

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

All About Love Love Your Enemies Matthew 5:43-47

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Show respect even when you don't get along.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Do to others as you want them to do to you." Luke 6:31, NIrV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Respect—Showing others they are important by what you say and do

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

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



SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction Early Arriver Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP



STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God Welcome/Opener Worship ("Making Waves" from *Make Waves*, and "Everything to Me" from *Everything to Me*) Bible Story Bottom Line Prayer Closer

SMALL GROUP

25 MIN GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect
Bible Story Review: Love EVERYONE (k-1st grade),
Speak, Do Well, Pray (2nd-3rd grade)
Application Activity: Love Your Enemies (k-1st grade),
The Opposite (2nd-3rd grade)
Memory Verse Activity: Do to Others (k-1st grade), Color
Me (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



PRELUDE	SOCIAL	STORY	WORSHIP	GROUPS	HOME	
		25 MINUTES	10 MINUTES			

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Bible Verses:

Matthew 5:4-10 (NIrV) Matthew 5:43-44 (NIrV) Matthew 5:44 (NIrV)

Host Supplies:

- Worship Leaders (optional)
- Slides

Story Supplies :

- Flashlight (with batteries)
- Slides

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERA CTIVE 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

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hello, hello! We're here for another AMAZING day at [your environment's name]!

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Respect—Showing others they are important by what you say and do

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.



"Did you know that you're important? It's true. I'm talking to YOU! Each person is important and valuable, because each person is made in the image of God. We can show other people that they're important by treating them with respect.

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

"Respect is showing others they are important by what you say and do.

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

"One place you can definitely show respect is when you're driving down the street.

Pretend you're holding a steering wheel.

"You can respect other drivers.

Wave toward the kids.

"You can respect the people who are riding in the car with you by playing the music THEY like.

Pretend you're adjusting the volume.

"You can respect the people who are walking in the crosswalk.

Put both hands on the "wheel" and make a braking sound.

"And you can respect the rules of the road.

Keep one hand on the "wheel" while you put your other hand over your eyes like you're looking at a road sign.

"You know what? I've got a really fun way for us to practice showing respect . . . with a ROAD SIGN DANCE PARTY! Get on your feet, everyone!

"This dance party is special because you've got to follow the road signs on screen. Whatever road sign pops up, you'll do a dance move to match that sign.

"For example, if you see this sign, you can do this move.

SLIDE: WINDING ROAD SIGN



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Wiggle your body and arms like the curving back and forth of the arrow on the sign.

"Try it with me! (Pause for the kids to dance.) What about this one?

SLIDE: U-TURN SIGN

Move your whole body in a U-turn shape.

"Nice job! How about this?

SLIDE: DO NOT ENTER SIGN

Put your hand out like stop and turn around.

SLIDE: ONE WAY SIGN

Move laterally in the direction of the arrow.

SLIDE: STOP SIGN

Put both hands out in front of you and plant your feet. Repeat the move by jumping and planting your feet again.

"Let's try one more.

SLIDE: PEDESTRIAN SIGN

Dance like you're walking in slow motion.

"I think you're ready! When the music starts, we'll dance. Remember, just follow the signs on the screen! Here we go!

AUDIO: FUN DANCE MUSIC (INSTRUMENTAL) SLIDE: GAME SLIDES, ONE AT A TIME, CHANGING EVERY FEW SECONDS

Lead the kids in the different dance moves based on the sign on the screen. Worship Leaders can help as well.

Change the slides at varying speeds and repeat slides as needed. For a grand finale, show the slides in very quick succession.



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

"Nice dance moves, everyone! You sure know how to respect those road rules! I think you're just about ready to drive. How about you? (*Pause for response.*) Let's have some more musical fun. It's worship time!"

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:



25 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everyone! Today, I've got a great story that comes from the book of Matthew, which is the first book in the New Testament. (Hold up Bible.)

If you're using a timeline of printed images on the wall, you can reference it here as you recap.

"As we look back at God's Big Story, we've seen how God created the world. We've seen how the world was broken when people turned away from God. We've seen how God made things right by sending Jesus to be born into the world.

"When Jesus grew up, He began traveling from town to town, teaching and healing people. Crowds of people followed Jesus because no one had ever seen or heard anyone like Him! One day, Jesus sat on a hillside in Galilee to teach His disciples."

SLIDE: JESUS TEACHING

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

STORYTELLER: "Jesus taught some amazing things that day that we can find here in the book of Matthew. (Hold up Bible.)

