional: Dance Moves Video for "I Love You So Much," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from [OrangeKidsMusic.com](https://www.OrangeKidsMusic.com)

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm SO excited to see you today! My name is [your name]. It's time to sing and dance and worship God. God loves us so much that God sent Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus loves you and me. When I ask, **'Who does Jesus love?'** I want you to say, **'Jesus loves everyone.'** **Who does Jesus love?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: **"Jesus loves everyone."**

LEADER: "Yes, **Jesus loves everyone.** Let's stand up and sing to show Jesus we love Him too!"

Lead children in singing "I Love You So Much," this month's worship song.

"What an awesome song! Tell me: **Who does Jesus love?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: **"Jesus loves everyone."**

LEADER: "That's right! And the Bible teaches us to: 'Be kind and loving (cross hands over chest) to each other,' (spread arms out) Ephesians 4:32. 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!"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"Great job! We can be kind and loving to each other because Jesus is kind and loving to us! One more time: **Who does Jesus love?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: **"Jesus loves everyone."**

LEADER: "You've got it! Thanks for worshipping with me today, 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.

"Today's true story from the Bible is about someone who had A LOT of boo-boos. Raise your hand if you've ever had a boo-boo. (Pause.) Yes, that's a lot of you. I have too!

(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)

"This man was sick with something called leprosy. He had spots all over his body and there were no doctors or medicine that could help him get better. People couldn't be near the man because he was sick. This man had to live all by himself without any family or friends.

Shrink posture.

"Having all these boo-boos made this man very sad. Can you show me your sad face?

Make a sad face.

"Oh, those are some very sad faces. Just like the sick man.

"One day, a very special man came to town.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)

(Excited) "It was Jesus! Jesus is God's Son, and Jesus can do amazing things.

"The sick man knelt in front of Jesus . . .

(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)

". . . and said that he knew Jesus could make him all better if He wanted to. And, do you think Jesus helped the man and made him all better? (Pause.)

"Yes! He did! Jesus reached out and touched the man. At once, the man was all better.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 04)

"No more boo-boos! They were all gone! He was healed! Hooray!

"Can you all throw your arms in the air and shout 'hooray' with me on the count of three? One . . . two . . . three . . ."
(Throw arms in air.)



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CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Hooray!"

LEADER: "Wow! Jesus was kind and loving to the man even though nobody else was. Jesus touched the man even though nobody else would. Jesus made the man all better when nobody else could."

"And, when we're sad or sick or tired, we can know that Jesus loves us too. Jesus loves you, and me, and everyone in the world! **Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**Jesus loves everyone!**"

LEADER: "Yes, **Jesus loves everyone.** That's the truth! **[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: "Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Jesus was kind and loving to the sick man even though nobody else was. Help us to love everyone the way Jesus loves them. 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.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W1 01
- Story Image W1 02
- Story Image W1 03
- Story Image W1 04

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_FoodTrucks

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, "I Love You So Much," included in your monthly files

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "I Love You So Much," 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 Ephesians 4:32.
- Download song and have it ready to use.

2. BIBLE STORY