



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

God loves me
when I'm frustrated.

MOSES IS FRUSTRATED
NUMBERS 11:4-17

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.

Follow the Leader
Faces
Puzzle Challenge

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
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

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

Heart Window Art
Story Walk
How Would YOU Feel?
Running Emojis
No-Matter-What Mirror Frame
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: "Welcome to worship time, friends! Who do we sing to every single week? Who do we praise because He is AWESOME? (Pause.) Yes, God! Because God made us and God loves us, no matter what! **Who loves you no matter what?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**God loves me no matter what!**"
Lead children in singing "No Matter What I Know," this month's worship song.

WORSHIP LEADER: "I love that song! When I feel sad, when I get frustrated, when I feel afraid, no matter what I feel and no matter what I know, God loves me! The Bible teaches us to 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart,' Proverbs 3:5. Say it with me, friends."

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes! You can put all your trust in God. You can **DEPEND** on God always because God loves you. God knows everything about you—including how many hairs are on your head! You are wonderfully made so let's sing this together.

Lead children in singing "Wonderfully Made."

"Okay, one more time, **who loves you NO matter what?**"

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



INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: “Emotions Stickers” Activity Pages, Avery® #22807 labels or equivalent, one chair, and four beanbags

WHAT YOU DO: Copy “Emotions Stickers” on label paper, one set per activity. Place one sticker on each beanbag. Place the chair in the storytelling area. Hide the “Frustrated” beanbag on the chair. “Hide” the other beanbags in plain sight so the children can see them.

The Host enters, smiling.

HOST: “Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment’s name]! I’m [your name], and I love playing games! Sometimes, my friends and I like to make up games for each other. Today, one of my friends made a hide-n-seek game for me. He said he hid four beanbags around here for me to find. I’m going to look for them. Would you like to help me? (Pause.) Great!

“Okay, we’re looking for four beanbags. Let me know if you see one.

Begin walking around the area, looking for the beanbags. Find the “sad” beanbag first.

“Look! We found one of the beanbags!

Hold the “sad” beanbag up for the children to see.

“This one has a sad face on it. Can you show me your sad face? (Demonstrate.)

“I wonder what face will be on the next beanbag. Let’s try to find another one! Do you see a beanbag anywhere?

Walk around looking for a beanbag and find the “afraid” beanbag.

“Here’s one!

Hold the “afraid” beanbag up for the children to see.

“This one has an afraid face on it. Show me your afraid face. (Demonstrate.) You make a really good afraid face!

“Okay, that’s two beanbags. That means there are two more for us to find. This is fun! Let me know if you see any more beanbags.

Walk around looking for a beanbag.

“We need to look low. (Look low.) We need to look high. (Look high.) We need to look this way. (Look left.) We need to look that way. (Look right.) Ah-ha!

Find the “happy” beanbag and hold it up for the children to see.

“We found beanbag number three! What kind of face is on this beanbag? (Pause.) You’re right! This is a happy face.



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP **STORY** GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

Show me your happy face!

Make a happy face then hold the beanbags up as you count them.

"I'm so happy we have found one, two, three beanbags! Yay! (Pause.) But remember, my friend said there are four beanbags. That means there's one more around here somewhere.

Begin looking for the fourth and final beanbag with no success and slowly become frustrated.

"I've looked up and down and all around. I've looked here and there and everywhere. Why can't I find the last beanbag?"

Cross arms with a frustrated face.

"It's got to be here somewhere, but I can't find it. I am SO frustrated! I'm going to go take a break while [Storyteller's name] tells us a Bible story. I'll be back in a little while. Bye!"

Host exits, carrying the three beanbags.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Small table, Bible, wagon, a loaf of bread, and water bottle; *Optional Story Images*

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the table in the storytelling area. Place the bread and water inside the wagon.

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and pulling the wagon.

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everyone! My name is [your name]. It sounds like [Host's name] is a little frustrated. Do you ever feel frustrated? (Pause.) Me, too. And so did the man in our story today.

"Today's true story from the Bible . . .

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

". . . begins with a man named Moses.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)

"Moses had a very important job. Moses was the leader of God's people, the Israelites. And like I said before, Moses was frustrated. Can you show me your frustrated face? *(Demonstrate and encourage children to mimic you.)*

"Yep! That's what Moses looked like! Moses was frustrated because he had been trying to lead all of the Israelites and do what was best for them. But they kept complaining!

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

Reach in the wagon, pick up the loaf of bread, and hold it up for the children



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to see.

"First, they were whining because they were hungry. So every morning, God rained down bread from the sky for them to eat.

Lay the bread on the table then reach in the wagon and pick up the bottle of water. Hold it up for the children to see.

"Then they complained because they were thirsty. So God made water come out of a rock so they had something to drink.

Lay the water on the table.

"Moses thought for sure that NOW they would be happy. But no. They still complained. They wanted more food . . . different food. No matter what God did, they were whiny!

"And Moses felt . . . look at my face . . . *(make a frustrated face)* . . . frustrated!

(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)

"So Moses went and talked to God because Moses knew he could always talk to God about everything. Moses asked God how could he keep leading all of those people when they were so whiny. Moses asked God why it was his job to take care of them all.

"God listened to Moses, then sent people to help Moses take care of all the Israelites.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 04)

"God loved Moses and helped him so Moses wouldn't have to do the job alone.

"Do you ever feel frustrated? *(Pause.)* Of course, you do! We all do! Like when we can't tie our shoe after trying a bazillion times. That is frustrating.

"Can we talk to God when we feel frustrated? *(Pause.)* Yes! We can always talk to God about how we feel because God loves us no matter what! That's why 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: "Whisper it this time! 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.



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PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, when we feel frustrated, 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. 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 and wagon of items.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Beanbags from Intro Sketch (including hidden "frustrated" beanbag)

The Host enters, carrying the three found beanbags.

HOST: "Wow! Moses was so frustrated, but God heard him and helped him. We can always talk to God about how we feel because God loves us no matter what. 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!"

"You know, I'm still a little frustrated that we haven't found the last beanbag in our game."

Walk over to a chair, start to sit in it, and discover the fourth beanbag.

"Hey, it's the last beanbag! We found it!"

Hold up the beanbag for the children to see.

"And look what kind of face is on it. (Laugh.) It's a frustrated face! Well, at least we found them all. See you next time!"

Host exits, carrying all four beanbags.