



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

God loves me
when I'm sad.

HANNAH IS SAD
1 SAMUEL 1-2:20

MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord
with all your heart."

PROVERBS 3:5, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you no matter what?

BOTTOM LINE

God loves me no matter what.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

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.

God Loves, God Loves You
Memory Match
Who Can You Talk To?

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

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

"No Matter What I Know" and "Wonderfully Made"
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.

Memory Verse with Motions
Sad Story
Name That Emoji
Who Does God Love?
Twisting Emotions
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



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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 Proverbs 3:5, NIV. You need instruments or a music player and this month's worship song, "No Matter What I Know," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "No Matter What I Know" is available on OrangeKidsMusic.com or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need "Wonderfully Made," which is available on the Amazing album on Apple Music®, Spotify®, and OrangeKidsMusic.com. The dance moves video for this song is available at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, everyone! It's SO good to see you today. Do you know what time it is? It's worship time! This is our chance to sing and dance and praise God because God loves us. God loves us NO matter what. So, when I ask, 'Who loves you no matter what?', I want you to say, 'God loves me no matter what.' Who loves you no matter what?"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God loves me no matter what."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes! God loves me, no matter what I know, no matter where I go. Let's sing our new song for this month called "No Matter What I Know."

Lead children in singing "No Matter What I Know," this month's worship song.

"Great job! We can trust that God will always be with us because God loves us! The Bible teaches us to 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart,' Proverbs 3:5. Let's learn our memory verse together. Are you ready? Listen to me say it and watch me do the motions, then you can do it with me!

"Trust in the Lord (point up) with all (arms out wide) your heart,' (hands over heart) Proverbs 3:5. (Open hands like a book.)

"Now it is your turn to join me. 'Trust in the Lord (point up) with all (arms out wide) your heart,' (hands over heart) Proverbs 3:5. (Open hands like a book.)

"We can put all our trust in God because God LOVES us no matter what. Who loves you no matter what?"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God loves me no matter what."



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WORSHIP LEADER: "God loves every one of us, even though we are all so different because God made us! Let's sing this song about how we are wonderfully made.

Lead children in singing "Wonderfully Made."

"That was SO fun! I love worshipping with you. Remember, **God loves me no matter what.**"

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: "Emotions Memory Match" Activity Pages, cardstock, pencil, masking tape, wall or board, small table, Chutes and Ladders® game, and Hungry Hungry Hippos® game

WHAT YOU DO: Copy "Emotions Memory Match" on cardstock, two sets per activity. Tape cards upside down on a wall or board in your storytelling area with blank side of paper showing (so that they are right side up when flipped). Use a pencil to lightly label the card on the blank side with the correct emotion so the host knows which cards to pick. Preset the table to the side of the storytelling area.

Host enters with the board games.

HOST: "Hi, everyone! Welcome to [your environment's name]! I'm [your name], and I LOVE playing games!

Host up the games then lay them on the table.

"Twinkle your fingers like this (Hold up hands and wiggle fingers.) if you like to play games, too. (Pause and look around.) I see a lot of twinkling fingers!

"I like playing games where you count, like in Chutes and Ladders.

Hold up Chutes and Ladders.

"I count one, two, three, four, while I go up, up, up the ladder. Yay!

Put game back on the table and pick up the Hungry Hungry Hippos.

"And I really like playing games where you go super-fast, like in Hungry Hungry Hippos. I push my hand like this (Make a fast-pressing motion with the tips of your fingers on one hand.) . . . really, really fast to make my hippo eat all the marbles!

Put game back on the table.

"But my favorite game ever is . . . Memory Match!

Hold hands out like a "ta-da" to the wall with the memory match cards.



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"Memory Match is usually a small deck of cards, but I made this HUGE game so we can ALL play together! There are two of every picture on these cards, and we have to find the cards that look the same. Do you want to play with me? (Pause.) Yay! Let's play!

Choose the "sad" card, pull it off the board and hold it up for the children to see.

"What kind of face is on this card? Is it a happy face or a sad face? (Pause.) You're right. This is a sad face. We need to find the matching sad face. Let's try . . . this one.

Flip the "happy" card up for the children to see but don't remove it.

"Is this a sad face? (Pause.) No, this is a happy face. Show me your happy faces. (Smile with the children.) Oooh, you have great happy faces! Okay, we need to try another one.

