



GETTING READY

1. Welcome/Opener

What You Need:

- Host

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Fun game music

Large Group Visuals (downloadable from the website):

- Theme Slide

2. Communicator Script

What You Need:

- Communicator
- Bible

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- One Big Story Intro (Video)
- Bible Story Images 1-17
- Key Question Slide

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have CG capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.

- The One Big Story Intro Video is available with the monthly download. You can find it in the “Prelude” folder under “Monthly Planning.”

3. Worship

Worship Leaders

- **We Are Royals**
- **Who You Say I Am**

Dream On

Bible Story: Dream On (Jacob's Dream) • *Genesis 28:10-22*

Bottom Line: You can trust God no matter what.

Key Question: What makes God trustworthy?

Memory Verse: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5, NIV*

Life App: Trust—Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

SFX: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

CG: Theme Slide

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

Optional Video (Media Package): Countdown

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme

Host enters.

Welcome

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like holidays (Labor Day, Cheese Pizza Day, National Cheeseburger Day, Elephant Appreciation Day, Hobbit Day, etc.), a big sports game (College Football and NFL seasons start, MLB regular season is finishing up), movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

Opener

HOST: "Hey everyone! I am so pumped for another month here at [Name of Environment]. This month we are going to be on an adventure in trust together. Speaking of adventures, how many of you like camping? Me? I love it! The crisp cool morning air. The sound of nature all around, like birds in the trees and raccoons going through your stuff. It's the life. You know, while we're talking about birds, I have a game to get everyone going this morning. You ready?!"

Divide up the boys and girls for this game into two separate games.

Demonstrate the two choices to the game as you explain how it works.

"Alright this game is called 'Birdie on a Perch.' Now, for this game, you need to know two moves. This is 'Perch'"

Host kneels down on one knee while keeping the other knee up, like he/she is proposing.

"Everybody try it. Good, and this is 'Birdie.'"

Host has someone demonstrate Birdie – the volunteer sits on the knee of the perch and put his or her arm on the Host’s shoulder.

“Together, you have a ‘Birdie’ on a ‘Perch.’ Make sense? So, in a moment, you will walk around the room. Listen carefully, because when you least expect it I’ll yell ‘Birdie on a Perch.’ Then, as quickly as you can, partner up with someone on your team. One person needs to be the perch, the other needs to sit down as the birdie. If you can’t find someone, you’re out and need to sit along the wall. Oh, and one more thing—you can’t be the same thing two rounds in a row. So if you were just a Perch, you have to be Birdie next round. Also, you can’t be with the same person two rounds in a row. So mix it up! Ready. Set. Gooooo!!!!”

SFX: Fun Game Music

Play as many rounds as time allows (including some practice rounds). If people are out, have everyone else come back in if time allows.

HOST: “(After the game) Well done! We have a winning combination! That was so much fun to watch. Now let’s all stand back up and worship together!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HOST: “I’m so excited to be here with all of you today and get a little crazy! If it’s your first time here, I want to welcome you and I would love to have a chance to meet you and get a high-five! Your group leaders are here almost every week... they’re pretty amazing. Here at Mission, we believe that this is a place for you and you belong here no matter who you are or what you believe. At the core of who we are as a church, we believe that **JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE!** “I have just a few announcements for you all today... Share any/all announcements. “One of the things we do each week to help us focus on God is to sing... some of you will know the words to the songs, so we want you to shout and sing them out really loud. If you don’t know the words... they’ll be on the screen for you. Feel free to clap, jump, sing and shout along with us! The best part about this is the message of the song and how good God is! Let’s all stand up and sing together!”

Worship Leaders enter. Host exits.

Worship

WORSHIP LEADER: “Wow—we’re having so much fun so far! I am pumped to sing God’s praises with all of you, so get on your feet and get ready.

COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT

INTRODUCTION

VIDEO: One Big Story Intro

COMMUNICATOR: “Hey, everybody! Great to see you! As we start a new month together, I have a question for you. What are some things you trust? What do you count on to come through for you throughout the day? Turn to your Small Group and talk about it.”