"Jesus said that people who follow God are blessed. He said things like . . .

Open the Bible to Matthew 5:4-10 (NIrV) and read.

"Blessed are those who are sad. They will be comforted . . . Blessed are those who make peace. They will be called children of God. Blessed are those who suffer for doing what is right. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

"Jesus also taught how we should live.

Pick up the flashlight.

"He said that His followers are like a bright light shining in a dark world."

Turn on the flashlight and shine it upward. Then turn it off and set it down.

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

STORYTELLER: "Now, imagine you're one of the people listening to Jesus that day. You've heard Jesus say all these incredible things. THEN, Jesus says this.

Open the Bible to Matthew 5:43-44 (NIrV) and read.



"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor. Hate your enemy.' But here is what I tell you. Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you.

"Whoa. Did you hear that?

Read again from Matthew 5:44 (NIrV).

"Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you.

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

"We tend to think of enemies as 'bad guys'—you know, the villain in a movie. But the truth is, each of us can end up hurting each other's feelings or doing things that make someone else mad. When someone does something that hurts US or makes us mad, it can FEEL like that person is an enemy.

"But remember what Jesus said. Even when we're NOT getting along with someone, we should still choose to respond with love."

REAL-LIFE SCENARIOS

STORYTELLER: "So how do you do that? How do you show love to someone who makes you feel angry or annoyed? How do you treat someone with kindness when they haven't been very kind to you?

"I'll tell you this: it's not easy. We need God's help to show that kind of love. Everything in us wants to get back at the person and do something mean in return. But with God's help, we can respond differently. We can choose to show love. We can show respect and treat the person like they're valuable and important."

SLIDE: SCENARIO 1A

"Maybe there's someone in your school or neighborhood who's really hard for you to get along with. One day while you're getting off the school bus, they say something mean to you. You could say something mean back to them. You could wait and make fun of them later, when they can't hear you. OR . . .

SLIDE: SCENARIO 1B

"You could say, 'That's not true, and I wish you wouldn't speak to me that way.' (*Pause.*) We don't have to be mean to each other. We could be friends instead—if you want.'

"Remember, you can't control how someone else will react or what they'll do, but you CAN control how you treat people and speak to them.

"I know it's not always this simple, and you might not know how to respond when you have an argument or a problem with someone. Don't forget that you can ALWAYS talk to your parent or another trusted adult and ask what they think you should do.

"How about this one?



SLIDE: SCENARIO 2A

"Maybe you hear your friend talking about their birthday party. And you realize that you're not invited. That really hurts, doesn't it?

"You could try to make your friend feel bad in return by refusing to speak to them. OR . . .

SLIDE: SCENARIO 2B

"You could show love by STILL wishing them a happy birthday! (*Pause.*) The truth is, you might not know why they didn't invite you to their party. It could be that they didn't have enough room to invite everyone they wanted. If you feel hurt, you can ask your friend why they didn't invite you. But make sure they know how important they are to you as a friend. Say, 'I'm sorry that I can't come to the party, but I hope we can hang out another time!'

"How about one more example?

SLIDE: SCENARIO 3A

"Let's say your sister takes something from your room without asking. Ooooohhhh, that's not good, is it?

"You could try to get even with her by messing up stuff in HER room when she's not around. OR . . .

SLIDE: SCENARIO 3B

"You could talk to your sister about it WITHOUT raising your voice or getting angry. Say, 'Next time, can you ask me before you take stuff from my room?'

"Your sister knows that it doesn't feel good when someone messes up your stuff. Deep down, she probably feels badly about what happened. If you speak to her with kindness, you can keep the situation from getting worse. You'll show her with your words and actions that you still love her, even if the two of you don't always get along."

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "It isn't easy to show love when someone hasn't shown love to you. But with God's help, we can speak kind words. We can choose our actions carefully so that we still show respect. And like Jesus said, we can PRAY for the person who's been mean to us. We can ask God to help us show love instead of trying to get even.

"Remember, we are ALL made in God's image. The person who you're not getting along with is made in God's image, too. When we show respect and do good things for people who don't treat us well, we're actually showing the world what God is like.

"So let's do this.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE



"Show respect even when you don't get along.

"I know we need God's help to do that. Let's pray and talk to God about that now."

