



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus can help me  
choose joy.

**PAUL AND SILAS  
IN PRISON  
ACTS 16:16-34**

### MEMORY VERSE

"I can do everything through  
Christ, who gives me strength."

**PHILIPPIANS 4:13, NLT**

### KEY QUESTION

Who can help you do  
everything?

### BOTTOM LINE

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everything.

### 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.*

Show Joy  
Find the Joy  
Instruments of Joy

### LARGE GROUP

**20**  
MIN

#### **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

#### **STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways**

"Making Waves" and "We Are Friends"

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.*

Passing Joy Verse  
The Joy Story  
Paul and Silas Maze  
Rolling with Joy  
Joy Tambourine  
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.

*NOTE: Kids and leaders will need a Smiley Face Story Sticker from the "Smiley Face Story Stickers" Activity Page to participate in the story. Consider handing these out as small groups enter the Large Group environment.*

### WORSHIP

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Philippians 4:13, NLT. You need a music player and this month's worship song, "Making Waves," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "Making Waves" is available on OrangeKidsMusic.com or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need "We Are Friends," which is available on the Very Big Things album on iTunes®, Spotify®, and OrangeKidsMusic.com. The dance moves video for this song is available on OrangeKidsMusic.com.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Hi, everybody! Are you ready to worship with me? We worship God because He's AWESOME! He sent Jesus to be our friend forever. And He can help us do everything. **Who can help you do everything?"**

**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER:** "**Jesus can help me do everything.**"

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "That's right! Jesus can help us show love and choose joy! With His help, we can make waves. That's what this song is all about. Sing with me.

*Lead children in singing "Making Waves," this month's worship song.*

"What a great song. What an awesome promise! Jesus can help us do everything. That's what our memory verse is all about. Say it with me."

*Lead the children to say the verse along with the motions.*

**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER:** "'I can (thumbs to chest) do everything (march) through Christ (point up), who gives me strength,' (muscle arms) Philippians 4:13." (Open hands like a book.)

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "That's right! **Jesus can help me do everything. Who can help you do everything?"**

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**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Yes, He can. Because Jesus is the best friend ever. Sing this out.

*Lead children in singing "We Are Friends."*

"Jesus' love for us will never change! We can always count on Him. Thanks for worshipping with me today, friends!"

## INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Smiley Face Story Stickers" Activity Page; Avery® #5294 labels or equivalent; small table; beach bucket; yellow paint pen; rock; sun hat; brightly colored T-shirt; board shorts; and fun floaties or pool float

*Host enters wearing the sun hat, brightly colored shirt, board shorts, and smiley face sticker in the middle of their shirt. They are carrying the beach bucket with the painted rock inside.*

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! I'm [your name]. I'm really glad to see all of you. (Give a small grin.) BUT, I'm also really sad. (Make a small sad face.) You see, I was supposed to go to my friend's house and play in her pool later today . . . but now she's sick, so I can't go.

"It was going to be so much fun.

*Get more and more happy/excited as you talk about all the things you were going to do.*

"First, we were going to put on fun floaties. Like these!

*Put on the arm floaties or grab the large float.*

"These are SO fun! Then we were going to pretend to be at the ocean and see who could make the biggest, most gigantic wave!

*Make large wave motions with both arms.*

"And then we were going to try to blow bubbles in the water.

*Begin to lose excitement and return to sad.*

"But now I don't get to do any of that.

"I guess I don't need my sun hat anymore.

*Take off the sun hat. As you lay it down, notice the bucket.*

"Oh look! It's my bucket of rocks that I found at the beach.



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*Take out the smiley face rock and hold it up for the children to see.*

"What kind of face is on this rock? (Pause.) You're right! It's a smiley face. Just like the smiley face on our stickers.

*Point to the smiley face sticker on your shirt then look at the rock and then look at the children.*

"This is the wrong kind of face for today. This rock is smiling. And our stickers are smiling. But I can't go play in the pool, so I do NOT feel like smiling. Maybe today's Bible story will help me smile. See you later. Bye!

