



GETTING READY

1. Welcome/Opener

What You Need:

- Host
- Three Small Group Leader Volunteers

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Upbeat love music to use during the game
- Music Selections for Lip Sync performances

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Sing Like Nobody's Watching Slide

Original Videos (available for purchase through the 252 Media Package):

- Theme Loop Video
- Countdown Video
- Theme Video

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.

- Download music from a resource such as iTunes® and have it ready to play.
- The leaders participating in the game, Sing Like Nobody's Watching, will need time to prepare. Consider selecting your small group leaders during the first week of the month. Have leaders select their favorite songs to lip-sync on stage. Be sure to censor all songs first. If song suggestions are needed, consider using some of the previous week's love songs. If inspiration is needed, consider watching some Jimmy Fallon Lip-Sync Battles. Each performance should last no longer than 60 seconds, so be sure to select when to play and end the song in advance.

2. Communicator Script

What You Need:

- Communicator
- Bible
- Bucket or clear container
- Dirt, sand, real or fake pet hair, scraps of paper
- Bottle of soda or lemonade (*something kids would love*)
- Package of candy (*something kids would love*)
- Cupcake
- Table

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room.

Large Group Visuals:

- 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.
- Place table, clear tub, and supplies on side of stage until the Communicator needs them for the Truth section of the script. Prepare the packaged food items: have them open and ready to pour into the bucket or clear tub. The kids should get angry at the waste of the food and drink, which is exactly what we want. We want the kids to feel the outrage that some of the disciples felt when Mary poured out the perfume.

3. Worship

What You Need:

- Only Way
- Wide Open

All for Love

Bible Story: All for Love (A Woman Pours Perfume on Jesus at Bethany) • *Mark 14:1-9 (Supporting: John 12:1-8)*

Key Question: How can you show love to God?

Bottom Line: Love God with everything you've got.

Memory Verse: *Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins.* 1 John 4:10 (NIRV)

Life App: Love—Choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated

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*

Host enters.

Welcome

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host discusses recent/upcoming events: NBA All-Star Game, NHL Stadium Series, Super Bowl, Ground Hog Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Valentine's Day, National Tortilla Chip Day, National Chocolate Covered Nut Day, National Strawberry Day, National Polar Bear Day, movie openings like Sonic the Hedgehog, 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: "Welcome, everybody! I'm stoked to have all of you here today! It is the BEST day of the week at the BEST place, [Name of Environment], with the very BEST people! All of you! Man, I woke up in a good mood. Probably because I woke up to one of my favorite jams of all time. Do you have a favorite song? (Pause for response.) Of course you do! Why don't you take a second to tell the person next to you your favorite song?"

Host allows a moment for kids to share their favorite songs with their neighbors. If time permits, Host asks a few kids their favorite songs.

“You know what I like to do when I hear my song come on the radio? *(Pause for response.)* That’s exactly right! First, I turn it up, and then I sing it! But I don’t just sing it . . . I sing it like nobody is watching . . .”

Host dramatizes the next line with big motions and emotion.

“. . . with FEELING . . .”

Host dramatizes the next line with big motions and emotion.

“. . . with FLOURISH . . .”

Host dramatizes the next line with big motions and emotion.

“. . . WITH DRAMA!”

Host holds pose but disappointed by the crowd’s lack of enthusiasm.

“Okay, maybe I don’t really sing like that, but that’s what I want some of you to do! I don’t think you are picking up what I’m putting down! Instead of me describing what it looks like to sing when nobody is looking, how about a few of our leaders show you? We’ve hand-selected a some of our small group leaders to join me on this stage to compete in a game we like to call SING LIKE NOBODY’S WATCHING! Let’s give a rousing round of applause as they make their way to the stage.”

CG: Sing Like Nobody’s Watching

Host brings the three pre-selected volunteers to the stage.

“Here’s how this game will work. Each small group leader will lip-sync 60 seconds of their favorite jam. After each leader has had a turn, we will ask the crowd who they feel like did the best at giving their all! The person on stage with the loudest applause from the crowd will be crowned the SING LIKE NOBODY’S WATCHING WORLD CHAMPION! Make sense? *(Pause for response.)* Good! Then let’s get this show on the road!”

*Host allows each Small Group Leader an opportunity to perform.
Consider previewing each song and finding the best place to start and stop the song.*

SFX: Upbeat songs

“WOW! WOW! WOW! So much enthusiasm on this stage! That was incredible. BUT there can only be one world champion. This will be a difficult call! Let’s take a vote!”