Flip the happy card down, still holding the first sad card.

"Should we try this one (point to frustrated card) or that one (point to afraid card)? Here we go.

Flip the frustrated card up for the children to see but don't remove it.

"Uh-oh. This is not a sad face or a happy face. I think this is a frustrated face.

Flip the frustrated face down, still holding the first sad card. Flip the afraid card up for the children to see but don't remove it.

"Is this a sad face? (Pause.) No, I don't think this face is sad. I think this is an afraid face.

Flip the afraid card down, still holding the first sad card.

"Now where is that other sad face? (Pause.) Oops! It's time for our Bible story! We'll have to finish our game later. I'll be back in a little while. Bye!"

Host exits, carrying the sad face game card.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, a baby doll in a basket; *Optional Story Images*

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and basket with the baby doll inside. Storyteller lays the basket on the table (or beside it on the floor) and continues holding the Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! I'm so happy to see you today! My name is [your name], and I'm here 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.



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"Our Bible story begins with a woman named Hannah. This is how Hannah felt. (*Make a sad face and point to it.*) Can you tell how Hannah felt by looking at my face? (*Pause.*) Was Hannah happy or sad? (*Pause.*) Yes, Hannah was very sad.

(*Option: Display Story Image W1 01*)

"Show me your sad face. (*Pause and look around.*) Aww. Those are some sad faces.

"Hannah was sad because she wanted to have a . . . (*Pick up the doll and cradle it.*) . . . baby. Pretend you're holding a baby like this.

Rock the baby doll side-to-side in your arms.

"Babies are wonderful! But Hannah couldn't have a baby. And that's why she was sad. You can stop pretending now.

Put the doll back in the basket.

"Have you ever really wanted something that you couldn't have? (*Pause.*) Sometimes, we don't get what we want, and we feel sad, too.

"Maybe you want to ride the swings, but they're all full. Show me your sad face.

"Maybe you want a cookie, but you can't have one right now. Show me your sad face.

"Maybe you really, really want to see a friend, but you can't go see them. Show me your sad face.

"Or maybe, someone you love is very sick, and they're not getting better. Show me your sad face.

"In our story, Hannah was sad all day. And then she was sad all night.

(*Option: Display Story Image W1 02*)

"She was so sad that she even cried. Everyone, pretend to cry with Hannah. (*Demonstrate.*)

"Everyone can stop crying now because I want to show you what Hannah did next.

Put hands together and bow your head like you're praying.

"I'm doing what Hannah did when she was very sad. (*Pause.*) What does it look like I'm doing? (*Pause.*) Yes! Pray and talk to God.

(*Option: Display Story Image W1 03*)

"You see, Hannah knew she could always talk to God, so she prayed and talked to God about feeling sad. Hannah trusted God with all her heart because she knew God loved her. And after Hannah talked to God, she felt much better!



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"Her face didn't look sad anymore!

"Do you ever feel sad? (Pause.) Me, too. Everyone feels sad sometimes. And it's okay to feel sad. When we feel sad, we can do what Hannah did. We can ALWAYS talk to God because God loves us no matter what.

"So when I ask, '**Who loves you no matter what?**', I want you to say, '**God loves me no matter what!** **Who loves you no matter what?**'"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God loves me no matter what!"

STORYTELLER: "Again! Who loves you no matter what?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God loves me no matter what!"

STORYTELLER: "Yay! God loves me no matter what!"

"Let's pray and talk to God right now."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, when we feel sad, please help us remember that we can always talk to You about how we feel. We can trust You with all our hearts because You love us no matter what. You're the best, God! In Jesus' name, amen.

"That's our story for today. Thanks for being such great listeners! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible, basket, and baby doll.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Sad face card

The Host enters carrying the sad face card.

HOST: "Wow! Hannah was so sad. But no matter how sad Hannah felt, she knew she could always talk to God because God loved her. 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!"

"Now let's try one more time to find the match. Which one should I choose?"

Choose the "sad" card, pull it off the board, and hold it up for the children to



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"Look! We found it! The cards match!

Hold up the two matching cards.

"That makes me really . . . HAPPY! God loves me when I'm happy, too. See you next time! Bye!"

The Host exits with the matching cards, leaving the rest of the cards on the wall.