



## GETTING READY

### 1. Opener/Closer

#### What You Need:

- Host
- 10 boys and 10 girls (or an even number of each, if you don't have room on stage for 20 kids)
- Two Leaders to help keep score
- 20 (16.9-ounce) water bottles, filled halfway with water; one for each kid contestant
- Host's phone
- Table(s) (*optional*)

#### Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

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

#### Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Humility Slide
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Blank Memory Verse Slide
- Memory Verse Slide.
- You may want to have the kids flip bottles on table(s) to make the game a bit easier. If so, plan to have enough tables on stage to accommodate all 20 kids.

## 2. Bible Story

### What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Bible

### *Large Group Visuals:*

- One Big Story Intro (Video)
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- “What Did Jesus Do?” Slide
- Bible Story Illustrations #1-10

### 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 the weekly SFX and have them ready to use.

## 3. Worship

### What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

# The Way

**Bible Story:** The Way (Jesus Prays in Gethsemane) • *Matthew 26:36-56 (Supporting: Luke 22:39-46)*

**Bottom Line:** Put others first.

**Memory Verse:** *Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.* Philippians 2:3 (NirV)

**Life App:** Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve

**Basic Truth:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

## **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 welcomes the kids as they enter.*

### **Opener**

**HOST:** "Hi, everyone! My name is [your name], and I'm so glad you're here today. We're flipping things upside down this month because we're talking about humility."

**CG:** *Humility Slide*

**“Humility is putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.**

**CG: Theme Slide**

“Usually, we want things to go our way. But humility means turning that upside down and wanting what’s best for someone else. That’s not always easy, but we have the very best example of humility in Jesus. Jesus chose to be humble, and what He did for us changed the world forever!

“Since we’re flipping things upside down, I thought we could step back in time to a game that was really popular a few years ago. If any of you have older brothers or sisters, I bet they definitely used to do this. I’m talking about bottle flipping!

*Pick up a water bottle and flip it. (It’s fine if you don’t “land” it.)*

“It’s pretty simple. You keep trying until you land the bottle correctly.

*Flip the bottle a few more times. (Again, it’s fine if you don’t actually land one.)*

“Raise your hand if you want to give it a try up here on stage.

*Choose 10 girls and 10 boys. Have them line up across the stage, facing the audience—with the girls on one side and the boys on the other.*

*Set a water bottle in front of each kid (either on the floor or on a couple of tables).*

*(To contestants)* “All right, contestants. You’ll have one minute to land as many bottle flips as you can. You’ll get one point for every time your bottle lands right side up. Keep flipping those bottles as many times as you can in one minute and we’ll find out who lands more flips: the boys or the girls. *(To audience)* What do you think, will the girls win or the boys? *(Pause for response.)*

*Look for a male Leader and a female Leader who are sitting fairly close to the stage.*

“[Leader’s name], can you please keep score for the boys? And [Leader’s name], can you keep score for the girls? Great! Everyone else, be sure to cheer for our contestants, okay?”

“All right. We’re ready to begin. Let’s count it down—three, two, one, GO!”

*Set a 60-second timer on your phone.*

**SFX: Fun music**

*Cheer for the contestants and comment on the action. When the time is up, ask the two scorekeepers for the number of successful flips for each team, and announce the winner.*

“Way to go, everyone! That was pretty impressive! Let’s give all of our contestants a huge round of applause as they head back to their seats.”

*Dismiss the contestants to their seats.*

*(Flip a bottle in the air and catch it.)* “It’s not always easy to flip things upside down and show humility, but God is always there to help us. Let’s sing to God now and thank Him for being so good to us.”

*Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

## **Worship**

*Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.*

**VIDEO:** *One Big Story Intro*

**CG:** *Blank Bottom Line Slide*

## **SETTING UP THE STORY**

**STORYTELLER:** *(Hold up Bible.)* “We’re picking up God’s Big Story and looking at all the amazing things Jesus did and said when He was here on earth.

“There were many people who were following Jesus and learning from His teaching. They believed that He was God’s Son—the One whom God had sent to be our Savior. But not everyone was happy with Jesus. For months, the religious leaders had been trying to find a way to capture Jesus so they could stop Him from teaching.

“On the Sunday before Passover, Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem to great cheers from the crowds. They waved palm branches to welcome Jesus and to honor Him. They had all gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast, which was a celebration to help them remember how God had rescued His people from slavery in Egypt.

