



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can thank God
for people who help me.

ELISHA'S ROOM
2 KINGS 4:8-17

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

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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.

Act Like Helpers
Furniture Match
House Building

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.

With My Whole Heart
Run to It
Thank You Notes
Musical Chairs
Filling Elisha's Room
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)
Parent Cue App



10 MINUTES

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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: "Hello, everybody! I LOVE seeing your bright, smiling faces. Do you know what time it is? It's worship time! This is a time we can show God we love Him and tell Him thank you for all He's done! Let's stand up and sing out our song for this month, 'Attitude of Gratitude'!

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

"That was awesome! It isn't always easy to be grateful when I'm sad. But when I'm singing, I see it's not so bad. We can thank God for everything He's done for us! **Who can you thank for everything?"**

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! **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.*)
Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.

"Because I know that **God loves me**, I just wanna say, 'Thank You, God!' So let's sing that together.

Lead children in singing "Just Wanna Thank You."

"That's such a good reminder! I just wanna shout and sing and say, 'Thank You, God for everything!' So one more time, **who can you thank for everything?"**

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



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Table, basket, party horn, handful of confetti, clipboard, pair of gardening gloves, and a small towel

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the table in the middle of the storytelling area. Place the props in the basket and set it on the table.

The Host, very excited, walks out smiling really big.

HOST: "Hi, friends! Guess what?"

Pull the horn out of the box and blow. Throw out a handful of confetti!

"I just came from this SUPER-fun party! My family and everyone who helped in the community garden this year had a big dinner. We all made something to share using food from the garden. And while we ate, we talked about how thankful we are for everyone who helped!"

Hold up the clipboard.

"Like my neighbor who made all the lists that helped us know what to plant.

Hold up the gardening gloves, then the trowel.

"And my neighbor, Mark. He had all kinds of gardening tools. He even helped us learn how to use them. AND everyone who helped take care of the garden and pick the food. SO many people helped! Are you thankful for people who help you? Me, too! I think that's what our Bible story today is all about. See you in a little while."

The Host gathers the props and exits.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, large prop box or bin, plastic tablecloth, cup, plate, chair, sleeping bag, and a small lamp; *Optional Story Images*

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the chair in the storytelling area. Place the rest of the props in the basket.

The storyteller enters carrying box of props.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and it's time to hear our TRUE story from the Bible. Are you ready?"

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

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

"Awesome! Today's true story is about a man named Elisha. What was his name?"

CHILDREN: "Elisha!"



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STORYTELLER: "That's right! Elisha was God's friend and traveled to this town to do God's work. One day, he met a woman who wanted to help him!

Pull out the tablecloth and spread it over the table.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

"She thought he might be hungry, so she invited him to dinner with her and her husband.

Set the plate and cup on the table.

"Elisha was thankful for the help, and he ate dinner with them. Then, whenever Elisha was in town, he ate dinner at their house!

Pick up the plate, cup, and tablecloth and put them back in the basket.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)

"One day, they had an idea of how they could help Elisha even more. The woman and her husband decided to build a room for Elisha on the roof of their house so he would have a place to stay! Once they built the room, they had to decide what to put in it. Let's see, Elisha will need something to sleep on. What should it be?

"Should he sleep on a trampoline? Or should he sleep on a bed?

Spread the sleeping bag out on the floor.

"A bed! That's right. Now, what if Elisha needs a place to sit and write a letter? What would he need?

"A swimming pool? Or a table and chair?

Move the chair up to the table.

"A table and chair, you're right. That's exactly what he'll need. Now one last thing: Elisha will need something to help him see in his room when it gets dark. What would he need for that?

"A kangaroo? Or a lamp?

Pull out the lamp and set it on the table.

"A lamp! You're right. That's exactly what he'll need!

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"The woman made sure Elisha's room was all ready for him. There was a bed so he could sleep. There was a table and chair so he could write. And there was a lamp to help him see after dark.



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"When Elisha saw the room, he was so happy and thankful! The woman and her husband were such great helpers! Elisha was very thankful that God had given him people to help him!

"Isn't that awesome? And we can thank God for the people who help us, too! Who helps you? Maybe your mom or dad? Or your teachers? Or your grandparents? So many people help us, and we can thank God for them. **Who can you thank for everything?"**

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STORYTELLER: "Who can you thank for everything?"

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

STORYTELLER: "You got it! Okay friends, it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, we love You. Thank You so much for the woman and her husband who helped Elisha in such a big way. Thank You for the people in our lives who help us, too! We are so thankful to You God for giving us people to help us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

"You did an awesome job of listening today. See you later, friends!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible and leaves the other props behind.

OUTRO SKETCH

What You Need: No supplies needed.

The Host enters.

HOST: "What a COOL story! Elisha was so thankful that God gave him people to help him. I can thank God for people who help me, too. I think I got the story. Did you get it? If so, let me hear you say, 'Oh yeah, I got it!'"

CHILDREN: "Oh yeah, I got it!"

HOST: "Great! I'm so thankful for everyone who helped with the garden. I'm going to thank God for them for sure! See you next time, everyone."

Host exits with a wave to the children.



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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
- "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 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:

- Party horn
- Handful of confetti
- Pair of gardening gloves
- Small trowel
- Clipboard
- Basket
- Table

WHAT YOU DO:

- Preset the table in the middle of the storytelling area.
- Place the props in the basket for the Host.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Large prop box or bin
- Plastic tablecloth
- Cup
- Plate
- Chair
- Sleeping bag
- Small lamp

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03
- Story Image W4 04

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Place the tablecloth, plate, cup, sleeping bag, and small lamp in the prop box.



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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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