



WEEK
TWO
FEBRUARY 2023

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
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STAGE

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves me and wants to spend time with me.

MARY AND MARTHA
LUKE 10:38-42

MEMORY VERSE

"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves me.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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.

Stop and Freeze
Listen
How Much Time

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Never Be" and "My Forever Friend"

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.

Wide, Long, High, and Deep
Stop and Go
Friend Time
Love Tap
Box of Candy Hearts
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: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in your Bible at Ephesians 3:18; music player and this month's worship song, "Never Be," included in your monthly files; dance moves video for "Never Be," available on OrangeKidsMusic.com or in your media package if you subscribe; "My Forever Friend," available on the Very Big Things album on Apple Music®, Spotify®, and OrangKidsMusic.com; Optional Dance Moves video for "My Forever Friend," available at OrangeKidsMusic.com

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! I'm so glad to see you. It's time to worship and thank God for sending Jesus. Did you know that **Jesus wants to be my friend forever?** It's true! No one loves us like Jesus. **Who loves you?"**

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**Jesus loves me.**"

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! Let's sing our song for this month."

Lead children in singing "Never Be," this month's worship song.

"I love that song! We'll sing it all month long. **Who loves you?"**

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**Jesus loves me.**"

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! **Jesus loves me!** Let's say our memory verse together."

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "'How wide (*hold arms out wide*) and long (*hold arms up and down*) and high (*jump high*) and deep (*crouch low*) is the love (*hug yourself*) of Christ,' (*point up*) Ephesians 3:18." (*Open hands like a book.*)

WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus' love for us is wide and long and high and deep. He's our forever friend. Let's sing this together."

Lead children in singing "My Forever Friend."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus is always with me. He's never gonna let me go. Thanks for worshipping with me today, friends!"



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Giant conversation hearts from Week 1; painter's tape; dust rag; and a broom

WHAT YOU DO: Tape the giant hearts to the wall in the storytelling area where children can see them.

Host enters holding the rag in one hand and the broom in the other.

HOST: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and we're having a Happy Hearts party for Valentine's Day! Do you see all the hearts?"

Gesture to the hearts on the wall of your storytelling area.

"These hearts stand for love. And now I want to make this place sparkly clean! Let's see.

Set down the broom and look around.

"This is going to be a lot of work. There sure is a lot of dust in here. Everyone, grab your pretend duster and dust with me.

Pretend to dust with the rag all around the storytelling area, then wipe your brow.

"Whew! We sure cleaned a lot of dust! I didn't realize just how dusty it was in here. Now it's time to sweep the floor. Grab your pretend broom and stand up with me.

Grab the broom.

"Here we go! Let's sweep over here. Sweep, sweep, sweep.

Move to the other side of the storytelling area.

"And over here. Sweep, sweep, sweep.

Move to the center of the storytelling area.

"And here. Sweep, sweep, sweep. WOW! This looks so much better! Thanks for your help, friends. You can have a seat. I've been working so hard that I am tired. I think I'll take a little rest. See you in a little bit."

Host exits, leaving cleaning supplies behind.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Table, Bible, broom and dust rag from Intro Sketch, and pillow; Optional "Jesus Poster" boxes from Week One; *Optional Story Images* and cardstock

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the table in the storytelling area and place the pillow near it. Option: Set the "Jesus Poster"



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boxes on the table. Option: Copy the *Optional Story Images* on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.

Storyteller enters with the Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Hey, friends. How are you? I'm SO glad to see you today because I have a true story from the Bible to share with you, and it's about Jesus!

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

"Jesus and His friends, the disciples, walked to different towns because Jesus loved people and wanted to teach them about God and how to love one another. One day, Jesus visited a town where two sisters lived. Their names were Mary and Martha. What were their names?"

CHILDREN: "Mary and Martha."

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STORYTELLER: "Yes! Mary and Martha both loved Jesus, and Jesus loved them! Martha was SO excited to see Jesus that she invited Him to come to their house.

"As soon as Jesus got to Mary and Martha's house . . .

Sit down on the pillow.

"Mary sat right down at His feet.

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"Mary knew that Jesus would say important things, so she wanted to hear everything Jesus had to say. Mary wanted to spend as much time as she could with Jesus.

"But Martha didn't sit down with Jesus.

Stand up and walk to the broom and dust rag.

"Martha got busy. Very, very busy.

Begin to sweep.

"She was here! Sweep, sweep, sweep.

Set down the broom, pick up the dust rag, and "dust" around your storytelling area.

"She was there. Dust, dust, dust.

"She was cooking and cleaning. You see, Martha was trying to make everything perfect for Jesus' visit. So while Mary sat at Jesus' feet (*point to the pillow on the floor*), Martha was busy, busy, busy doing things around the house.



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"Finally, Martha went to Jesus and said, 'Make my sister help me. I'm doing all the work!' But Jesus told Martha that spending time with Him is the best thing to do.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

"Martha didn't need to be worried about the cooking and cleaning. Jesus wanted to spend time with her.

"Wow! Jesus came to spend time with them. He didn't need everything to be perfect in Mary and Martha's house. Jesus wanted to spend time with them.

"Guess what, friends? Jesus loves you and wants to spend time with you (*point to several different children around the room*) and you and you and you and you! Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever.

"Tell me, **who loves you?**"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus loves me."

STORYTELLER: "That's right! Jesus loves you, and **Jesus loves me!** Let's bow our heads and talk to God."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, you are awesome! Thanks for sending Jesus to show us how much you love us! We are so happy to know that Jesus LOVES us and wants to spend time with us. Jesus is the BEST friend ever. It's in Jesus' name we pray, amen.

"Friends, you are GREAT listeners! See you next time."

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

The Host enters, smiling.

HOST: "WOW! Jesus said spending time with Him is most important. Jesus LOVES you, and **Jesus loves me!** I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?"

CHILDREN: "Got it!"

HOST: "Good! How cool is that? Jesus LOVES us so, so much. See you next time!"

Host exits, waving to the children.



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GETTING READY

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

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive worship, the introductory sketch, and the Bible story. The Stage Script is written for those who gather their preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible story. If you are pulling your children to a rug to one side of your preschool space, you may benefit from using the Rug Script.

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

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

1. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Instruments or music player
- "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in your Bible at Ephesians 3:18, NIV

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Never Be," which is included in your monthly files
- "My Forever Friend," available on the Very Big Things Album on Apple Music®, Spotify®, and OrangKidsMusic.com

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "Never Be," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangKidsMusic.com
- Dance Moves Music Video for "My Forever Friend," available from OrangKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs (available on OrangKidsMusic.com) and have them ready to use.

2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Six giant conversation hearts from Week 1
- Painter's tape
- Broom
- Dust rag

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tape the giant conversation hearts to the wall where the children can see them.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Table
- Bible
- Pillow
- Dust rag and broom from Intro Sketch
- Optional: "Jesus Poster" boxes from Week 1.

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W2 01
- Story Image W2 02
- Story Image W2 03
- Story Image W2 04

WHAT YOU DO:

- Preset the table in your storytelling area and place the pillow near it.
- Option: Preset the "Jesus Poster" boxes on the table or chair.
- Option: Copy the *Optional Story Images* on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

WONDER, LOOK AT GOD'S STORY: First Look offers weekly introductory sketches and Bible stories on the DVD titled "Wonder, Look at God's Story." This DVD is available for purchase at OrangeStore.org or as part of your monthly Media Package.

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