



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus can help me choose peace.

ABIGAIL INTERVENES
1 SAMUEL 25:1-35

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

Jesus can help me do 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.

Puzzle Partners
Love, Joy, and Peace Memory Match
Reading with Teddy

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Making Waves" and "My Forever Friend"

Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Peaceful Painting
Peace Delivery
Peace Connection
Freeze Dance
Rain Stick
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



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PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

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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 Teddy Bear Story Sticker from the "Teddy Bear 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 "My Forever Friend," 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: "Friends, I'm SO glad to see you here today. Because today, we're going to dance and sing and celebrate the BEST friend ever. Do you know who I'm talking about? (Pause.) Jesus! God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. And He can help us do everything. Tell me, **who can help you do everything?**"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, He can! Stand up and sing this out with me.

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

"Wow! What a fun song! Jesus helps us make waves and share His love with everyone. Let's say our memory verse together."

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: "Great job! Jesus can give us the strength to choose love, joy, and peace! We'll learn more about that in just a minute. But first, let's sing one more song. Sing this with me!



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Lead children in singing "My Forever Friend."

"Jesus is a good, good friend! I want to be JUST like Him. Thanks for worshipping with me today, friends."

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: "Teddy Bear Story Stickers" Activity Page; Avery® #5294 labels or equivalent; small table; light blue paint pen; rock; beach bucket; and building blocks or cardboard rectangle blocks

Host enters, very excited and wearing a teddy bear sticker in the middle of their shirt. They carry a few building blocks.

HOST: "Hi, friends! I'm [your name]! I can't wait to show you the incredible block tower that I built! I'm using ALL of my blocks, and it's almost finished. I just need to add a few more (*notice the fallen blocks*).

"WHAT?! No! My block tower has fallen! I worked all morning building that tower. It was all the way up to here! (*Hold hand up to show height of tower.*) My block tower was standing when I left to get more blocks. Something made my tower fall over. Something . . . or SOMEONE!

"I'm so mad! If I find out who did this, I may just yell at them!

Walk to the table and begin looking through the bucket.

"At least I still have all the fun rocks I found at the beach.

Hold up the rock with the bear on it.

"This rock has a teddy bear painted on it. (*Talk to the bear on the rock.*) Hi there, Mr. Bear! What would you do if someone knocked over your block tower? (*Pause.*) Maybe today's Bible story will help me know what to do.

Lay the teddy bear rock on the table so the children can see it.

"I'll be back in a little while. Bye!"

Host exits, leaving the beach bucket on the floor by the table and the blocks on the floor.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, table from Intro Sketch, tote bag, five toy or small plush sheep, and lots of cotton balls;
Optional Story Images

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and a tote bag of toy sheep and cotton balls. They have a teddy bear sticker in the center of their shirt.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! My name is [your name]. Do you have a teddy bear sticker just like me?"



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Point to the teddy bear sticker as you look around.

"You do! You do have a teddy bear sticker like me! Teddy bears are so soft and cuddly and . . . peaceful. I love to hold my teddy bear and just ah, sit in peace.

"Speaking of peace, I have a story today all about peace that I think will help [Host's name]. It's a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible for the children to see then lay it open on the table by the teddy bear rock.

"It's about a man named Nabal and his wife, Abigail. And since we all have a teddy bear sticker, we can play our game while I tell you the story!

"Every time I say the word PEACE, we will point to our teddy bear stickers. (*Point to teddy bear sticker.*) So, listen closely for me to say 'PEACE' (*point to sticker*), and get ready to point to your teddy bear sticker.

"Like I was saying, our true story from the Bible begins with Nabal and his wife, Abigail.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)

"Nabal had a lot of sheep. Like, A LOT of sheep!

Toss cotton balls all over the story area then begin lining the toy sheep up on the table as you count them out loud.

"There were sheep everywhere! Count these sheep with me!"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "One, two, three, four, five!"

STORYTELLER: "Now taking care of sheep was a big job for Nabal's workers. The workers had to feed the sheep, and water the sheep, and protect the sheep. Well, everything was calm and there was PEACE (*point to sticker*) but taking care of all those sheep was such a big job! It was a good thing when a guy named David and his army came by!

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

Begin picking up the cotton balls and putting them in the bag as you talk.

"David and his army helped keep all of Nabal's sheep safe. None of the sheep got hurt or went missing while David and his army were there. There was PEACE (*point to sticker*) because the work was getting done and everyone was being friendly.

Stop and look at the children.

"Helping was a very nice thing for David and his army to do so they asked Nabal to give them whatever he could



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find for them, like food.

"Guess what Nabal told David and his army? *(Pause.)* He told them, no! He was NOT going to give David and his army anything! How do you think David felt when he heard that Nabal was not going to give them anything for doing such a good job of protecting HIS sheep? *(Pause.)* Yes, David felt angry. Show me your angry face? *(Pause and look around.)* David was SO angry that he was ready to take his army to Nabal's house and fight. Oh, no!

"Now Abigail, Nabal's wife, did not want Nabal and David to fight. She wanted to choose PEACE *(point to sticker)*. So, she thought . . . *(Tap chin like you're thinking.)* hmm, how can I choose PEACE *(point to sticker)*? Then she got a wonderful idea!

(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)

"Abigail quickly got a lot of food and water and took it to David and his army!

"Because Abigail gave them food and water, David and his army chose PEACE *(point to sticker)*, too. They decided not to fight Nabal! Abigail chose PEACE *(point to sticker)*, and Jesus can help us choose PEACE *(point to sticker)*, too.

"So, the next time you and your friends want to play with the same toy, share!

(Option: Display Story Image W3 04)

"Choose PEACE *(point to sticker)* and let your friend play with it, then you play with it. You can choose PEACE *(point to sticker)* by taking turns! Or when you're building a block tower and someone knocks it down, don't yell or fight. Choose PEACE *(point to sticker)* and ask someone to help you rebuild it!

"Jesus can help us choose PEACE *(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: "Now say it in a soft, peaceful voice. **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."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to help us choose peace. Help us remember that Jesus is always with us, and He can help us do everything. 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 and bag of sheep and cotton balls.



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OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Painted teddy bear rock

The Host enters still wearing the teddy bear sticker.

HOST: "Wow! Abigail chose PEACE (*point to teddy bear sticker*), and that helped David choose PEACE (*point to sticker*), and Jesus can help me choose PEACE (*point to sticker*), too. And PEACE (*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 bear rock and look at it for a few seconds.

"I know a way I can choose PEACE (*point to sticker*) today! I'm going to ask some of my friends to help me build another block tower. See you next time. Bye!"

The Host puts the teddy bear rock in the bucket, picks up the bucket, and exits.