“Meanwhile, Judas, who was actually one of Jesus’ closest friends, went to the religious leaders with a plan. Judas planned to help the religious leaders capture Jesus in exchange for 30 pieces of silver.

“Believe it or not, this didn’t take Jesus by surprise. He knew that there was a bigger plan.”

## WHAT’S COMING NEXT

*CG: “What Did Jesus Do?” Slide*

**STORYTELLER:** “So what did Jesus do? Well, He knew that the next few days would be very difficult for His closest friends, the disciples. So He took time to prepare them for what would happen next. First, He shared the Passover meal with them, and then He led them out of the city. Judas had already left by then.

*CG: Bible Story Illustration #1 (Jesus speaking to the disciples, on the road)*

“Jesus told His friends that He would be going away soon . . . but that they would see Him again. They didn’t really understand what He meant by this.

“Jesus continued to lead them to the Mount of Olives.

*CG: Bible Story Illustration #2 (Jesus speaking to the disciples, on the Mount of Olives)*

“When they got there, Jesus told them:

*Open the Bible to Matthew 26:31 (NIRV) and read.*

*“This very night you will all turn away because of me.”*

“None of the disciples could imagine not following Jesus, and Peter told Jesus there was no way he would ever turn away from Him. But Jesus told Peter that before the rooster crowed, Peter would deny Jesus three times.”

## **SLEEPY FRIENDS**

**CG:** *“What Did Jesus Do?” Slide*

**STORYTELLER:** “What did Jesus do next? Well, He knew that His friends were about to leave Him. If I knew my friends were going to leave me, I might be angry at them. But Jesus wasn’t mad. He invited the disciples to go and pray with Him in the garden of Gethsemane.

**CG:** *Bible Story Illustration #3 (Jesus and the disciples walking toward the garden)*

“They reached the garden, and Jesus told the disciples to sit there while He went to pray. He took Peter, James, and John with Him.

**CG:** *Bible Story Illustration #4 (Jesus speaking to Peter, James, and John)*

“Jesus told them:

*Open the Bible to Matthew 26:38 (NIRV) and read.*

*“My soul is very sad. I feel close to death. Stay here. Keep watch with me.”*

“Jesus went a little farther and prayed.

**CG:** *Bible Story Illustration #5 (Jesus praying)*



“He said:

*Open the Bible to Matthew 26:39 (NIRV) and read.*

*“My Father, if it is possible, take this cup of suffering away from me. But let what you want be done, not what I want.”*

“Jesus was asking His Father if there was any way for there to be a different plan. He was asking God if there was any other way to complete His mission.

**CG: Bible Story Illustration #6 (Jesus returning; Peter, James, and John sleeping)**

“After He prayed for a while, Jesus returned to His friends, and He found them sleeping. Jesus woke them up and told them it was important for them to pray. Then He went away to pray for a second time.

**CG: Bible Story Illustration #5 (Jesus praying)**

“Again, He asked God if there was any other way to complete the mission He had been sent to do. Again, Jesus came back and found the disciples sleeping.

**CG: Bible Story Illustration #6 (Jesus returning; Peter, James, and John sleeping)**

“He left them and went away to pray for a third time.

**CG: Bible Story Illustration #5 (Jesus praying)**

“He prayed the same thing. He begged God to take away what was coming, but still, He completely trusted God’s plan.

*CG: Bible Story Illustration #6 (Jesus returning; Peter, James, and John sleeping)*

“Once again, Jesus woke up His disciples. He said:

*Open the Bible to Matthew 26:45-46 (NirV) and read.*

*“Are you still sleeping and resting? Look! The hour has come. The Son of Man is about to be handed over to sinners. Get up! Let us go! Here comes the one who is handing me over to them!”*

## **AN ANGRY MOB**

*CG: Bible Story Illustration #7 (Jesus facing Judas and the angry mob)*

**STORYTELLER:** “Judas had arrived, along with a large crowd of people carrying swords and clubs. The religious leaders had sent these angry people. Judas had explained to the people that he would greet Jesus with a kiss so they would know which man to arrest. Judas kissed Jesus on the cheek. Jesus knew exactly what Judas was doing, but still, He said: *“Friend, do what you came to do” (Matthew 26:50 NirV).*

*CG: Bible Story Illustration #8 (Peter pulling out his sword)*

“As the men grabbed Jesus, Peter pulled out his sword and cut off the ear of the high priest's servant!