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for always loving us. We know that we mess up sometimes and we forget to treat other people with love and kindness. Sometimes people mess up with the way they treat US. Help us love people like You do. Show us how we can respond with love and respect even when someone has been mean or unkind to us. Fill us with Your love for the people in our lives. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



25 MINUTES

CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! Jesus taught that we should treat ALL people with love. Even when we don't get along with someone, we should do everything we can to treat that person with love.

SLIDE: GOD'S BIG STORY TIMELINE SLIDE: WEEK 2 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.

"That's such a huge part of respect. We know that everyone is made in God's image. And we can show others they're important with the way we treat them.

"Remember . . .

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Show respect even when you don't get along.

"I know this can be really difficult, but we don't have to do it alone! God is always there to help us respond with love. And when we follow Jesus, we have God's Holy Spirit living inside us. God's Spirit can help us show kindness and respect, even when it's difficult.

"Here's something I want to make sure you understand, though. You should still speak up for yourself if someone is saying mean things or treating you badly. It's important to ask people to treat you with respect, too. You can always talk to an adult and ask for help if you're not sure what to do.

"But remember to do everything you can to respond with kindness, patience, and love. That way, you can show that you value the person you're talking to. That's an important way that you can **[Basic Truth] treat others the way** you want to be treated.

"This is such a big idea that I know you'll have a lot to talk about in Small Group. You can head that way now!"

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT. SLIDE: THEME OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP



GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (25 MINUTES)

WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

1. OPENER/CLOSER

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Host
- Worship Leaders (optional)
- Week 2 Timeline Image printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF
- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- Fun dance music (instrumental)

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Road Signs Dance Party Slides:
 - Winding Road Sign
 - U-Turn Sign
 - Do Not Enter Sign
 - One Way Sign
 - Stop Sign
 - Pedestrian Sign
- God's Big Story Timeline Slide
- Week 2 Timeline Image Slide
- Week 2 Timeline Image (printable)

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH THE 252 MEDIA PACKAGE):

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme
- Theme Transition to Virtue
- Virtue Transition to Theme

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download and print this week's tech sheet for everyone helping with Large Group.
- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Download music from a resource such as iTunes[®] and have it ready to play.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. These graphic motion loops are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- If possible, recruit the Worship Leaders to help the Host demonstrate the dance moves from the stage.
- Take time to practice the timing with your tech team, so that they know how rapidly to switch the slides during the dance party.

2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

• Worship Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Making Waves" from Make Waves
- "Everything to Me" from Everything to Me (In Get Reel there is a Live Loud video you can show to help teach and encourage worship in our everyday lives. Consider using this segment before doing "Everything to Me.")

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- "Making Waves" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- *Live Loud* Video from *Get Reel* (available through the 252 Media Package)
- "Everything to Me" Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com) or Dance Moves Music Video (available through the 252 Media Package)

WHAT YOU DO:

• Download all songs and have them ready to use.



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- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. The *Live Loud* faith skills video and the Dance Moves Music Video for the monthly worship song are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Storyteller
- Flashlight (with batteries)
- Bible

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Jesus Teaching
- Scenario 1a
- Scenario 1b
- Scenario 2a
- Scenario 2b
- Scenario 3a
- Scenario 3b

WHAT YOU DO:

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VIDEO ENHANCEMENTS FOR YOUR ENVIRONMENT

AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL PURCHASE AT STORE.THINKORANGE.COM.

FEATURE PRESENTATION: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic video storytelling experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum. Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (kindergarten through 3rd grade):

• In *StoryLab*, two inquisitive young Hosts invite kids to engage with the month's Virtue, setting up a simple and direct telling of the Bible story by a professional Storyteller.

For 252 Preteen (4th and 5th grade):

• In *The So & So Show*, two Hosts and a Communicator walk you through a contemporary and comedic presentation of the Bible story. This YouTube-style show sets up the story and also connects it to the weekly Key Question for preteens.

GET REEL: Videos and graphics to enhance your 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum environments. Four videos each month will help kids learn basic faith skills. Use them in your FX, Large Group, or as a promotional piece to show in your adult services:

Discovery—Listen to God's words (HEAR) Dear God—Dialogue with God (PRAY) One Thing—Articulate your faith (TALK) Live Loud—Worship with your life (LIVE)

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENTS INCLUDING:

- Graphic motion loops
- Themed audio transitions
- Virtue and monthly widget promo videos (M.C. Haggis)
- Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)
- Music videos for original songs that highlight each Virtue
- Retro Reel video to play on your fifth Sunday