



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### HOST SUPPLIES

- Plastic kiddie pool (or large, clear plastic bin) filled with water
- Fishing net (with a long handle)
- Permanent marker
- Ten large rubber ducks (two of them should have a large "T" on the bottom, one should have a large "R" on the bottom, one should have a large "U" on the bottom, one should have a large "S" on the bottom, and the other five should be blank on the bottom)
- Table
- Bucket
- Week 1 Timeline Image, printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF
- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room

### STORY SUPPLIES

- Table
- Prop box
- Tall, thin, clear, cylinder-shaped glass vase
- Giant bag of Skittles® or other unwrapped candy (family or party size bag; not individually wrapped)
- Two regular-size bags of Skittles with googly eyes
- One fun-size bag of Skittles with googly eyes
- Additional fun-size bag of Skittles that you can give to the kid helper

### 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 ("I Trust in You" from *Every Beat* and "Over and Over" from *Everything to Me*)  
Bible Story  
Bottom Line  
Prayer  
Closer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN

#### **GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect**

**Bible Story Review:** Hold That Pose (*K-1st grade*), Worth the Wait (*2nd-3rd grade*)

**Application Activity:** Wait for the Baby (*K-1st grade*), The Waiting Game (*2nd-3rd grade*)

**Memory Verse Activity:** Wait and Trust (*K-1st grade*), Tightrope Verse (*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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## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Unforgetful You**  
Abraham and Isaac  
Genesis 15:1-6; 18:1-15; 21:1-7

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Trust God even when  
you have to wait.

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**"Trust in the Lord with all  
your heart. Do not depend on  
your own understanding."**  
Proverbs 3:5, NIV

## MONTHLY VIRTUE

Trust—Putting your confidence  
in someone you can depend on

## 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: BLANK THEME**

## WORSHIP

*Worship Leaders enter*

WORSHIP LEADER:

**AUDIO:**

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*Host enters.*

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

**SLIDE: BLANK THEME**

## OPENER

**HOST:** "Hey, everybody! My name is [your name], and I'm so pumped that you're here with us at [your environment's name] today! Just for fun, I thought instead of TELLING you what we're talking about this month, we could play a game and figure it out together.

"But first, I have a question for you. Have any of you ever been to the circus? *(Pause for responses.)*

**SLIDE: CIRCUS PICTURE**

"If you haven't been to the circus, have you ever seen pictures or videos of one? There's SO much to see at the circus—acrobats, jugglers, and people who do amazing feats of skill. Sometimes there are fun carnival games to play. That's what our game is today. And it involves . . . cute little rubber duckies!



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*Walk to the “duck pond” and pick up the fishing net.*

“In just a minute, I’ll choose someone to come up and use this super-cool fishing net to scoop a duck out of our duck pond. If the duck has a letter on the bottom, we’ll put it on the table. If it doesn’t have a letter, then we’ll put it in this bucket. Once we have all the ducks out of the pond, we’ll unscramble the letters to reveal this month’s virtue! Are you ready? I know, let’s get some fun circus music going while we play!

**AUDIO: CIRCUS MUSIC**

*Choose kids, one at a time, to come up front and use the fishing net to get a duck from the pond. Ducks with letters go on the table (with the letters showing), while ducks with no letters go in a bucket. Choose a different kid each time and play until all ten ducks are removed from the pond. Put the five ducks with letters on the table in a straight line, with the letters mixed up.*

“All right, now we have all our ducks in a row! Let’s see if we can figure out what these letters spell. Can everyone pat on their legs to give me a drum roll?

*Arrange the ducks on the table so that the letters spell out “TRUST.”*

“There it is! Our virtue this month is TRUST!

**SLIDE: VIRTUE**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE LOOP**

**“Trust is putting your confidence in someone you can depend on.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME**

“I know one thing for sure. We can ALWAYS trust God! We know we can depend on God to be with us through anything we face in life.