Turn and share.

(After a time of sharing) “Great. Now how about this one? WHO are some people you trust? In other words, whom do you count on to come through for you each day? Talk about that together.”

Turn and share. After a time, pull everyone back together. Have a few kids share with the whole group if time allows.

TENSION

COMMUNICATOR: “So why are these things trustworthy? Why are these people trustworthy? I wonder how much of that is because we can see them. We trust chairs to hold us up. We trust our phones to make calls or send texts to our friends. We trust that our belt will keep our pants up! Same goes for people, right? We see our mom or dad and trust that they’ll take care of us. We see our teachers and trust they’ll help us learn. We see our Small Group Leaders and trust that we’ll have a fun time together in *[Name of Environment]*. But what about trusting things we can’t see. Like God. Do you ever have trouble trusting God because you can’t see Him? I know that can be tricky for me sometimes!”

TRUTH

COMMUNICATOR: “This morning, let’s go back to the beginning to a story we find in Genesis, the first book of the Old Testament of our Bibles. In Genesis, we discover a guy named Abraham, who will be the father of the nation of Israel. God had made this huge promise to Abraham that He would bless him and give him descendants like the stars in the sky. God would also give him a land to call his own where this nation could live. After some time and a lot of answer prayers, Abraham had a son named Isaac. Isaac and his, wife Rebekah, eventually had twin boys named Esau and Jacob.”

CG: Bible Story Image 1

“So cute. But let’s be honest—from the start these boys didn’t get along very well.”

CG: Bible Story Image 2

“This tension between them continued as they grew older. Now, one thing you should know about Esau is that he was, well, hairy.”

CG: Bible Story Image 3

“No, I mean like hairy.”

CG: Bible Story Image 4

“Okay we’re not quite on the same page yet. Esau’s name literally means ‘hairy!’”

CG: Bible Story Image 5

“Now we’re talking. He was kind of a wild outdoorsman. You know, like an extreme, hunter-type.”

CG: Bible Story Image 6

“Jacob, on the other hand, enjoyed hanging out around home.”

CG: Bible Story Image 7

“He dabbled in the culinary arts, dazzling everyone with his inventive stew recipes.”

CG: Bible Story Image 8

“It was actually a bowl of this stew that was the source of some pretty major conflict and deception. You see, Esau had been out hunting, and he came back completely starving. And Jacob had a fresh, piping-hot batch of stew all prepared. Esau, seeing his life flashing before his eyes, begged Jacob for some stew. So what did Jacob do for his desperate brother?”

“(Read directly from Genesis 25:31 NIV) “First sell me the rights that belong to you as the oldest son in the family.”

“Ummm . . . what? You see, Jacob is using this as an opportunity to get the birthright from Esau. Since Esau is technically the oldest son—by seconds—he earned the birthright, which in the ancient world came with a much larger inheritance. And Jacob wants it.”

“(Read directly from Genesis 25:32-33 NIV) “Look, I’m dying of hunger,” Esau said. “What good are those rights to me?” But Jacob said, “First promise to sell me your rights.” So Esau promised to do it. He sold Jacob all the rights that belonged to him as the oldest son.

“But that wasn’t the end. Later on, as their dad’s eyesight was failing, Jacob carried out another plan, one masterminded by his mom who was more than willing to help her favorite son. Jacob and Esau’s dad, Isaac, was planning to give as special blessing to Esau as the oldest son . . . and as his favorite.”

“Isaac called for Esau and asked him to hunt . . .”

CG: Bible Story Image 6

“. . . some tasty wild game for him and bring it in so he could bless him. But while he was out hunting, Jacob and Esau’s mom, Rebekah, whipped up some goat fillets . . .”

CG: Bible Story Image 9

“And also used some of the skins to dress Jacob up like Esau . . . because, remember . . . he was hairy.”

CG: Bible Story Image 5

“So while Esau was still away, Jacob slipped in, tricked their blind dad with the HELP of their mom, and STOLE his brother’s special blessing!”

