

3-5 YEAR -OLDS

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves everyone.

BANQUET PARABLE MATTHEW 22:8-10

MEMORY VERSE

"Do everything in love."

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

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.
Party Set-Up!
Food Match
Everyone's Invited

LARGE GROUP



WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Everyone Everywhere" and "I'm Gonna Tell" 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.

Memory Verse with Motions

Party on the Floor 🔕

Jesus Loves Me!

Jesus Loves . . .

Party Plate

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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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 1 Corinthians 16:14, NIV. You need a music player and this month's worship song, "Everyone Everywhere," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "Everyone Everywhere" is available on the Very Big Things Dance Moves DVD, OrangeKidsMusic.com, or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need "I'm Gonna Tell," 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 or OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, everyone! I'm so glad you're here because it's time to worship! Who do we worship? God! He LOVES us so much that God sent Jesus to be our friend forever! Did you know that **Jesus loves everyone**? It's true. When I ask, 'Who does Jesus love?', I want you to say, 'Jesus loves everyone!' Who does Jesus love?"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus loves everyone."

WORSHIP LEADER: "It's a new month, which means we have a new song! It's called, 'Everyone Everywhere.' Stand on your feet, and let's sing it out!

Lead children in singing "Everyone Everywhere," this month's worship song.

"Great job! We'll sing that all month long so you'll have a lot more opportunities to sing about how Jesus loves everyone, everywhere! The Bible teaches us that we can 'Do everything in love,' 1 Corinthians 16:14. Let's learn our memory verse together. Are you ready? Listen to me say it and watch the motions, then you can do it with me!

"'Do everything (march in place) in love' (hug yourself), 1 Corinthians 16:14. (Open hands like a book.)

Lead children to say the verse with the motions several times.

"Awesome. We can do everything in love when we remember that Jesus loves everyone! We can tell EVERYONE about Jesus. Sing with me.

Lead children in singing "I'm Gonna Tell."



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

"I love worshipping with you, friends. I wanna tell everyone, everywhere about the love of Jesus! One more time, who does Jesus love?"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus loves everyone."

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Streamers, balloons, long table, brightly colored tablecloth, box, folded cardstock, glue, stickers, paints, and other craft supplies

WHAT YOU DO: Put the cardstock, glue, stickers, paints, and other craft supplies in the box. Preset the table in the storytelling area with the tablecloth, streamers, and balloons to create a party scene.

The Host, very excited, walks out with the box of craft supplies.

HOST: "Hello there, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm SO excited!

Set the box of craft supplies on the table.

"Can you tell what's happening around here by what you see? Well, I'll give you a hint."

Walk to each item as you say it.

"Let's see. Streamers? Check! Balloons? Check!

Stand behind the table.

"Construction paper . . . markers . . . stickers . . . paints? Check! Can you guess what I'm getting ready for? Shout it out if you think you know. One, two, three! (*Pause for responses*.)

"You guessed it! A PARTY! We're having a party right here. We have all the decorations. Now all we need are the . . . (hold up a folded piece of cardstock) invitations! How should I decorate them?

Look around the table and grab the stickers.

"Oh, I know—stickers! (*Put stickers on a card.*) I love to decorate with stickers, don't you? Let's see, what else could we add?

Look around the table, and grab the paint.

"Oooh, paint! I LOVE to paint. It will add so much color and really make these invitations pop.

Look around the table one more time.

"Hmmm, you know what these invitations REALLY need? GLITTER! I forgot the glitter. See you in a little while, friends."

The Host exits, leaving the card-making supplies behind.



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BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Box, Bible, several brightly colored plates, box of a dozen donuts, upbeat instrumental music, and music player; Optional Story Images

WHAT YOU DO: Place the Bible, plates, and donuts inside the box.

The storyteller enters carrying the box of props.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, everyone!

Set the box in the center of the table. Hold up the Bible.

"I'm [your name], and I'm here to share a TRUE story from the Bible. Today's story is about a party! It's a story Jesus told.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)

Walk around the table to look at the decorations.

"Wow! Look at this party table. It can seat lots of people. Did you know that when you invite someone to a party, you call them your 'guest'? It's true! And when you have a party guest, you want them to feel loved and welcome. And you want to have your table all ready.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)

"Looks like our table is decorated and ready for the party. But we're missing a few things. What does the party table need for our guests? (*Pause.*) Those are great ideas! I think we need some plates.

Pull the plates from the box and place one at each spot at the table.

"That's better! Now, if we have plates for our party guests, I think we need food to put on them. We don't want the guests to be hungry. What should we serve? On the count of three, everybody call out what you think we should serve at our party. Ready? One, two, three! (*Pause.*)

Pull out the box of donuts.

"Those are great ideas! What about donuts? Who doesn't love a good donut? (Begin placing a donut on each plate.) I don't know about you, but I really love a good [your favorite donut]. Yummo!

"Now our guests will have plates and food. We want them to have fun, too! We need some music! On the count of three, everyone say, 'MUSIC PLEASE!' Ready? One, two, three!"

CHILDREN: "Music please!"

Play upbeat instrumental music.

STORYTELLER: "Yay! NOW it's a party. We have the plates, the food, the music, and the decorations. Now all we need is to invite the quests.

Turn music down low.



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"Who would you invite to a party? (*Pause*.) Great ideas! When Jesus told this story, He was teaching us something very important. Jesus said EVERYONE is invited to the party. Everyone is invited to the party because Jesus loves everyone!

(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)

"Jesus said that no matter what you've done, no matter where you live, I love you. No matter what language you speak or what kind of food you eat, I love you.

"You can be a super (loudly) loud-yelling singer or a super (whispering) quiet whispering singer and Jesus loves you. If you have brown hair or blue hair or NO hair, Jesus said, 'You're invited to my party!' Because Jesus loves everyone. When I ask, 'Who does Jesus love?', I want you to say, 'Jesus loves everyone!' Ready? Who does Jesus love?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus loves everyone!"

STORYTELLER: "Who does Jesus love?"

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

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever! We know that everyone is invited to the party because Jesus loves everyone. And we love YOU! In Jesus' name, amen.

"Thanks for being such great listeners, friends! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible and leaves the other props on the table.

OUTRO SKETCH

What You Need: Bottle of glitter glue

The Host enters smiling with bottle of glitter glue.

HOST: "Wow! What an awesome story. **Jesus loves everyone.** I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?"

CHILDREN: "Got it!"

HOST: "Good! I better get busy on these invitations because I'm going to invite EVERYONE to this party. That means I need a LOT more invitations! See you next time, friends."

Host exits, waving to the children.