



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

God loves me
when I'm happy.

**ABRAHAM AND SARAH
ARE HAPPY
GENESIS 21:1-8**

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.

Dance Party
Where's the Heart?
Emoji Sensory Bin

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.

Emotion Cupcake Walk
Happy Meal
Find Your Match
Feelings Four Corners
Emotion Flip in Review
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



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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.

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: "Hi, friends! What an AWESOME month we've had talking about God's great BIG love for us! God loves you and me with a no-matter-what kind of love. Does God love us when we're scared? (Pause.) Yes! Does God love us when we're frustrated? (Pause.) Yes! Does God love us when we're happy? (Pause.) Yes! No matter how we're feeling or what's happening around us, God is with us and God LOVES us. So tell me, **who loves you no matter what?**"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "You better believe it, friends. No one loves you as much as God loves you! Let's sing this together.

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

"That's right! **God loves me no matter what!** The Bible teaches us to 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart,' Proverbs 3:5. Now, let's say it together."

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: "Great job! We can trust God because God loves us! God loves you and me just the way we are because God made us! Let's sing "Perfectly Made" together.

Lead children in singing "Perfectly Made."

WORSHIP LEADER: "**Who loves you no matter what?**"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Thanks for worshipping with me today! You are so special, friends."



PRELUDE

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WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Large manila mailing envelope, marker, and a make-a-face sticker activity book

WHAT YOU DO: Put the activity book inside the envelope. Write, "To [Host's name]" in large print on the outside of the envelope.

The Host enters, carrying the large envelope.

HOST: "Hi, everyone! Welcome to [your environment's name]! My name is [your name], and I am SO excited because my aunt sent me . . . THIS!"

Hold up the envelope.

"It says my name on it right here. (Point and read your name.) See? To [Host's name]. Do you want to see what's inside? (Pause and listen.) You can help me open it. When I count to three, I want you to say, 'Ta-Da!' Ready? One . . . two . . . three."

CHILDREN AND HOST: "Ta-Da!"

Pull the activity book out of the envelope and hold it up for the children to see.

HOST: "What is this?"

Flip through some of the pages and show the children one of the sticker pages.

"Ooooh! I know what this is! It's an activity book with stickers for making faces. I can take these fun stickers (point) and put them on any of these blank faces that I want!"

Turn to a blank face page and show the children.

"Let's try doing one together.

Choose to make an animal face first, describing each sticker as you put them on the face, then show the children the silly animal face.

"Look! I made a(n) [animal] face! This is so silly! Can you [sound] like a(n) [animal]?"

Make the animal sound with the children.

"Let's do another one!"

Turn to a fresh page in the activity book and begin covering the blank face with a lot of eye stickers. Then show the picture to the children.

"Can you imagine if you had THIS many eyes? Look at all the eyes! You could see things all around you, even in the back of your head!"



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP **STORY** GROUPS HOME

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Spin in a circle, trying to see behind yourself.

"Let's do one more."

Turn to a fresh page in the activity book and begin putting stickers on the page, talking about each sticker as you put them on the face. Have a happy mouth ready to go on last.

"This is so fun! I just love this sticker book. Making faces makes me feel so, so . . ."

Put the happy face on the mouth and hold it up for the children to see.

"HAPPY! See? I put a happy face sticker on this face."

"Do you know what else makes me happy? (Pause.) It's time for our Bible story! I'll be back later. Bye!"

Host exits, carrying the activity book and envelope.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Small table, Bible, baby doll bed, and a baby doll; *Optional Story Images*

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the table in the storytelling area. Place the doll bed near the table and put the doll inside it.

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! [Host's name] sure is happy today. I'm happy, too, because I get to see YOU! 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 is about a man named Abraham and a woman named Sarah. Abraham and Sarah had been married for a very, very, very long time."

"Abraham and Sarah were not sad. (Make a sad face.) Abraham and Sarah were not afraid. (Make an afraid face.) Abraham and Sarah were not frustrated. (Make a frustrated face.)"

"Abraham and Sarah were . . . HAPPY! Show me your happy faces!"

Make a happy face and look around at the children.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

"Yes! That is what Abraham and Sarah looked like. They were happy!"

"Do you know why Abraham and Sarah were so happy? (Pause.) Because God gave them a . . ."

Walk to the baby doll bed and pick up the baby doll for the children to see.



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"What is this? (Pause.) Is it a frog? (Pause.) No? Is it a giraffe? (Pause.) No? Is it a bunny rabbit? (Pause.) No? Oh . . . you're right! It's a baby! God gave Abraham and Sarah a baby.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

Lay the baby doll back in the bed.

"And they were SUPER happy because they had waited a really, really, really long time for this special day. Hold your arms out as long as you can. (Demonstrate.) Stretch them longer! (Pause.) And longer! (Pause.) That's long, but it's still not as long as Abraham and Sarah waited.

"Okay, we can put our arms down now.

"As I said, Abraham and Sarah waited a long, long, LONG time to have a baby. And now their baby son was here! Sarah was so happy that it brought her laughter!

(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)

"Everyone, laugh with me. (Laugh with the children.)

"Sarah was so happy and thankful. She praised God for giving her a son! Later, when their baby was older, Abraham and Sarah had a great big party!

(Option: Display Story Image W4 04)

"Abraham and Sarah invited their friends and family and had lots of food to eat. It was a very happy time!

"Do you think God loved Abraham and Sarah when they were happy? (Pause.) Of course, God loved them when they were happy! God loved Abraham and Sarah when they were happy because God loved them no matter what.

"Do you ever feel happy? (Pause.) Me, too! Show me your happy faces again.

"We can feel happy when the warm sun is shining. We can feel happy when we get to play with a friend. We can feel happy when we open a special gift. We can talk to God about feeling happy because we can always talk to God about anything.

"God loves you when you're happy. God loves you when you're sad. God loves you when you're afraid. God loves you when you're frustrated. God loves you no matter what! **Who loves you no matter what?"**

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

STORYTELLER: "Again, with big happy faces! Who loves you no matter what?"

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



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

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

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, help us remember that we can always talk to You about how we feel. Happy, sad, afraid, frustrated—we can trust You with all our hearts because You love us no matter what. And You loving us no matter what makes us feel very happy! In Jesus' name, amen."

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

The Storyteller exits with the Bible and baby doll.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Sticker activity book from Intro Sketch

The Host enters, carrying the sticker activity book.

HOST: "Wow! God loved Abraham and Sarah when they were happy. And 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!"

"Hmm . . . God loves us no matter what. That makes me want to celebrate with a party!"

"I know! I can have a sticker book party with my friends, and we can make funny faces together! See you next time!"

The Host exits with the activity book.