Host instructs the crowd to cheer for their favorite Small Group Leader one at a time. The small group leader with the loudest cheers and screams should be crowned the winner.

“OK. Everybody, settle down for a minute. The winner of the 2020 SING LIKE NOBODY’S WATCHING CHAMPIONSHIP is . . . Drum roll please . . . *[Insert winning volunteer’s name]*! Congrats to our winner who will have bragging rights for the rest of the year! Let’s go ahead and give a round of applause to all of our leaders for an incredible job on this stage!”

“While you are at it, let’s keep the cheers going for everybody’s favorite Worship Leader, *[Name of Worship Leader]*! Let’s get ready to sing praises to our amazing God!”

Host exits while Worship Leader enters stage.

Worship

WORSHIP LEADER: “Get up on your feet. Let’s get this party started and lift our voices to God. Every day, every heartbeat is for His glory!

Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit.

COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT

INTRODUCTION

COMMUNICATOR: “What’s up, what’s up? If you’ve been around this month, you know that love and showing love to others is a big deal! Love is all about going out of your way to show someone you care. What’s interesting, though, is that we give love differently to different people. Let me show you what I mean. Everybody, circle up in their Small Groups.”

Communicator allows a moment for everyone to circle up in their small groups.

“Discuss with your groups: how you would show love to your mom if you had all the time and money in the world?”

Communicator allows a moment for groups to discuss. After some time has passed, call on a couple of groups to hear some of their ideas.

“Cool ideas. What about your grandfather? How would you show love to him?”

Communicator allows a moment for groups to discuss. After some time has passed, call on a couple of groups to hear some of their ideas.

“Love it. Now, if you had all the time and money in the world, how would you show love to your sister or brother?”

Communicator allows a moment for groups to discuss. After some time has passed, call on a couple of groups to hear some of their ideas.

“Those were some cool ideas. One more! How about your pet, like a dog or cat—how would you show love to them?”

Communicator allows a moment for groups to discuss. After some time has passed, call on a couple of groups to hear some of their ideas.

“Wow! Some of you really, really love your pets! But isn’t it cool to hear how we give love differently to different individuals. While some receive a nice vacation, others receive a new chew toy. Some would receive a big hug, and a few might get a handwritten note.”

TENSION

COMMUNICATOR: “Now it’s one thing to show love to people and pets we can see and hang out with, but think about this for moment: how would you show love to God? I mean, we can’t see God like we can see friends. We can’t touch God like we can touch our cat. We can’t hear God all the time like we can our sister or brother. And yet, loving God was something Jesus talked about a lot.”

“It’s kind of difficult to think through what we can offer to God that He doesn’t have or need. God wouldn’t want a vacation to the beach . . . He created the beaches. He would have no need for a new car. God probably wouldn’t have a need for a picture of you as He knows you better than anyone. And I seriously doubt God would want a pamper day at the spa. So this begs the question: how can we show God that we love Him?”

“That’s a big question, and like we say around here, when you have a big question, the first place to look for an answer is the Bible, especially when it comes to discovering how we can show God that we love Him. There’s actually a moment from Jesus’ life where we get an idea of what loving God might look like by the way someone showed love to Jesus. Let’s head to the Book of Mark to find out more.”

TRUTH

COMMUNICATOR: “The Book of Mark was written by a follower of Jesus named . . . you guessed it, Mark! He was also a good friend of some of the disciples and wrote down some of what they experienced with Jesus. This particular story is from a moment that happened just a few days before the Passover week, when Jesus and His disciples entered the city of

Jerusalem. The Passover was a special time to remember the night long ago when God freed the Israelites from Egypt. No doubt people would have been excited about the holiday and traveled to the large city to celebrate.”

“Jesus was quite popular at this point and spent His time teaching the crowds. But while many people found Jesus to be intriguing to hear and watch, others found Him to be threatening, especially the religious leaders. In fact, the chief priests plotted to have Jesus arrested and killed.”

“At the time of this story, Jesus and His disciples spent the evening in a community called Bethany just outside of Jerusalem. They were at the home of Simon and sitting at his table. At one point in Simon’s life, he had a terrible skin disease called leprosy. It’s possible Jesus had healed him, but thankfully, Simon is at his home with friends hosting Jesus and the disciples.”

