



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can thank God
for my friends.

DAVID AND JONATHAN
1 SAMUEL 18:1-4

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.

Friend to Friend
Our Community Garden
Friendship Soup

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Attitude of Gratitude" and "Just Wanna Thank You"


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.

Hula Hoop Verse
Good Friend
Good Friend Brainstorm
Share Relay
Hairy Harry 
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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PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

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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 "Just Wanna Thank You," which is available on the All Good CD, iTunes®, and Spotify®. The dance moves video for this song is available on the All Good Dance Moves DVD and at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Welcome to [your environment's name], friends! It's time to worship God and thank Him for ALL He's done for us. Tell me, **who can you thank for everything?**"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! We need an attitude of gratitude. Sing this out with me.

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

"An attitude of gratitude means we say, 'Thank You, God!' We take the time to stop and see ALL that God has done and how much He LOVES us. 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.*) Say it with me, friends!

Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.

"That's right! We can give thanks with our WHOLE heart. **Who can you thank for everything?**"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "I don't know about you, but I just wanna clap my hands, jump, dance, shout, and sing! Let's sing 'Just Wanna Thank You!'

Lead children in singing "Just Wanna Thank You."

"I LOVE worshipping with you and saying, 'Thank You, God!' together.



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God deserves all our praise and worship because of all He's done. So one more time, **who can you thank for everything?"**

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

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Raincoat and umbrella

The Host enters, exhausted and wearing a raincoat while holding the umbrella.

HOST: "Whew! Hello, friends. I'm [your name], and I am SO tired. My friends and I have been helping with the community garden. We had a big storm. Afterwards, the garden was a mess! We needed some BIG help. So all my friends came to help. Josie spent all morning picking up sticks and branches that fell down. The weeds grow super-fast, so Eli helped pull LOTS and LOTS of weeds. Can you show me how you would pull weeds?"

Demonstrate from the stage.

"Pulling weeds is a big job. And the rain made all the food grow really fast! So my friend, Brandi, helped pick lots of strawberries and asparagus. Can you show me how you pick fruits and veggies from the garden?"

Demonstrate from the stage.

"It was so great to have all my friends together to help take care of the garden after the storm. In our story today, we'll hear how important our friends are! See you in a little while."

The Host exits.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, chairs, "Jonathan" sign, "David" sign, robe, play sword, belt, and box; *Optional Story Images*

WHAT YOU DO: Place the chairs in the storytelling area. Put the rest of the props in the box.

The storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and the box of props.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and today's true story from the Bible is about two good friends.

Bring the chairs to the front of stage or storytelling area.

"First, there was David.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)

Set the "David" sign on one chair.



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"David was a shepherd who took care of sheep.

Set the "Jonathan" sign on the other chair.

"Then, there was Jonathan. Jonathan was the son of the king and lived in a palace.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)

Drape the robe and belt around the "Jonathan" chair. Lean the sword against the chair.

"David and Jonathan were very good friends. They loved spending time together. They ate together.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)

"They walked together. They were good, good friends. One time, Jonathan was so thankful for his friend, David, that he took off his coat and gave it to him!

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

Take the robe off the "Jonathan" chair and drape it over the "David" chair.

"Then Jonathan gave David his sword and his bow.

Lean the sword against the "David" chair.

"He even gave David his belt.

Drape the belt around the David chair.

"Wow! David was so thankful that God gave him Jonathan to be his good friend!

"I have a question for you. Everyone, make a question face.

Make a silly thinking or question face.

"What can WE do to show God we are thankful for friends? Let's come up with some ideas. We can share things with them, like our toys. We can share rides on our scooters. We can even share food from our garden. We can share things with our friends to show we are thankful.

"What else can we do? Ooh, I know! We can use our mouths to say kind words! Let's practice. Everyone say, 'I like your shoes.'"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "I like your shoes."

STORYTELLER: "Let's do one more. Everyone say, 'You are so nice!'"



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CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "You are so nice!"

STORYTELLER: "Great job! We can use our mouths to say kind things. We can share. What else can we do to show that we are thankful for our friends? We could draw them a picture for their birthday. Or help them clean up. Or give them a fist bump! There are lots of ways we can show God that we are thankful for our friends. Tell me, **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: "That's right! It's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for loving us and giving us good, good friends. Help us be good friends by sharing and using kind words. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

"Thanks for being such great listeners! See you later, gators!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

What You Need: No supplies needed.

The Host enters, smiling.

HOST: "What an awesome TRUE story! David and Jonathan were so thankful each other. And we can thank God for our friends, too! I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, let me see two thumbs up. (Pause.) Awesome!"

"I am SO thankful for my friends! You know what? I bet my friends are hungry from all that work in the garden. I'll ask them to come over and have some strawberries from the garden. See ya next time, friends!"

Host exits, waving to the children.



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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, 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
- "Just Wanna Thank You" available on the All Good 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 Music Video for "Just Wanna Thank You," available on the All Good 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:

- Raincoat
- Umbrella

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Two classroom chairs
- "Jonathan" sign (*cardstock folded in half horizontally with "Jonathan" written in large block letters*)
- "David" sign (*same as above*)
- Robe
- Play sword
- Belt
- Box

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W2 01
- Story Image W2 02
- Story Image W2 03
- Story Image W2 04

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Place the chairs in the storytelling area.
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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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