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## BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

*Storyteller enters*

### SETTING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! It's great to be with you as we continue God's Big Story together.

*If you have a timeline on the wall, reference the images from the month of August as you review. Hold up the Bible.*

"In the first book of the Bible, Genesis, we saw how God created an amazing world. But sin entered the world when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. Still, God had a plan to make everything right again. God chose a man named Abraham. God promised Abraham that he would have more children in his family than there are stars in the sky. God said that the whole world would be blessed through Abraham's family!

"Today, I brought two friends to help me tell you what happened next. Let's see. We have Abraham.

*Hold up the Abraham candy bag with googly eyes.*

"And we have Abraham's wife, Sarah.

*Hold up the Sarah candy bag with googly eyes.*

"You might have heard of these two as Abram and Sarai. Those were their names at first. But later, God changed their names to Abraham and Sarah.

"Now there's something you should know about Abraham and Sarah. At this point in the story, these two didn't have any kids yet. And they were getting very old. *(to the candy bags)* I don't mean to be rude. I'm just telling the truth.

*(to audience)* "It seemed like there was no possible way God's promise could come true. How could God bless the world through Abraham and Sarah's family when Abraham and Sarah didn't have any children?"

"Abraham and Sarah had been waiting a long time. I mean, like a really, really, REALLY long time. God's promise didn't just come true right away. To help us think about that, I brought this giant jar and something we all love: CANDY!

*Set the large glass vase on the table. Put the large bag of Skittles® or other candy next to it.*

"I have something in mind that we can do with this candy, and I'll need one of you to come help.

*Bring up an older kid who you know will be comfortable on stage.*

*(to the kid)* "Thanks for helping, [kid's name]. Here's what I need you to do. Can you please drop these candies into the vase, one at a time, until I tell you to stop? You can keep it slow and steady, like this.



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*Demonstrate with a few candies, dropping them in one by one. Drop them in at a slow pace, leaving several seconds between each one.*

*(to audience) "While we keep going with the story, our friend, [kid's name], will be dropping the candies into the jar. That'll help us think about how loooooong Abraham (hold up the Abraham candy bag) and Sarah (hold up the Sarah candy bag) had to wait.*

*Pause and listen to the candies dropping into the jar.*

*(to the kid) "Great job, [kid's name]. Keep it up! (to audience) Let's see what happened next in the story."*

### THREE VISITORS

**STORYTELLER:** *"One day, when Abraham (hold up the Abraham candy bag) was 99 years old, God met with him again. It was the hottest part of the day, and Abraham was sitting in the shade of his tent. Suddenly, Abraham saw three men standing nearby. He went to greet them and bowed low to show them honor.*

*Make the Abraham candy bag "bow down."*

*"Listen to what Abraham said to the men.*

*Open the Bible to Genesis 18:3-5 (NirV) and read.*

*"My lord, if you are pleased with me, don't pass me by. Let me get you some water. Then all of you can wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat to give you strength. Then you can go on your way.*

*"Abraham (hold up the Abraham candy bag) asked Sarah (hold up the Sarah candy bag) to bake some bread for their guests. Then he asked a servant to cook them a special meal. Abraham served the meal to the three men.*

*(to the kid with the candy) "You're doing a great job, [kid's name]. I can hear the time ticking away. All this time, Abraham and Sarah are still waiting for God's promise to come true!"*

### SARAH'S LAUGHTER

**STORYTELLER:** *"The men asked Abraham (hold up the Abraham candy bag), 'Where is your wife Sarah?' (Genesis 18:9, NirV) Abraham told them that she was in the tent. (Hold up the Sarah candy bag.)*

*"Listen to what one of the men said next!*

*Open the Bible to Genesis 18:10 (NirV) and read.*

*"I will surely return to you about this time next year. Your wife Sarah will have a son.*

*"To Sarah, it seemed impossible that she could really have a baby in her old age. She LAUGHED.*

*Hold up the Sarah candy bag and make her "laugh."*

*Open the Bible to Genesis 18:13-14 (NirV) and read.*





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*"Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, "Will I really have a baby, now that I am old?" Is anything too hard for me? I will return to you at the appointed time next year. Sarah will have a son."*

"Sarah was afraid. She said that she didn't laugh. But the Lord said that she did.

