



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can thank God
for my family.

**RUTH, NAOMI,
AND BOAZ**
RUTH 1-2

MEMORY VERSE

"I will give thanks to the Lord
with my whole heart."

PSALM 111:1, ESV

KEY QUESTION

Who can you thank
for everything?

BOTTOM LINE

I can thank God for
everything.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

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.

Family Groups

Fruitful Garden

Grain Gathering 

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Attitude of Gratitude" and "Special"

Bible Story

Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

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

Memory Verse with Motions

My Family

How to Say Thank You!

Gathering Grain for Naomi 

Family Garden Picture Frame

Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

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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LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Psalm 111:1, ESV. You need a music player and this month's worship song, "Attitude of Gratitude," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "Attitude of Gratitude" is available on the Very Big Things Dance Moves DVD, OrangeKidsMusic.com, or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need "Special," which is available on the Love Like Jesus CD. The dance moves video for this song is on the Love Like Jesus Dance Moves DVD or at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Welcome, friends! I'm so happy to see you. Did you know worshipping together by singing and dancing is one BIG way to say thank you to God? It's true! When I ask, '**Who can you thank for everything?**', you say, '**I can thank God for everything.**' **Who can you thank for everything?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**I can thank God for everything!**"

WORSHIP LEADER: "You sure can! So let's get up on our feet and sing out our new song for this month, "Attitude of Gratitude!"

Lead children in singing "Attitude of Gratitude," this month's worship song.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job! I wanna be thankful and have an attitude of gratitude! Because **I can thank God for everything!** The Bible teaches us that 'I will give thanks (*thumbs to chest*) to the Lord (*point up*) with my whole heart (*hands over heart*),' Psalm 111:1. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's learn our memory verse together. Are you ready? Listen and watch as I say it and do the motions, then you can do it with me!

Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.

"Wonderful! We'll be learning that verse all month long! One BIG thing we can thank God for is the special way He made us! So let's sing this out together.

Lead children in singing "Special."

WORSHIP LEADER: "That was awesome! Because **God loves me** and God loves you, **I can thank God for everything.**"



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Table, bunch of carrots, bright red tomato, ear of corn, and a basket

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the table in the middle of the storytelling area. Place the vegetables inside the basket.

The Host, walks out carrying the basket.

HOST: "Hello there, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm SO glad you're here today.

Set the basket on the table.

"My family and I have been working in a super-fun community garden down the street. It's awesome! We go every weekend to help in the garden. This time, we're picking the yummy food from the garden! My dad's favorite is carrots!

Hold up the carrots.

"My cousin LOVES a juicy red tomato.

Hold up the tomato.

"Have you ever had a tomato sandwich? SO good! My uncle helps sometimes, too, and his very favorite thing to eat is, well, let's see if you can guess. It's yellow, and you can eat it off the cob or pop it for a fun snack. (Pause.) Yes! It's corn.

Hold up the corn.

"There are SO many yummy things growing in the garden. Working with my family at the community garden is my favorite! I think we'll hear about another family that worked together in our Bible story today. See you in a little while."

The Host exits, leaving the basket behind.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, basket from Intro Sketch, "Ruth" sign, "Naomi" sign, and two pre-selected female volunteers; *Optional Story Images*

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible and lay it open on the table.

"Let's start with a woman named Naomi.



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Motion for one pre-selected volunteer to join you in the storytelling area. Place the "Naomi" sign around her neck.

"Hello, Naomi! In our story today, Naomi was very sad. *(To volunteer)* Can we see your sad face? *(To children)* Friends, can we see your sad face? *(Lead children to show their sad faces.)*

"Naomi was sad because she didn't have any family. Her husband and sons had died, and she was all alone. So, she decided to go back to the town where she grew up. But she wasn't really alone! Ruth was there.

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Motion for the second preselected volunteer to join you in the storytelling area. Place the "Ruth" sign around her neck.

