

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus teaches us
how to live.

HOUSE ON A ROCK
MATTHEW 7:24-27

MEMORY VERSE

"The crowds were amazed
at his teaching."

MATTHEW 7:28, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who teaches you
important things?

BOTTOM LINE

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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.

Make It Rain
House Building
Building with Blocks

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.

Tunnel Verse
Story Match Title
House of Sticks
Rock Hop
Folding House
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 at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, everyone! It's so good to see you here today. We've been learning so many important things that Jesus teaches us this month! Jesus is the best friend ever. **Who teaches you important things?"**

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes! He teaches us to love and help and share. He's our forever friend. Stand up and sing this with me!

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

"I love worshipping with you! 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 that together. (Lead the children to say the verse with motions.)

"Great job, everyone! The crowds were amazed by Jesus' teaching! He's the best friend ever. I wanna be a good, good friend just like Jesus. Let's sing this together.

Lead children in singing "Love Like Jesus."

"With Jesus' help, we can love like He loves. **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Let's listen to Jesus because **Jesus teaches us important things.** Thanks, friends!"



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FIVE
JANUARY 2022

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP **STORY** GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Book nook from previous weeks; geology picture book; magnifying glass, gold rock, and striped rock on small tray

The Host, very excited, walks out carrying the tray and geology book.

HOST: "Hello there, friends! I'm [your name]. And my aunt gave me the COOLEST book about geology.

Set down the tray in the book nook area and hold up the book.

"Geology is a big word for learning about rocks! This book even came with a magnifying glass and some super-fun rocks.

Hold up the magnifying glass.

"The magnifying glass makes small things look reeeeeeeally big!

Pull magnifying glass up to then away from your eye.

"Whoa!

Hold up the gold rock and take a closer look with the magnifying glass.

"Wow! This is so cool. It's called pyrite, and it looks like gold.

Set down the gold rock and hold up the striped rock.

"And look at this one! The book says this one is a tiger eye. Look at these stripes. Yikes! I can almost imagine a tiger staring at us. I'm learning SO much about rocks from this book. I think I'll see if I can find some more rocks outside and try to identify them from this book. See you in a little while."

The Host gathers the props and exits.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, table, small clear container, sand, large flat rock, and rain sound effect; *Optional Story Images*

WHAT YOU DO: Put sand in the small container. Preset the table in the center of the storytelling area. Set the container of sand and large rock on the table.

The storyteller enters, carrying the 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.

"Jesus often told stories to teach us important things! You can read the story He told in the Bible. Today's story is about building a house. Have you ever seen a house being built? If you have, raise your hand high. (Pause.) Great. You can put your hands down.



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(Option: Display Story Image W5 01)

"This story Jesus told was about two men who each decided to build a house. One wanted to build on the sand.

Pick up the container of sand then set it back down.

"And one wanted to build on rock.

Pick up the rock then set it back down.

"Tell me, if you had to choose where you wanted to build your house, would you build it on the sand or on the rock?
(Pause.) Interesting.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 02)

"Well, the two men went forward with their plans, and they each built a house. Both houses looked great and everything was fine until . . .

Play rain sound effect.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 03)

"Yep, everything was fine until it started raining! Everybody, rub your hands together to make a rain sound like this.
(Demonstrate.)

Turn up the sound on the rain sound effect.

"And it rained harder and harder. Pat your legs like this! (Demonstrate.) Oh, no! It rained so hard. Do you know what happened to the house on the sand?

Pick up the container of sand.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 04)

"It fell right down! The water washed the sand away and the house the fell down.

Put down the sand and pick up the rock.

"But guess what happened to the house built on the rock? Nothing! It stood strong. The water couldn't wash the rock away.

Set the rock down. Fade out the rain sound effect.

"Jesus told this story because He wanted to teach us how to live and be strong like the house built on rock! We can live like Jesus when we love everyone like God loves us! We can treat everyone like they are important to God because they ARE! We can share. And we can help everyone. This is how we can live like our house is built on a rock. Just like Jesus teaches us to do.

"I'm so glad we have a friend like Jesus to teach us important things. Tell me, **who teaches you important things?"**



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

STORYTELLER: (Point to the children on one side of the room.) "This side, tell me, **who teaches you important things?**"

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

STORYTELLER: (Point to the children on the other side of the room.) "Now this side, **who teaches you important things?**"

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

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

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for loving us SO, SO much that You sent Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You for all the wonderful things He teaches us. Help us love everyone because everyone is important to You. Help us share and help and live like Jesus. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

"You are so, so awesome! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

What You Need: Rock from Story

The Host enters smiling.

HOST: "That was super-cool. Jesus told such an awesome story. If we do what Jesus teaches us, it's like building a house on a super strong rock."

Pick up the rock.

"I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say, 'Got it.' Get it?"

CHILDREN: "Got it."

HOST: "Good! Rocks are super-cool, but the things that Jesus teaches are even MORE awesome and important. See you later, friends."

Host exits while waving to the children.