*CG: “What Did Jesus Do?” Slide*

“What did Jesus do next? He could have tried to escape during all the commotion. He was powerful enough that He could have easily broken free from people who were trying to capture Him. But He knew that even this was part of God’s plan. He knew that the only way to complete His mission was to allow these angry people to arrest Him.

“Jesus told Peter to put away his sword. He touched the servant’s ear, and the man was healed.

**CG: Bible Story Illustration #9 (Jesus speaking to the mob)**

“Then Jesus spoke to the crowd:

*Open the Bible to Matthew 26:55-56 (NirV) and read.*

*“Am I leading a band of armed men against you?” he asked. “Do you have to come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courtyard teaching. And you didn’t arrest me. But all this has happened so that the words of the prophets would come true.”*

**CG: Bible Story Illustration #10 (Jesus being taken away)**

“The mob arrested Jesus and took Him away. Jesus’ friends couldn’t believe what had just happened. They were so scared that they ran away—just as Jesus had predicted.”

## **WRAPPING UP THE STORY**

**CG: “What Did Jesus Do?” Slide**

**STORYTELLER:** “What did Jesus do? He chose to carry out His mission. He knew that He had come to earth to die on the cross for our sins so that we could have a relationship with God that will last forever. Jesus knew that what He was about to do would bring life for everyone, but it would cost Him everything.

“Think of all the different ways Jesus put others first.

*CG: Bible Story Illustration #1 (Jesus speaking to the disciples, on the road)*

“He took time to talk with His friends and prepare for everything that was about to happen.

*CG: Bible Story Illustration #5 (Jesus praying)*

“He prayed and asked God if there was any other way to carry out what He had come to do. In the end, He trusted God and chose to follow God’s plan.

*CG: Bible Story Illustration #10 (Jesus being taken away)*

He allowed the crowd to arrest Him, even though He hadn’t done anything wrong.

*CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide*

“Jesus showed us how to put others first. He showed true humility. That’s what we need to remember to do, too.

*CG: Bottom Line Slide*

**[Bottom Line]** “Put others first.

“It can be really tough for us to do what when we feel like putting OURSELVES first. That’s why we need to remember all Jesus did for us. Let’s pray and ask God to help us **[Bottom Line] put others first.**”

**CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide**

## Pray

**STORYTELLER:** “Dear God, thank You so much for sending Jesus to be our Savior. We can see so many ways that Jesus chose to **[Bottom Line] put others first.** He chose to trust You and follow Your plan, and because He did, WE can have the promise of eternal life. Please help us to follow Jesus’ example and **[Bottom Line] put others first.** In those times when it’s hard for us to give something up for someone else, help us to remember what Jesus has done for us and show humility. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

## Closer

**CG: Today’s Story Image**

*Optional: Place Today’s Story Image on your timeline.*

**HOST:** “When Jesus was in the garden praying, He was talking to His Father. Jesus asked if there could be another way to complete His mission. But in the end, Jesus chose to do what He had come to do because it was part of God’s bigger plan.

**CG: Timeline**

“This was ALWAYS God’s plan from the very beginning—from the moment God created the earth and everything in it. Jesus knew that HE was God’s amazing rescue plan. Everything in God’s plan led up to Jesus, the Savior of the world. Jesus knew what was coming next—that He would have to die on the cross so that we could be forgiven of our sins.

**CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide**

“Jesus **[Bottom Line] put others first**. He took the hard road. He chose to take on something that was difficult and painful so that we could have eternal life.

“We can follow His example as we choose to **[Bottom Line] put others first**, too. That’s what we need to remember today.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line] “Put others first.**

“That might mean watching a TV show that your brother wants to watch instead of what YOU want to watch. Maybe it’s being excited to go to a restaurant your parents like, even if doesn’t have a great kids’ menu. Or maybe it’s playing a game the way your friend likes to play, even if it isn’t the way YOU like to play. Putting others first means that you **[Basic Truth] treat others the way you want to be treated**. You think about what THEY want or need. You choose THEIR way instead of yours.

**CG: Blank Memory Verse Slide**

“Our memory verse for this month is Philippians 2:3. It comes from a letter that the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi. He wrote:

**CG: Memory Verse Slide**

*“Don’t do anything only to get ahead. Don’t do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves (Philippians 2:3, NIV).”*

“I know that’s not always easy. But we have the best example of humility in Jesus! You can head to Small Group now and talk about what it means to **[Bottom Line] put others first!**”

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*