



WEEK
FOUR
AUGUST 2022

LARGE GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Choose You
God Chooses Abram
Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**God has a plan to show
love to the world.**

HOST SUPPLIES

- Small Group Leaders
- "Reader" who can copy the words as the leaders create the story, then read it dramatically
- Table
- Bucket labeled "nouns," containing several index cards with one noun written on each card (for example: foot, tree, cheeseburger, beach, sloth, etc.)
- Bucket labeled "verbs," containing several index cards with one verb written on each card (for example: run, jump, give, chase, fold, bake, etc.)
- Microphone(s) on stand(s)
- Pen and paper for the "reader"
- "Week 4 Timeline Image" printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF
- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room

HOST SUPPLIES

- Bible

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

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

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

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Making Waves" from *Make Waves EP* and "How Amazing" from *Everything to Me*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Heart-Shaped Scavenger Hunt (*k-1st grade*), Love Relayed (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Application Activity: Story Starters (*k-1st grade*), And Then (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Memory Verse Activity: Find the Heart Verse (*k-1st grade*), Got Plans? (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Here is what love is. It is not
that we loved God. It is that he
loved us and sent his Son to give
his life to pay for our sins."
1 John 4:10, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Love—Showing others how
much they matter to you

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:

AUDIO:

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Today is a great day at [your environment's name]. I always have so much fun here with you!

"All month long, we've been talking about something truly EPIC. We've been talking about love!

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

"Love is showing others how much they matter to you.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME



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OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

"We know that God has been showing love to the world since the very beginning of time. (*Hold up Bible.*) God's story is a love story for the ages. And since we've experienced God's love for ourselves, that makes us want to show love to other people. It makes us want to show others how much they matter to us.

"I love reading epic stories, and in the pages of the Bible, we can find the most epic love story of all!

"Today, I thought it would be fun if we could write our OWN epic story. Let's have all our adult leaders join me on stage!

All Small Group Leaders go on stage. Have them stand in a line across the stage. Make sure there's at least one microphone on a stand that the leaders can easily walk to when it's their turn. Set the noun bucket and the verb bucket on the table nearby.

"Okay, here's how we write our epic story. This is a game I call, 'One Word.'

"All of our leaders will work together to tell a story. But each person can only say one word. (*to audience*) If they get stuck, they might look to all of you to call out some suggestions.

"And just to make things a little more interesting, I've also got some extra words up here in these buckets. (*Reference the Noun Bucket and Verb Bucket.*) From time to time, I'll have a leader choose a word from a bucket instead of choosing their own word.

"Oh—and for extra, EXTRA fun, we'll be writing down the story as we come up with the words. Then at the end, we can listen to the story all together. Are we ready? (*Pause.*) Okay, let's get to writing!

Cue the leader on one end of the line to start the game with a single word. Then cue the next person in line, and so on. Each leader should step up to the microphone to say their word.

During the game, the "reader" in the back should write down each word on a piece of paper so he/she can recite the story at the end.

From time to time, use the buckets of words to interject and make things funnier or more random as needed. Make sure you're anticipating when they'll need a noun or a verb. Hold up a bucket in front of a leader right when it's their turn, and have them draw a word from the bucket.

Look for a natural place for the story to end after a minute or two.



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“The end! Great job, everyone! Thank you for sharing your amazing creativity. I think we might have written one of the most epic stories of all time. But I think I want to hear it one more time, just to make sure. First, let’s play some epic music.

AUDIO: ADVENTUROUS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (SUGGESTION: “THE DOOR IN THE AIR” BY HARRY GREGSON-WILLIAMS)

“Now, everyone please welcome to the stage . . . our professional reader, [reader’s name].

Reader reads the story back with lots of energy and dramatic effect.

AUDIO: FADE OUT MUSIC

“That was one spectacular story, for sure! I may never recover. Let’s give a hand to [reader’s name] and all our amazing leaders. *(to reader and leaders)* Thank you for your help!

Reader and leaders go back to their seats.



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everyone! It's great to be here with you as we continue to make our way through God's story in the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"We've seen how God created the whole world, and everything was very, very good! God created people—Adam and Eve.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #1 (ADAM AND EVE, BEFORE)

"Adam and Eve had a perfect relationship with God. But then Adam and Eve turned away from God and broke the rule God had given.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #2 (ADAM AND EVE, AFTER)

"Sin entered the world. As a result, people no longer had a perfect relationship with God or with each other."

THE FALL TO NOAH

STORYTELLER: "Adam and Eve's children were named Cain and Abel. Cain and Abel fought with each other.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #3 (CAIN AND ABEL)

"They couldn't get along. Their family continued to grow as people began to fill the earth. But almost no one followed God. People were just being selfish and only looking out for themselves.