"Ruth said, 'I'll go with you Naomi! I'll be your family!' Wow! That's amazing. God gave Naomi family to help her. Thank You, God. Can you say that with me?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Thank You, God!"

STORYTELLER: "So Naomi and Ruth walked together all the way to the town where Naomi used to live. *(to the volunteers)* Travel around Ruth and Naomi.

Motion for volunteers to walk around the storytelling area then back to you.

"When they got there, Naomi and Ruth were hungry. But they didn't have any money to buy food. So Ruth went to find something for them to eat. Go ahead and search, Ruth.

Motion for "Ruth" to walk around and "search."

"Not far from where they lived, a man named Boaz had people working in his fields, gathering all the grain. Boaz was a distant relative of Naomi. His fields were like big gardens, and the workers worked very fast. But as they went, they would leave grain on the ground behind them.

Hand "Ruth" the basket from the table.

"Ruth saw this and began to pick up the grain from the ground to take it home to Naomi for food. Go ahead and gather some grain, Ruth.

"Ruth" will mimic gathering grain from the ground.

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"Boaz saw her collecting food. When he found out that she was family, Boaz wanted to help her and make sure she had lots of good food to pick from his garden. Isn't that amazing? Wow! God sent family to help Ruth and Naomi. Thank You, God! Say it with me."



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CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Thank You, God!"

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STORYTELLER: "Ruth, take the grain back home to Naomi. When Ruth went home with good food to eat, Naomi was so surprised and so thankful! What do you think she said? *(Pause.)* Yes! Thank You, God!"

"Ruth and Naomi said thank you for the family God gave them to help them. How about saying thank you to our volunteers today?"

Take signs and basket from volunteers to return to their seats.

"All families look different. And all families can take care of each other! Thank You, God, for giving us our families. **I can thank God for everything.** When I ask, '**Who can you thank for everything?**', you say, '**I can thank God for everything!**' Ready? **Who can you thank for everything?**"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "**I can thank God for everything!**"

STORYTELLER: "**Who can you thank for everything?**"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "**I can thank God for everything!**"

STORYTELLER: "Yes, you can! God loves you so much, and we can thank Him for our families."

"Okay friends, it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for the story of Ruth and Naomi and how You gave them family to help them. Thank You for our families. Thank You for loving us! We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

"Friends, thank you for being such great listeners. I'll see you next time!"
The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

What You Need: No supplies needed.

The Host enters smiling.

HOST: "Wow! Ruth and Naomi were thankful for the family God gave them! And we can be thankful for our families, too! I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?"

CHILDREN: "Got it!"

HOST: "Good! I'm so thankful for my family and can't wait to pick food from our garden for today's snack. See you next time, friends!"

Host exits with basket.



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

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, the introductory sketch, and the Bible story. The Stage Script is written for those who gather their preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible story. If you are pulling your children to a rug to one side of your preschool space, you may benefit from using the Rug Script.

WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

A Worship 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)
- Live instruments
- Music player
- "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in your Bible at Psalm 111:1, ESV

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Attitude of Gratitude," which is included in your monthly files
- "Special," available on the Love Like Jesus CD, iTunes®, or Spotify®

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance moves video for "Attitude of Gratitude," available in the media package if you subscribe, on the Very Big Things Dance Moves DVD, or from OrangeKidsMusic.com

- Dance moves video for "Special," available on the Love Like Jesus Dance Moves DVD or from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs (available on OrangeKidsMusic.com) and have them ready to use.

2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bunch of carrots
- Bright red tomato
- Ear of corn
- Basket
- Table

WHAT YOU DO:

- Preset the table in the center of the storytelling area. Place the vegetables in the basket.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Basket from the Intro Sketch
- Two name signs that can be worn around the neck: one that reads "Ruth" and one that reads "Naomi"
- Two pre-selected adult volunteers to play Naomi and Ruth

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W1 01
- Story Image W1 02
- Story Image W1 03
- Story Image W1 04



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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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