“One of the guests was a woman named Mary. She entered the room and approached the table where the men were sitting. Now there’s something you know. Traditionally in the time of Jesus, women would have only approached the table to serve food. However, rather than food, Mary was carrying a beautiful and expensive carved vase made from alabaster. Contained inside was an essential oil used for perfume, which would have cost more than a year’s wages. In other words, it was really, *really* expensive. She approached Jesus. Then check out what Mark says happened next, (*Read directly from Mark 14:3b*) ‘*She broke the jar open and poured the perfume on Jesus’ head.*’ Did everyone catch that? Mary was carrying an expensive jar containing an even more expensive perfume . . . which, she broke and poured over Jesus’ head.”

“Let’s think about this for a moment. In a matter of seconds or minutes, Mary poured out an entire year’s salary worth of perfume on Jesus’ head! This jar of perfume would likely have been Mary’s entire life savings. If you are like me, you’re probably thinking that is crazy! Some of you might even be thinking, ‘What a waste!’ We can only imagine how much of that oil likely fell on the floor and could have been saved for later.”

“To help visualize this, I have this container with normal things you might find on the ground—things like dirt and dust, scraps of paper, maybe even some pet hairs. If I were to pour out an entire bottle of your favorite drink in this container, would you say it was wasteful when I could have given the bottle away to one of you?”

Communicator opens bottle of popular drink and pours it in the container

with the dirt, sand, and leaves.

“Sure you would! If I dumped an entire package of your all-time favorite candy into this container, would you yell at me for a clear violation of waste when I could have given the entire package away to one of you?”

Communicator opens package of popular candy and pours it into the container.

“Absolutely! And if I took a perfect, delicious cupcake and dumped it into this container, how many would protest in sheer outrage?”

Communicator dumps a cupcake into the container.

“Now I know what many of you are thinking. If he doesn’t shake up the container, there’s bound to be some unsoiled bites available at the top.”

Communicator stirs and shakes up the container, so it is a complete loss.

“Nope! It’s all wasted! And this is exactly what some people in the room were thinking and feeling when Mary poured the perfume on Jesus. Check this out, *(Read directly from Mark 14:4-5, NIV)* ‘Some of the people there became angry. They said to one another, “Why waste this perfume? It could have been sold for more than a year’s pay. The money could have been given to poor people.”’ When you think about it, their concerns and outrage might seem understandable on the surface. But the audience missed something HUGE—the purpose of why she did what she did. But of course, Jesus didn’t miss it.”

“Listen to what Jesus said. *(Read directly from Mark 14:6-9. NIV)* ‘Leave her alone, . . . Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. You will always have poor people with you. You can help them any time you want to. But you will not always have me. She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body to prepare me to be buried. What I’m about to tell you is true. What she has done will be told anywhere the good news is preached all over the world. It will be told in memory of her.’”

“Jesus praised Mary for her unselfish act of love towards the Son of God!”

APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: “This may seem like a strange story to some of you. After all, not many people break expensive bottles of perfume to pour on people’s head. But Mary showed how much she loved God when she gave everything she had to Jesus. She poured out all of this expensive perfume on Jesus to worship Him because she loved God that much! Others in the room might have disagreed with her decision, but Jesus found it beautiful. And remember what Jesus said? People all over the world would speak of her beautiful act . . . just like we are doing today!”

“Obviously, we can’t show God love by pouring oil over Jesus’ head, but there are things we can do today, tomorrow, and every day to let God know we love Him. When we take the time to read the Bible to understand Him and discover what God wants us to do, we show God that we love Him and want to spend time with Him. Praying throughout our day is a big way to let God know we love Him. On top of that, every time we show love to others or tell others about what God is doing in our life, we can reflect Jesus to those around us. When we do that, we let God know how much we love Him.”

“Ultimately, when we give God everything we have, like Mary did in our story, whether it’s money or time or talents or praise, it communicates our love for God.”

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: “All that to say, don’t hold back your love for God. With that in mind, as you go to Small Group, think about this question:”

CG: Key Question Slide

“How can you show love to God?” Think about the specific ways that you can show love to God with what you have and who you are. Think about how you can go all in on your love and commitment to God just like Mary. This might be tricky for some us, and that’s OK. You’ll have some time to talk more about this in Small Group. Before we head there, let’s pray and show our love to God by telling Him how awesome He is. Let’s pray.”

Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard.

Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.

SFX: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.