

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

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to help others.

GOOD SAMARITAN
LUKE 10:25-37

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.

STOP

Sorting by Size

Hospital

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"My Forever Friend" and "Jesus No Matter What"

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.

AMAZED Verse

I Can Help You!

Let's Tell a Story

Ball Pass

Helpful Bags

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 "Jesus No Matter What," which is available on iTunes®, Spotify®, and OrangeKidsMusic.com. The dance moves video for this song is available at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "How is everyone doing today? If you're good, let me hear you say, 'I'm good!'"

CHILDREN: "I'm good!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Awesome! We've been learning so many important things that Jesus teaches us. He's the best friend ever. He is our forever friend! Stand up and sing this out with me.

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

"I'm so thankful to know that Jesus is my friend forever! **Who teaches you 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.) Say that with me. (Lead the children to say the memory verse with the motions.)

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job! Jesus taught us so many important things. He taught us that God loves us, no matter what; that we are important to God; and that we can share our stuff! I can't wait to hear more today in our Bible story. **Who teaches you important things?"**

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



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! Jesus is a friend we can always trust. He's our friend, no matter what! Let's sing this out.

Lead children in singing "Jesus No Matter What."

"We never have to feel afraid. Jesus is always by our side. He knows and loves us! Jesus is the best! **Who teaches you important things?**"

CHILDREN: "Jesus teaches me important things."

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Book nook from previous weeks, book about first aid, fun adhesive bandages (*small and large*)

The Host walks out, smiling and carrying the book on first aid and the bandages.

HOST: "Hello there, friends! I'm [your name]. Don't you just LOVE our book nook. It's so cozy.

Move to sit in the book nook with the book and bandages.

"I found this really helpful book. It's a children's book about first aid. First aid is how to help someone when they get hurt. This book talks all about the different ways kids can get boo-boos and how to help them when they do. Do you know the coolest thing about boo-boos? BAND-AIDS®!

Hold up the big bandage.

"You need a REALLY BIG BAND-AID when you have a BIG boo-boo.

Hold up the little bandage.

"You need a small BAND-AID when you get a little bitty boo-boo. And you might need a LOT of BAND-AIDS if you have a whole bunch of boo-boos! Ouch! (*Look back at the book.*) Let's see. What else can I learn about boo-boos? I think I'll keep reading! See you later."

The Host gathers bandages and book and exits.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, table, and four action figures; *Optional Story Images*

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the table in the center of the storytelling area.

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible and the action figures.

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. Set the action figures on the



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP **STORY** GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

table.

"This is a story Jesus told about a man walking along the road.

Pick up one of the action figures and make him "walk" along the surface of the table.

"All of the sudden, some robbers came and hurt the man.

Lay the action figure down in middle of the table as if hurt.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

"OH, NO! He had so many boo-boos. He needed help.

Pick up another action figure.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

"Here comes someone. Let's ask him to help. Everyone, on the count of three, yell, 'Please help!' Ready, one, two, three."

CHILDREN: "Please help!"

Make him "walk" by the hurt action figure.

STORYTELLER: "Oh, no! He didn't stop to help. He just walked right by.

Pick up another action figure.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)

"Here comes another man. Maybe he will help. Let's ask him. Ready? One, two, three!"

CHILDREN: "Please help!"

Make him "walk" by the hurt action figure.

STORYTELLER: "But he didn't stop either. He just walked on by. Then a third man came by.

Pick up the last action figure.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 04)

"This man was a Samaritan. No one would expect him to help because Samaritan people and the hurt man's people were not friends. Do you think he will help? One more time, on the count of three. One, two, three."

Make him "walk" by then stop when he gets to the hurt man.



PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP **STORY** GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

CHILDREN: "Please help!"

Make the action figure kneel down to "help" the hurt man.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 05)

"The Samaritan man helped the hurt man! He even put him on his donkey and took him to a place to stay until he was all better.

Pick up both action figures, position them so that it looks like he is trying to help the hurt one hobble off the table.

"Wow! That is awesome. The Samaritan man in the story was a great helper. He took care of the hurt man. There are lots of way we can help others, too.

"We can help our teachers, parents, friends—everyone! The very important thing Jesus taught us in this story is that we can help everyone. I'm so glad we have a friend like Jesus to teach us important things. Tell me, **who teaches you important things?**"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus teaches me important things!"

STORYTELLER: "That's right! I'm so glad **Jesus teaches me important things**. Okay friends, it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for the stories like this one Jesus told to remind us to help everyone. Thank You for sending Jesus to teach us important things. We want to do what Jesus teaches us and help everyone. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

"Thanks for listening, friends. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible and action figures.

OUTRO SKETCH

What You Need: First aid book from Intro Sketch

The Host enters, smiling and carrying the first aid book.

HOST: "What a great story! Jesus told this story so we know how important it is to help others. We can help everyone. I think I got the story. If you got it, say, 'Oh, yeah!' Did you get it?"

CHILDREN: "Oh, yeah!"

HOST: "Awesome. *(Flip through book.)* I'm going to see what else I can learn to help my friends. See you later everyone!"

Host waves as children head to Small Group.