



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus teaches us that we can share our stuff.

BIGGER BARNs

ACTS 2:45; LUKE 12:16-21

MEMORY VERSE

"The crowds were amazed at his teaching."

MATTHEW 7:28, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who teaches you important things?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus teaches me important things.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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.

Dance Move Demo
Fill the Barn
Barn Puzzle

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"My Forever Friend" and "Love Like Jesus"

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.

Fill It Up
Barn or Heart?
Rice Measuring
Sticker Search
Craft Stick Barn
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



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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 Matthew 7:28, NIV. You need a music player and this month's worship song, "My Forever Friend," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "My Forever Friend" is available on OrangeKidsMusic.com or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need "Love Like Jesus," which is available on the Love Like Jesus CD, iTunes®, and Spotify®. The dance moves video for this song is available on the Love Like Jesus Dance Moves DVD and OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so excited to be with you today. Do you know what time it is? It's WORSHIP time! God is awesome and worthy of all our praise. He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. I'm SO glad God gave us Jesus to teach us important things. **Who teaches you important things?"**

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**Jesus teaches me important things."**

WORSHIP LEADER: "It's true! Jesus is our forever friend. Let's sing this together.

Lead children in singing "My Forever Friend," this month's worship song.

"I'm so glad that **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** He's always with me. He'll never leave me, this I know for sure! We can count on Him, always. **Who teaches me important things?"**

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**Jesus teaches me important things."**

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! **Jesus teaches me important things!** The Bible teaches us that 'The crowds (*arms out and around*) were amazed (*hands to eyes like binoculars then open and close*) at his teaching (*hands to mouth*),' Matthew 7:28. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's say our memory verse together.

Lead children to repeat the memory verse with the motions.

"Great job! When we listen to Jesus' teaching, when we follow Him, we can love like He loves! I want to love like Jesus! Sing this with me.



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

Lead children in singing "Love Like Jesus."

"What a good friend Jesus is! I'm so glad we're learning all the important things that He teaches us. One more time, **who teaches you important things?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus teaches me important things."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, He does! Thanks for worshipping with me, friends."

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Book nook from previous weeks, plush horse, hay (*real or play*), barn or farm picture books

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the plush horse and hay in the book nook.

The Host happily walks out carrying the picture books.

HOST: "Hello there, friends!"

Walk over and sit in the book nook.

"I've read SO many stories since we built this cozy book nook. And I just found these awesome new books at the library.

Hold up a book about barns to show the cover.

"They're all about barns! I think barns are super-cool. Do you know what animals might live in a barn? Tell me an animal on the count of three. One, two, three! (*Listen to responses.*) Oh, wow! You are SO smart. So many animals can live in a barn. Do you know what my favorite barn animal is?"

Grab the plush horse.

"It's a horse! What does a horse say? (*Pause.*) Naayyyy! That's right. (*Look at book.*) And this book says that not only do horses live in barns but farmers store their food in barns, too.

Set up horse on the blanket in front of you. Pretend to feed the hay to the plush horse.

"Here you go, little horse. If I had a big barn, I'd fill it with . . . MARSHMALLOWS! Or . . . PANCAKES! What would you fill a barn with? (*Pause.*) That's so fun! What else can I learn about barns?"

Flip through the pages of the book.

"Books are amazing! I better find my horse some more hay. See you later, gators."

The Host gathers up the books and plush horse and exits.



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STAGE

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP **STORY** GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Table; plastic tablecloth; straw hat; medium plastic container; large plastic container; dried beans, cereal, or pom poms; large clear plastic bowl; and prop box; *Optional Story Images*

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the table in the center of the storytelling area and lay the tablecloth over it. Put the beans, cereal or pom poms in the large bowl. Place the bowl, hat, and containers inside the prop box.

The storyteller enters carrying the prop box and Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and it's time to hear a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible and lay it and the prop box on the table.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)

"Jesus told this story to teach us something very important. It starts with a farmer. *(Put on the straw hat.)* The farmer grew a lot of food for his family. Like a lot a lot.

Set the bowl on the table.

"Whoa! That's a lot of food, right? Now he's got to put the food in the barn.

Set the medium plastic container next to the bowl on the table.

"Can you tell me when the barn is full? Just say, 'STOP!' Ready? Let's load it up."

Pour the contents of the bowl into the container until it spills out a bit onto the tablecloth.

CHILDREN: "STOP!"

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

STORYTELLER: "Yes! Stop! That barn is full. Uh-oh. *(Scratch head.)* This barn is full, but there's still food. What should the farmer do with all the extra food? Hmm. Then the farmer had an idea! He would build a BIGGER barn.

Set the large plastic container on the table next to the medium one.

"Then he could fill it up and keep ALL the food for himself. It would be WAY more food than he needed, but he wanted to keep it all.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)

Hmm, tell me, is there anything ELSE the farmer could do with all his extra food? He could . . . *(start word as a hint)* SSSHHHH—SHARE! Yes, you're so smart. He could share with others.

"We can share with others, too! What could you share? Could you share a snack with others? *(Pause.)* A toy? *(Pause.)*



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10 MINUTES

A turn on the swing? (Pause.) Yes! We can share all those things.

“That’s the very important thing that Jesus teaches us with this story. God wants us to share. I’m so glad we have a friend like Jesus to teach us important things. Jesus told this story to teach us that we can share our stuff. So tell me, **who teaches you important things?**”

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: “**Jesus teaches me important things.**”

STORYTELLER: “**Who teaches me important things?**”

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: “**Jesus teaches me important things.**”

STORYTELLER: “That’s right. **Jesus teaches me important things.** It’s time to talk to God. Let’s close our eyes and pray together.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “God, we love You! Thank You for Jesus, the best friend ever. Jesus teaches us important things. Help us share our stuff this week. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

“Thanks for being so awesome, friends. See you next time.”

The Storyteller exits with Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

What You Need: No supplies needed.

The Host enters and settles back into the book nook.

HOST: “Wow! Jesus told a story about a barn to teach us that we should share. I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say, ‘Got it!’ Get it?”

CHILDREN AND HOST: “Got it!”

HOST: “Good! I have all these super stories and this super-cool book nook. I’m going to share it with some friends. See you next time!”

Host waves as children exit.