"But during this time, one man faithfully followed God. His name was Noah.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #4 (NOAH BUILDING THE ARK)

"God asked Noah to build a giant boat called an ark. At God's instruction, Noah filled the boat with his family and two of every kind of animal. God sent a great flood that covered the earth.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #5 (THE ARK ON THE WATER)

"When the waters cleared, Noah's family grew. And once more, people began to fill the earth. But once again, there weren't many people who were followers of God. Most of the people only thought about themselves."

ABRAM AND SARAI

STORYTELLER: "Even though people continued to be selfish and ignore God, God still had a plan to show love to everyone. God chose a man named Abram and his wife Sarai.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #6 (ABRAM AND SARAI)



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"God later changed their names to Abraham and Sarah. But at this point in the story, they were still Abram and Sarai.

"God told Abram to go to a new land . . . and God gave Abram a special promise. God told him . . .

Open the Bible to Genesis 12:1-3 (NirV) and read.

"Go from your country, your people and your father's family. Go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. And I will bless you. I will make your name great. You will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you. I will put a curse on anyone who puts a curse on you. All nations on earth will be blessed because of you.

"God had a big plan for Abram's family. I'm sure Abram and Sarai had questions, because they were old and didn't have any children yet. But they trusted God and did what God said. They set out for a new land, even though they didn't know where God would lead them."

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #7 (ABRAM AND SARAI TRAVELING)

COUNT THE STARS . . .

STORYTELLER: "When they got to the land of Canaan, Abram built an altar to honor God.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #8 (ABRAM BUILDING AN ALTAR)

"From that day on, Abram and Sarai made their home in the new land. Abram made some wise choices and some not-so-wise ones. But still, God blessed Abram and Sarai with many good things.

"One night, God appeared to Abram in a vision.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #9 (ABRAM LOOKING AT THE STARS)

"God told Abram:

Open the Bible to Genesis 15:5 (NirV) and read.

"Look up at the sky. Count the stars, if you can . . . That's how many children will be born into your family.

"Wow. Can you imagine counting all the stars in the sky? You'd never be able to do it. There are SO many!

"God wanted to remind Abram that the promise was still true. God still had a plan to show love to the whole world through Abram's family! Abram and Sarai were old, and they didn't yet have children together. So it might have seemed impossible that they would one day have such a big family.

"But Abram chose to trust God. As we read here in the book of Genesis.

Open the Bible to Genesis 15:6 (NirV) and read.



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

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“Abram believed the Lord. The Lord was pleased with Abram because he believed. So Abram’s faith made him right with the Lord.”

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Years later, Abram and Sarai did have a son named Isaac. God’s promise was coming true! And God’s promise CONTINUED to come true in the years to come. When the time was right, God sent Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus Himself was part of Abram and Sarai’s family!

“It’s really cool to look back and realize that God has ALWAYS had a big plan to show love to the world. Abram and Sarai got to play an important part in God’s plan, because they trusted God and believed God’s promise to bless the world through their family.

“And that’s not all! WE can play a part in God’s plan today. We can share God’s love with the way we live, and the way we treat others.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“God has a plan to show love to the world.

“God has always had a good plan for the world, and it’s all about LOVE! Let’s pray.”

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, when we hear the stories like those we heard today, it’s easy to see that You have always had a plan to show love to the world. You had a big plan for Abram and Sarai’s family . . . and You blessed the world when You sent Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for letting US play a part in Your plan today! Please help us show Your love to the people You’ve put in our lives. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: “Imagine what that was like for Abram and Sarai—to leave their home and go to a new land that they had never seen before!”

SLIDE: WEEK 4 TIMELINE IMAGE

If you’re making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today’s timeline image on the clothesline.

“I’m sure it wasn’t easy for Abram and Sarai to pack up and move like that. But they trusted God. They believed that God had a good plan. They believed that God’s promise would come true—that God would bless the world through their family.

“Abram and Sarai chose to trust God, and we can, too. **[Basic Truth] We can trust God no matter what!** And we can trust that this is true.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“God has a plan to show love to the world.

“As we look at God’s Big Story (*hold up Bible*), we see how God has ALWAYS had a plan to show love to the world. Abram and Sarai’s family grew over many, many years, until one day, Jesus was born into their family. Jesus is the biggest part of God’s plan to love and bless the whole world!

“That’s why we can believe that God STILL has a plan to show love to the world. No matter what we’re going through, or what the world is going through, we can know that one day God will make everything right again.

“Today, in our Small Group time, we’ll talk some more about God’s plan to show love to the world. See you next time, friends!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

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