



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus can help me choose self-control.

**WHEN JESUS IS
YOUR FRIEND FOREVER**
JOHN 3:16

MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.'"

JOHN 14:6, NIV

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.

Symbol Toss
Symbol Match Parking
Water Ring Games

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Love Like Jesus" and "Making Waves"

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.

Word Match Verse
Story Rocks
Symbol Bingo
Bubble Control
Jesus Can Help Me Choose
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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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 Flexing Arm Story Sticker from the "Flexing Arm 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 John 14:6, NIV. You need a music player and this month's worship song, "Love Like Jesus," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "Love Like Jesus" is available on OrangeKidsMusic.com or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need "Making Waves," which is available at OrangeKidsMusic.com. The dance moves video for this song is available at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, everyone! I'm so glad to see you because it's my very favorite time. Can you guess what time it is? Worship time! Do you know why we worship God? God made us, God loves us, and God gave us Jesus to be the best friend ever! Tell me, **who can help you do everything?**"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "We've been singing this song ALL month long! So, stand up and sing this out with me.

Lead children in singing "Love Like Jesus," this month's worship song.

"We can be a good, good friend, just like Jesus, and He will help us! I'm so glad God sent us Jesus because He's the best friend ever. **Who can help you do everything?**"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes! **Jesus can help me do everything.** The Bible teaches us that 'Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life,"' John 14:6. Say it with me and do the motions.

Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.

"Jesus answered, (hands by mouth) "I am (point up) the way and the truth and the life,"" (march) John 14:6. (Open hands like a book.)



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

WORSHIP LEADER: "You've got it! Jesus will help us make waves! Let's sing this together.

Lead children in singing "Making Waves."

"That was super fun! Thanks everyone for singing and dancing with me. Jesus deserves all our praise! See you next time."

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: "Flexing Arm Story Stickers" Activity Page; Avery® #5294 labels or equivalent; table; large beach bucket, painted rocks from June and previous July weeks; palm-sized rock; silver paint pen; and a boogie board

Host enters, wearing a flexing arm sticker in the middle of their shirt.

HOST: "Hi, friends! I'm [your name]! I had so much fun playing in my friends pool the other day! We were both super-strong!"

Do a muscle pose with both arms.

"And because we were SO strong, we made really big waves with our arms. Can you pretend to make really big waves with me, like this.

Put hands in front of you and make big wave motions.

"SPLISH, SPLASH! SPLISH, SPLASH! SPLISH, SPLASH! (Stop.) Wow! You can stop now. You made some really big pretend waves!"

"Your big waves made me think of when I went to the beach. The waves were SO big! We even saw some people way out in the water, surfing on the waves! Surfing is so cool! It takes a lot of self-control to surf, and you have to be super-strong so you can stand up and not fall off the surf board.

"One day, I'm going to surf on the waves!"

Get the boogie board and pretend to surf.

"It will be so fun! I'll use my self-control and strong muscles to ride the waves!"

Step off of the boogie board and pick it up.

"But until then, I just want to hear today's Bible story. See you later! Bye!"

Host exits with the boogie board, leaving the bucket of rocks.



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BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; "Flexing Arm Story Sticker" for Storyteller; story rocks in the beach bucket from Intro Sketch; and table from Intro Sketch; *Optional Story Images*

Storyteller enters, wearing a flexing arm sticker and carrying a Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Well, hello friends! I'm [your name]! We have been learning SO much about how Jesus can help us do everything! And today, we have another thing Jesus can help us do!

"Are you ready to play our sticker game one more time? (Pause.) I see you have your muscle pose stickers on, just like I do. (Point to the flexing arm sticker.) Today, every time I say, 'SELF-CONTROL,' we'll point to our muscle pose sticker, because it takes a lot of strength to choose SELF-CONTROL! (Point to the flexing arm sticker.) Okay, here we go!

Open the Bible and lay it open on the table.

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"When we first started talking about how Jesus can help us do everything, we learned that God loves us so much He gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever!

(Option: Display Story Image W5 02)

"When Jesus is your friend forever, Jesus can help you do everything!

Line up the story rocks, one at a time, as you list the Fruit of the Spirit.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 03)

"Jesus can help you choose . . . LOVE (heart rock), JOY (smiley face rock), PEACE (teddy bear rock), PATIENCE (clock rock), KINDNESS (heart in hands rock), GOODNESS (candle rock) FAITHFULNESS (high-five rock), GENTLENESS (feather rock), and SELF-CONTROL. (Point to the flexing arm sticker then set the rock on the table.)

All of the story rocks should be lined up on the table.

"When Jesus is your friend forever, He gives you power. It's like big, strong muscle power! Can you show me your muscles? (Look around.) Wow! Look at those strong muscles! Great job! Okay, you can put your arms down now.

"When Jesus is your friend forever, He can help you have the power of SELF-CONTROL. (Point to the flexing arm sticker.) That means you have the power to choose to do the right thing! Let's practice our SELF-CONTROL (point to the flexing arm sticker) power. Ready?

"Let's say you have a friend over to play outside, and they see your brand-new scooter. They tell you they want to play with it. Should you choose GOODNESS (hold up the candle rock) and share your scooter or not share your scooter? (Pause.)



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"Yes! Share your scooter with your friend! That's the power of SELF-CONTROL. *(Point to the flexing arm sticker.)* Choosing GOODNESS is SELF-CONTROL. *(Point to the flexing arm sticker.)* Way to go!

"Let's do another one. Let's say you're in the car with your family, and it's a really long trip. Like really long. You want to watch a movie on the device, but your sister is playing a game on it. Should you be upset and have a grumpy face? Or should you choose PATIENCE *(hold up the clock rock)* and wait your turn with a happy heart? *(Pause.)*

"Yes! You should choose PATIENCE and wait with a happy heart. That's the power of SELF-CONTROL. *(Point to the flexing arm sticker.)* Way to go!

"Let's do one more. Let's say you can't find your favorite fluffy bunny. And you've looked everywhere. Do you get mad about it, or do you choose JOY and ask someone to help you look for it? *(Pause.)*

"Yes! You choose JOY and ask for help. Choosing JOY when things are hard is SELF-CONTROL! *(Point to the flexing arm sticker.)*

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"Great job, friends! Jesus can help you choose SELF-CONTROL *(point to the flexing arm sticker)*, because Jesus can help you do everything! **Who can help you do everything?"**

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

STORYTELLER: "Now say it while you show me your muscles. 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 self-control so we can choose love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness. 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.



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OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Painted rocks lined up on the table

The Host enters, still wearing the flexing arm sticker.

HOST: "Wow! When Jesus is my friend forever, He can give me the power (*muscle pose*) to choose SELF-CONTROL. (*Point to the flexing arm sticker.*) And SELF-CONTROL (*point to the flexing arm 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!"

Point to each rock as you name it.

"This rock with the big muscles can remind me to choose SELF-CONTROL. (*Point to the flexing arm sticker.*) And that will help me choose love . . . joy . . . peace . . . patience . . . kindness . . . goodness . . . faithfulness . . . and gentleness! That's the real way to make waves. See you next time!"

The host exits, smiling.