



3-5 YEAR OLDS

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

#### BIBLE STORY

Jesus is a friend to everyone

THE UNLOVED WOMAN
JOHN 8:2-11

#### 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.

Heart Toss
Utensil Match-Up
Recipe for a Friend

## **LARGE GROUP**



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**



## **GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect**

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

Share the Love
Story Spoons
Please Step Forward
Pull the Hoop
Sliding Heart
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** 

SOCIAL

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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" from Week One in 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 <a href="OrangeKidsMusic.com">OrangeKidsMusic.com</a>

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm so happy to see you. Do you know why we worship God? Because He made us, He loves us, and He sent His Son Jesus to be our friend forever. And guess what? **Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love?"** 

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

**LEADER:** "When Jesus thinks of us, He thinks: 'I love you, I love you!' Let's show Him we love Him right back. Stand up and sing with me."

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

"Jesus is our forever friend who loves us all. And because He loves us, we can, 'Be kind and loving (cross hands over chest) to each other' (spread arms out), Ephesians 5:2. (Open hands like a book.) That's what the Bible teaches us. Let's say our Memory Verse together.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"I love that verse. Jesus is our friend forever and we'll never be without Him. What a good, good friend! Who does Jesus love?"

#### CHILDREN: "Jesus loves everyone."

**LEADER:** "That's right! **[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!"







PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

**10 MINUTES** 

#### **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 about a woman who needed a friend.

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

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with a woman who was very sad.

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"She had made a lot of bad choices and now no one wanted to be her friend. Can you imagine not having any friends to do things with?

"Nobody to play blocks with? Nobody to play with at the park? How would it make you feel to do all those things all by yourself with no friends?

"It would make me sad. Can you show me your sad face? (Pause.) Yes! This woman (point to sad face plate) was very sad too.

"One day, Jesus was teaching a lot of people. Suddenly, some people who didn't like the woman brought her to Jesus.

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"They said, 'Jesus, this woman has done bad things!

"Wow! They were definitely not this woman's friend. And they thought Jesus wouldn't want to be her friend.

"But, wait. We know Jesus is special, and Jesus loves everyone.

"Do you think Jesus loves this woman and wants to be her friend? (*Pause*.) Yes! Jesus did love her and wanted to be her friend.

"Jesus asked the people, 'Have YOU ever done bad things? Have you ever made bad choices? Step forward if YOU ARE PERFECT and have NEVER done anything wrong.'

"And do you know what? NO ONE stepped forward. Because NONE of them were PERFECT!

"Jesus didn't punish the woman like the people wanted. Jesus told her to go and make good choices. Jesus was kind and loving to the woman when no one else was.

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"Do you think Jesus will love us when we make a mistake? (Pause.) Yes!





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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

"Will Jesus love us no matter what? (*Pause*.) YES! Jesus will always love us, and Jesus wants to be our friend forever because **Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Jesus loves everyone!"

**LEADER:** "Yes, **Jesus loves everyone.** [**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 giving us Jesus. Jesus loves us no matter what and wants to be our friend forever. Help us to love others and be their friend. 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 their 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 Ephesians 4:32

#### 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:

· Download song and have it ready to use.

#### 2. BIBLE STORY

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Optional Story Images and 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.

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