



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

God loves me
when I'm afraid.

GIDEON IS AFRAID
JUDGES 6:2-4, 11-12

MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord
with all your heart."

PROVERBS 3:5, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you no matter what?

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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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.

Finding Feelings
Fishing for Emotions
Hide and Seek

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 "Perfectly Made"


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.

Fizzy Hearts Verse 
Gather and Hide
Pass the Afraid Face
Emotions Gameboard
Praying Hands
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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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.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: 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 "Perfectly Made," which is available on the All Good album on Apple Music®, Spotify®, and OrangeKidsMusic.com. The dance moves video for this song is available at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, friends! It's time to worship! I'm so glad to have this time every week to sing and say, 'Thank You, God, for loving us so.' We're learning this month that God loves us NO matter what. **Who loves you no matter what?**"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "You've got that right, friends! Let's stand up and sing this song together.

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

"God is always with us. God will never leave us, even when we're afraid! Does God love us when we're scared? (Pause.) Yes! God loves you, NO matter what you're feeling. So we can ALWAYS talk to God about what we're feeling.

"The Bible teaches us to 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart,' Proverbs 3:5. Say it with me and do the motions.

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

"That's right! We can trust God no matter what because there is no one else in all the world like our God! We sing and dance and worship God because God is the one who made us and loves us! **Who loves you no matter what?**"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes! Let's sing this together.

Lead children in singing "Perfectly Made."

"Great job! Thanks for worshipping with me today."



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Large hand mirror

The Host slowly walks out, looking in a hand mirror. They are trying to see if they can make their ears wiggle.

HOST: "Come on. You can do it!"

Notice the audience.

"Hi, friends! I'm [your name]. My uncle told me that I can wiggle my ears if I try really hard. So I've been looking in this mirror to see if I can wiggle my ears."

Look in the mirror and try one more time.

"Can you wiggle your ears? (Pause.) I have been trying and trying, and I just can't wiggle my ears. But there's other fun stuff I can do with this mirror. I can look at it and make faces! Making faces is even more fun than trying to wiggle your ears. Let's make a face together."

Look in the mirror and make a sad face. Then lower the mirror and show face to the children.

"This is my sad face. Can you make a sad face, too? (Pause and look.) Aww. You all look so sad. Hey, I know another face we can make! Everyone, make a happy face!"

Look in the mirror and make a happy face. Then lower the mirror and show face to the children.

"See? (Point to your smile.) This is my happy face! And I see all of your happy faces, too. They look great!"

"Okay, let's think. What's another face we can make? (while tapping your temple or chin) This is my thinking face. (Pause.) Oh, I know! Sometimes I feel frustrated, like when I can't fix something that is broken or when I can't make my ears wiggle. That was very frustrating! When I get frustrated, I make this kind of face."

Make a frustrated face.

"Can you make a frustrated face? (Pause and look.) Oh, you can! I see your frustrated faces!"

"Hmm. What's another face we can make? (Pause.) What about an afraid face? Can you make an afraid face?"

Make an afraid face.

"Oh, you can make an afraid face!"

"Everyone feels afraid sometimes. The man in our Bible story, today, was so afraid he . . . well, I'll let [Storyteller's name] tell you all about it. But I'll be back! See you later!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits with mirror.



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BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Small table, Bible, plush sheep, cereal box, bed pillow, and a bag; *Optional Story Images*

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the table in the storytelling area. Place all props but the Bible inside the bag.

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and the bag of items, and places the bag on the floor by the table.

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! I'm so happy to see you today! See my happy face? (*Point to smile.*)

"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.

"Today's Bible story begins with a man named Gideon. Gideon's face looked like this. (*Make an afraid face.*) Can you tell me how Gideon was feeling by looking at my face? (*Pause.*) Yes, Gideon was afraid.

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Can you show me your afraid face? (*Pause and look.*) Oh wow, look at all of your afraid faces! That's what Gideon looked like because Gideon was afraid of the big . . . powerful . . . Midianite army!

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"Gideon was afraid of the Midianite army because they would take everything from God's people, the Israelites.

Pick up the bag and pull out the plush sheep for the audience to see.

"If the Israelites had sheep, the Midianites took the sheep!

Put the sheep on the table and pull out the cereal box for the audience to see.

"If the Israelites had food, the Midianites took their food!

Put the cereal box on the table and pull out the bed pillow for the audience to see.

"If the Israelites had a place to sleep, the Midianites took that, too!

Put the bed pillow on the table and put the bag back on the floor.

"Gideon was so afraid of the Midianites that he decided to hide in a hole in the ground so they couldn't see his food and take it away from him.

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"Well, God knew that Gideon was feeling afraid. God loved Gideon, and God wanted Gideon to know that the Lord was with him. So God sent an angel to Gideon.

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Crouch like you are looking down a hole and cup a hand around your mouth.

"The angel said, 'Hey, Gideon! The Lord is with you, mighty warrior!' *(Stand up.)* Wow! What an awesome thing for God to tell Gideon! Gideon felt much better after God talked to him. It helped Gideon be brave knowing that God was with him!

"Do you think it's okay for us to talk to God when we're afraid? *(Pause.)* Yes! We can ALWAYS talk to God because God loves us no matter what. God wants us to know that we can always talk to Him about everything. Happy, sad, frustrated, afraid . . . God is with us, and God loves us no matter what.

"That's why when I ask you, '**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: "Louder! 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 afraid, 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. We love You, God! In Jesus' name, amen.

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

The Storyteller exits with the Bible and bag of items.



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OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Hand mirror from Intro Sketch

The Host enters carrying the mirror.

HOST: "Wow! God knew Gideon was afraid, and God loved him no matter what. And guess what! God loves us no matter what, too. 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!"

"It's so awesome that God loves us no matter what. God loves us when we feel afraid and when we feel happy. God loves us when we feel sad and when we feel frustrated. And . . ."

Look in the mirror, thinking for a moment, then make a super silly face.

"God loves us when we feel silly, too!"

Keep making silly faces in the mirror as you exit.

"Bye friends! See you next time!"