“So, yeah . . . LOTS of conflict and tension between these boys . . .”

CG: Bible Story Image 2

“And after stealing the birthright and now the blessing, Esau threatened to KILL Jacob. Jacob ran off to a far country called Padam Aram. It was here that Jacob would have an encounter that he would never forget.”

“(Read directly from Genesis 28:11 NIV) ‘He reached a certain place and stopped for the night. The sun had already set. He took one of the stones there and placed it under his head. Then he lay down to sleep.’”

“Rock pillow . . . sounds pretty comfy, right? So here is Jacob, he’s left home. His family is kind of a mess right now. He’s all alone. AND to top it all off he has a dream.”

CG: Bible Story Image 10

“Now when I say he had a dream, this is not quite the same as when we have dreams about riding unicorns through the sky. Dreams in the Bible were a way in which God would speak to people. And in this dream, God had something He wanted to say to Jacob.”

“Back to the dream. First, Jacob saw a stairway . . .”

CG: Bible Story Image 11

“Bigger.”

CG: Bible Story Image 12

“Even bigger.”

CG: Bible Story Image 13

“But this stairway was different. It stood on the earth, and its top reached to heaven. And on the stairway, there were angels . . .”

CG: Bible Story Image 14

“Eh . . .”

CG: Bible Story Image 15

“Not really”

CG: Bible Story Image 16

“I guess that will do. And these angels were going up and down the staircase between heaven and earth. And God himself stood next to the stairway, and in the dream He spoke to Jacob.”

“(Read directly from Genesis 28:13b-15 NIV) ‘I am the Lord. I am the God of your grandfather Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your children after you the land you are lying on. They will be like the dust of the earth that can’t be counted. They will spread out to the west and to the east. They will spread out to the north and to the south. All nations on earth will be blessed because of you and your children after you. I am with you. I will watch over you everywhere you go. And I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’”

“Did you catch what God was saying?! God was making the same incredible promise to Jacob that God once made with his grandfather, Abraham. God would continue that promise through Jacob’s family. That meant that the land he was lying on would be the land for his nation. HIS nation. A PROMISED land! And that nation would have so many descendants that they would fill the whole land. And the greatest promise of them all? God said, *‘I am with you . . . and I will watch over you wherever you go.’*”

“God himself was going to see to it that Jacob made it back safely. God said He would not leave until He had done everything He had promised.”

CG: Bible Story Image 17

“A promise from God. That is pretty amazing. In the midst of a lot of chaos and confusion—much of which He had caused himself—God was *still* faithful to the promises He had made to Jacob’s grandfather, Abraham, to Jacob’s father, Isaac, and now to Jacob.

APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: “God made some pretty incredible promises to Jacob’s family. Jacob learned time and time again that he could count on God, that God was trustworthy. God kept that promise to Jacob, and he had A LOT of kids. Jacob’s name was changed to Israel . . . and his family really started to shape into a great nation. But remember what God had promised, that He would bless the entire world through the Israelites? So how would He do that with this nation? Well many years later, another descendant would come from Jacob’s family line. His name is Jesus . . . and it’s through Jesus that God would keep His promise to bless the whole world! Isn’t that amazing?!”

“God has a loooooooooooooong track record of trust. God has been keeping promises since the beginning of creation, and I don’t think He has plans of stopping anytime soon. You can trust Him when you feel alone. You can trust Him when life doesn’t make sense. You can trust Him when your family feels a little bit like Jacob’s family. You can trust Him when you’re feeling stressed or overwhelmed. You can trust God no matter what.”

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: “Today as you head to groups, I want you to think about this question.

CG: Key Question Slide

“What makes God trustworthy? Think about how God has kept promises throughout the Bible, and think about your own life, too. God is always working through our circumstances, and we can trust that He’ll take care of us. You’ll have a chance to talk more about this in your Small Groups, but before you head there, let’s pray and thank God for being Someone we can trust no matter what.”

Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.