



WEEK
FOUR
FEBRUARY 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
RUG

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves me.

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN
LUKE 18:15-16

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.

Catching Popcorn

Heart Match-Up

Hearts and Cupcakes 

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.

Heart Track 

Jesus and the Children

Special Things Brainstorm

Love Run

My Heart on a String 

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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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 [OrangeKidsMusic.com](https://www.OrangeKidsMusic.com)

LEADER: "What an awesome month it's been learning all about Jesus and His great, big love for all of us! No one loves like Jesus because **Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love?**"

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

LEADER: "Yes! Jesus loves you so, so much! Sing this with me."

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

"When Jesus thinks of us, He thinks: 'I love you so much!' That's because **Jesus loves everyone!**

"The Bible teaches us to: 'Be kind and loving (cross hands over chest) to each other,' (spread arms out) Ephesians 4:32. (Open hands like a book.) Let's say that verse again together and do the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do!"

Lead children to say the memory verse with the motions.

"I'm so glad Jesus teaches us how to be kind and loving by being kind and loving to us! Jesus loves you and me and everyone you see. Tell me: **Who does Jesus love?**"

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

LEADER: "Jesus loves us so! **[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.

"Are you a kid? Wave your hands up in the air if you're a kid! (*Pause.*) Yes! That's all of you! Put your hands down now. Today, I've got a story about some kids (*gesture to dolls/stuffed animals*) who wanted to meet someone very special.

"This true story from the Bible begins with Jesus. We know that Jesus is very special. Jesus is God's Son, and He came to do AMAZING things.

"Jesus and His friends, the disciples, did lots of important work. They taught people about God, and they helped people. Wherever they went, there was always a crowd of people who wanted to learn things from Jesus and get help from Jesus. EVERYONE wanted to be near Jesus.

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"One day when Jesus was teaching, many, many people were around Him wanting to meet Him and get close to Him.

"There were lots of adults. Moms and dads and aunts and uncles. There were farmers and doctors and carpenters and fishermen. And there were children!

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"The children knew Jesus was special and they wanted to see Jesus too! But Jesus' disciples stopped . . .

Hold out flat palms to gesture "Stop."

". . . the children from getting near Jesus.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)

"Maybe the disciples thought Jesus was too busy to talk to the children. Maybe the disciples thought Jesus was too important to talk to the children.

"The disciples told the children to stop and go away. But Jesus was kind and loving to the children. He called them to Him and said: 'Let the little children come to me!'

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"So they did! Jesus opened His arms wide and the children came. Jesus told the crowd to never stop children from coming to see Him because children are VERY important to Him.

"Did you hear that, friends? YOU (*gesture to audience*) are important to Jesus. Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever. Can you give yourself a hug?



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Give yourself a hug with a big smile.

"Yes, Jesus loves you. **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: "God, thank You for Jesus! Thank You that Jesus loves everyone, including all the children in the world. Help us to remember that we are ALL special to You. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. 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 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](https://www.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 W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03
- Story Image W4 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](https://www.OrangeStore.org) or as part of your monthly Media Package.

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