



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves me  
no matter what.

**THE THANKFUL WOMAN**  
LUKE 7:36-50

### 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.*

With Your Feet  
Thankful Game  
Smelling Nice 

### 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.*

Stretchy Verse  
Thankful Hearts  
Jesus Loves Me No Matter What  
Parachute Hearts  
Love Letters   
Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



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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:** "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in Bible at Ephesians 3:18; instruments or music player; "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 videos for "Never Be," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com and "My Friend Forever," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Hey, everyone! I'm SO glad to see you today. Do you remember **who LOVES you?** Who wants to be your friend FOREVER? Jesus! He loves you so much. **Who loves you?"**

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Yes, He does! Just like sticky glue, He's always with me and you. Stand up and sing this with me.

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

**"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:** "Great job! I know I can count on Jesus because **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** One more time, **who loves you?"**

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "You've got it! Jesus is our forever friend. Sing this with me.

*Lead children in singing "My Forever Friend."*



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"I wanna be, wanna be, wanna be like Him! He's a good, good friend! Remember, Jesus loves you, and **Jesus loves me!**"

## INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Box of candy hearts with "chewed" corner; "chewed-up" plush animal; stuffing and leaf debris

**WHAT YOU DO:** Scatter a few of the candy hearts on the floor then set the box of candy hearts on the floor as if torn open. Place the "chewed-up" plush animal on a shelf or somewhere children can see then scatter the stuffing and leaf debris nearby. If the Host enters through a door, leave it ajar.

*Host enters.*

**HOST:** "Hi, friends. Why is this door open? I guess my friend, [friend's name], left this door wide open earlier.

*Step on candy hearts. Stop and look down.*

"Oh, no!

*Pick up the chewed candy heart box.*

"A squirrel must have gotten in and chewed up my box of candy hearts.

*Look around and notice the chewed-up plush friend.*

"That squirrel made a huge mess everywhere! I'm SO mad that [friend's name] left the door open! This mess is all [his/her] fault. I mean, there are candy hearts here, there, and everywhere!

*Pick up hearts to "read" them.*

"BE MINE. SWEETHEART. LOVE YOU. I should change this heart to read "MAD!" I'm SO mad. I don't think I want to invite [friend's name] to my Hearts Party! I better get a broom to clean up this mess."

*The Host stomps off in anger.*

## BIBLE STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Perfume Bottle" Activity Page; cardstock; glue or tape; toilet paper tube; small table; "Jesus Poster" boxes from Week One; and Bible; *Optional Story Images* and cardstock

**WHAT YOU DO:** Preset the table in the storytelling area. Set the "Jesus Poster" boxes on the table but turned so the children can't see the picture. Copy "Perfume Bottle" on cardstock, cut out, and glue or tape to the toilet paper tube so it can stand up on the table. Option: Copy Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.

*The storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and perfume bottle.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm glad to see you because I have an important, TRUE story to tell you from the Bible

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



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"It's about . . . (Stack the three Jesus poster boxes to face the children.) Jesus! Would you like to hear a story about Jesus? (Listen.) Awesome!

"One day, an important teacher invited Jesus to his house for dinner.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

"Let's pretend we're all sitting around the table for a special dinner party. Let's sit up straight, put our napkins in our laps, and use our manners.

*Pantomime eating a meal.*

"Mmmm, my chicken is delicious! What kind of food would you have at a fancy meal? (Listen.) That sounds yummy, friends. Let's put our food away for now.

"Many people came to the dinner, and they were sitting around the table with Jesus, eating and talking. Then a woman, who was not invited, walked in with a bottle of perfume.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

*Hold up the perfume bottle.*

"Now, this woman had made a lot of bad choices, so the important teacher who invited Jesus over did not think she should be at the dinner. But the woman heard that Jesus was going to be there. She knew Jesus loved her, and she wanted to see Him."

"The woman went to Jesus and started crying. Do you know why she was crying? (Pause.) She was crying because she knew Jesus loved her, no matter what. She was SO thankful that Jesus loved her that she wanted to do something special for Him. So, she washed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.

"She poured special perfume on His feet because she loved Jesus so much and was so thankful for Him.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)

*Hold up the perfume container and pretend to pour it at the bottom of the Jesus poster boxes.*

"The important teacher was surprised. Can you show me your surprised face, friends?

*Open your mouth wide and put your hands on either side of it.*

"He thought Jesus should stay away from the woman. He said, 'Jesus, don't you know what she's done?' But Jesus DID know everything the woman had done, and He knew how sorry she was. He could see how much the woman loved Him. So, Jesus smiled at her.



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Show me your biggest smile, friends! (*Smile.*) Yes! Jesus smiled at her and said, 'Your sins are forgiven . . . go in peace.'

(Option: Display Story Image W4 04)

"Jesus forgave the woman for the bad choices she'd made, and He loved her anyway. Jesus loves you no matter what, too. Give yourselves a big hug! Yes! Jesus loves you. There is absolutely nothing you could ever do to make Jesus stop loving you.

"Jesus loves you, and He wants to be your friend forever. Tell me, **who loves you?**"

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus loves me!"**

**STORYTELLER:** "You've got it! I'm SO glad Jesus loved the woman who washed His feet with her tears and that He loves us, too! Let's pray."

## PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You so much for Jesus! He is the best friend ever. Thank You for loving us, no matter what. We love You. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

"Thanks for listening! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

*The Storyteller exits with the perfume bottle and the Bible.*

## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Broom and dustpan

*The Host enters, smiling with the broom and a dustpan then begins sweeping up the candy from the floor.*

**HOST:** "Wow! Jesus loved and forgave the woman, even though she had done wrong things! Jesus loves and forgives us, too! I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?"

**CHILDREN:** "Got it!"

**HOST:** "Good! Jesus loves and forgives me. So I can love and forgive others, too. Even though I'm mad about this mess, I love my friend, and I forgive them. I definitely want them to come to the Hearts Party. See you next time."

*Host exits with the broom and dustpan while 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 OrangeKidsMusic.com

#### OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

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

#### WHAT YOU DO:

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

## 2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Chewed-up" plush friend
- Box of candy hearts with a "chewed-up" corner
- Some stuffing and leaf debris
- Broom and dustpan for Outro sketch

#### WHAT YOU DO:

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## 3. BIBLE STORY

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Perfume Bottle" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Toilet paper tube
- Glue or tape
- Bible
- Small table
- "Jesus Poster" boxes from Week One

#### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03
- Story Image W4 04

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### 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](http://OrangeStore.org) or as part of your monthly Media Package.

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