*Host exits, carrying the beach bucket, sun hat, and floatie, leaving the smiley face rock on the table.*

## BIBLE STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible and small table from Intro Sketch; *Optional Story Images*

*Storyteller enters carrying a Bible and wearing a smiley face sticker on their shirt.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! My name is [your name], and this is my smile. (Point to smile.) I'm smiling because I'm SO happy to see you today! And because I get to tell you a true story from the Bible.

*Hold up the Bible for the children to see then lay it open on the table.*

"And because you have a smiley face sticker just like me (point to the smiley face sticker), we can play our game again while I tell you the Bible story!

"Our Bible story today is about how we can choose joy. When I see a smiley face, I think of joy. So when we play our game, every time I say the word JOY, I want all of us to point to our smiley face stickers. (Point to sticker.) It will be fun! Okay, listen for me to say 'JOY' (point to sticker), and get ready to point to your smiley face sticker.

"Today's true story from the Bible is about two friends of Jesus named Paul and Silas. One time, Paul and Silas were put in a place called 'jail.'

*(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)*

"Being in jail meant that Paul and Silas could not go outside and see their friends or go in the kitchen and get something to eat whenever they wanted or do much of anything, really.

*Sit down and become more and more downcast as you talk.*

"When Paul and Silas were in jail, they had to just sit there. And sit . . . and sit . . . and sit! It was NOT fun.

*Jump to your feet.*

"BUT guess what Paul and Silas decided to do while they were in jail? (Pause then slowly start to smile as you



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*continue.*) They chose JOY! (*Point to smiley face sticker.*) Right there in the jail!

*Move excitedly around the story area.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)*

"They began singing and praising Jesus! They sang and sang . . . and they sang some more! There was so much JOY! (*Point to sticker.*)

"You see, Paul and Silas knew that no matter where they were, Jesus was still their friend forever. And Jesus helped them choose JOY! (*Point to sticker.*)

"Then, something amazing happened! While Paul and Silas were singing and praising with JOY (*point to sticker*), everything began to shake. It was an earthquake! Everybody, shake like this!

*Shake your arms and torso.*

"And while everything was shaking, the doors of the jail flew wide open! Okay, you can stop shaking now.

"Do you think Paul and Silas ran out of the jail when the doors opened? (*Pause.*) Most people would, but not Paul and Silas.

*(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)*

"They stayed so they could tell the guard that JESUS IS ALIVE and He wants to be his friend forever! Then, the guard had JOY (*point to sticker*), too!

"Jesus can help us choose JOY (*point to sticker*), just like He helped Paul and Silas.

*(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)*

"We can choose JOY (*point to sticker*) when we're at the playground. We can choose JOY (*point to sticker*) at the doctor's office. We can choose JOY (*point to sticker*) on sunny days AND rainy days.

"Jesus can help us choose JOY (*point to sticker*), because Jesus can help us do everything! **Who can help you do everything?"**

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus can help me do everything!"**

**STORYTELLER: "Louder! Who can help you do everything?"**

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus can help me do everything!"**

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





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## PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to help us choose joy, no matter what. I pray that when we feel sad or mad because things don't go like we want, we will remember that Jesus wants to be our friend forever and that will help us choose joy. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

"Thanks for listening, friends. I'll see you next time. Bye!"

*The Storyteller exits with the Bible.*

## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Painted smiley face rock on table, paper, and markers

*The Host enters, still wearing the smiley face sticker and carrying paper and markers.*

**HOST:** "Wow! Paul and Silas chose JOY (point to sticker) and sang songs to Jesus even when things weren't going their way. Jesus can help me choose JOY (point to sticker), too. JOY (point to sticker) can change the world!"

"I think I got the story. Did you get it? (Pause.) If you did, give me two thumbs-up (hold up two thumbs) and say, 'Got it!' (Pause.) Get it?"

**CHILDREN AND HOST:** "Got it!"

**HOST:** "Good!"

*Pick up the smiley face rock where the children can see it and look at it for a few seconds.*

"I know a way I can choose JOY (point to sticker) today!"

*Put the rock on the table and pick up the paper and markers.*

"I'm going to make a get-well card for my friend who is sick. And maybe that will help her choose JOY (point to sticker), too. See you next time! Bye!"

*The Host exits with the smiley face rock, paper, and markers.*