*(to the kid with the candy)* "Did you hear that, [kid's name]? It sounds like all the waiting for Abraham and Sarah is about to come to an end. Just one more year to go!"

### **BABY ISAAC**

**STORYTELLER:** "It was hard for Sarah (*hold up the Sarah candy bag*) to believe at first, but she DID become pregnant. One year later, Sarah gave birth to a baby boy and named him Isaac.

*Hold up the Isaac fun-size candy bag with googly eyes.*

"Isn't that a great name, Isaac? Do you know what it means? It means 'He will laugh.' Sarah was now laughing with JOY! She was very old, but here she was, taking care of a baby! Sarah said . . .

*Open the Bible to Genesis 21:6 (NlrV) and read.*

*"God has given laughter to me. Everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.*

"Let's all join the happy family and laugh together.

*Hold up the three candy bags and make them "laugh." Get the kids to laugh along with you.*

"Oh, and you know what? *(to the kid with the candy)* That means your job is done, [kid's name]. No more waiting! Isaac is here, which means God's promise to Abraham is starting to come true.

*(to audience)* "Let's give a big hand to [kid's name], everyone. *(to the kid)* Thanks for helping!"

*Have the kid stop dropping candies into the vase and go back to his/her seat. Give him/her a fun-size bag of candy on the way.*

### **WRAPPING UP THE STORY**

**STORYTELLER:** *(Reference the vase with the candy in it.)* "Abraham and Sarah had to wait a loooooong time for God's promise to come true. In the end, they did have a son, just as God had said. And the whole world was and IS blessed because of Abraham's family.

"We can see in this story that God is trustworthy. **[Basic Truth] We can trust God no matter what!** And it's important that we learn to trust God when we have to wait for something in our lives. Let's remember that today.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**"Trust God even when you have to wait.**

"Let's pray now, and ask God to help us trust while we wait."



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## PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for this amazing story and how it reminds us that **[Basic Truth] we can trust You no matter what.** We can trust You when everything is going just right. And we can also trust You when we're waiting for something and we just don't understand. In ANY situation, we can believe that You are good and that You have a good plan for our lives. Help us remember that we can trust You even when we have to wait. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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## CLOSER

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** “Wow. It must have been really tough for Abraham and Sarah to wait so long to have a child—especially when they knew that God promised to bless the whole world through their family. When Sarah first got the news that she would have a baby in a year, she laughed! It just didn’t seem possible. She thought she was too old. But Sarah was laughing with joy when Isaac was born!”

**SLIDE: GOD’S BIG STORY TIMELINE**

**SLIDE: WEEK 1 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.*

“It just goes to show that you can trust God in any situation—even when you have to wait. Let’s remember this.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**“Trust God even when you have to wait.**

“God’s promise came true to Abraham and Sarah. Eventually, God sent Jesus to be our Savior—and Jesus was part of Abraham’s family line! That’s why God said the whole WORLD would be blessed because of Abraham’s family.

“So the next time you have to wait in line for something you really want to do or you have to wait patiently for your mom or dad or even if something is going wrong, and you know it’ll take time for it to get better . . . remember that God is with you. God CARES about you. Remember to trust God while you wait.

“Our memory verse for this month is a great reminder of what it means to trust God. It’s Proverbs 3:5.

**SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE**

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5, NIV)”*

“Isn’t that a good one? Even when we don’t understand something that’s happening in our lives, we can trust God and believe that God is still in control. I’ll see you next time, friends. Have fun in Small Group!”

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

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

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**