



WEEK
ONE
MARCH 2023

LARGE GROUP
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TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can love like Jesus.

**JESUS WASHES
HIS FRIENDS' FEET
JOHN 13:3-7, 34-35**

MEMORY VERSE

"A friend loves at all times."

PROVERBS 17:17, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

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.

Do What I Do
Bath Time
Shoe Matching

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Best Friend" and "Never Be"

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.

Memory Verse with Motions
Story Bag
Ways to Love Like Jesus
Buckets of Love
Love Like Jesus Puzzle
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: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; paperclip; Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "Best Friend," included in your monthly files; and "Never Be," available on iTunes®, Spotify®, and OrangeKidsMusic.com; *Optional Dance Moves videos for "Best Friend," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com* and "Never Be," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO: Copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut apart. Paperclip in Bible at Proverbs 17:17 and keep it there all month. Download all songs and have them ready to use.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, everyone! I'm SO glad to see you. Do you know what time it is? It's worship time! This is your chance to sing and dance and show God how much we love Him. God gave us Jesus to be our friend forever! Jesus loves you so much. When I ask, '**Who can love like Jesus?**', you say, '**I can love like Jesus.**' **Who can love like Jesus?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "I can love like Jesus."

Lead children in singing "Best Friend," this month's worship song.

WORSHIP LEADER: "I LOVE that song! Jesus is the best friend, and I'm so glad to know that **Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Who can love like Jesus?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "I can love like Jesus."

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! **I can love like Jesus!** The Bible teaches us that 'A friend loves at all times,' Proverbs 17:17. Let's learn our verse together. Listen to me say it and watch me do the motions, then you can do it with me!

"'A friend (hook pointer fingers together) loves (hug yourself) at all times (arms out and twirl),' Proverbs 17:17. (Open hands like a book.)"

Repeat the verse and the motions with the children.

"Great job, everyone. Jesus is our friend for life, and we will never be without Him! Isn't that amazing? Jesus is the best! Stand up and sing this out with me.

Lead children in singing "Never Be."



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"Jesus loves us so much! We will never be without Him. Thanks for worshipping with me, friends!"

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Table, a few toys, bin with soapy water, bin with clean water, sponge, and a towel

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the table in your storytelling area then set the bins of water, the sponge, and the towel on the table. Preset the box of Mr. Potato Head® figures for Story next to the table.

The host enters with toys.

HOST: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I have some toys that were left outside. Now they're dirty! So, I'm going to wash them.

Set the toys on the table.

"See? I have soap and water, a sponge, and a towel! I use the soap, then I scrub, scrub, scrub.

Plunge a toy into the soapy water then scrub with the sponge.

"I love how it makes bubbles! Then, after I wash the toy, I rinse it with clean water.

Plunge the toy into the clean water.

"And last, but not least, I dry the toy with this towel. Now my toy is clean and dry. I think I left a few more toys outside. See you later, friends."

The host exits, leaving everything behind.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Table and water bins from Intro Sketch; box; shallow tray or bin of mud; and several Mr. Potato Head® figures; *Optional Story Images and cardstock*

WHAT YOU DO: Place the Mr. Potato Head® figures in the box then preset the box near the table. *Option:* Copy the *Optional Story Images* on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.

The storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and tray of mud, and sets the tray on the table.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm so excited to share our TRUE story straight from the Bible.

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

"If you're ready for the story, on the count of three, yell, 'Tell me a story!' One, two three!"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Tell me a story!"



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STORYTELLER: "Okay! Today's true story from the Bible is about the ONE most special, most powerful, most important things Jesus told us to do. Do you want to know what it is? Well, Jesus didn't just TELL us, Jesus SHOWED us what to do.

Pull out the Mr. Potato Head® figures and line them up along the front of the table.

"One night Jesus was having dinner with His friends, the disciples.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)

"And Jesus did something to SHOW them what the one thing He wants all of us to do. Jesus got up from where He was eating and wrapped a towel around His waist. Then, Jesus poured some water into a bowl. *(Gesture to the bin of water.)* He took the water, knelt down in front of His friends, and began washing their feet.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)

"Wait! Did you hear that? Jesus washed what? *(Listen.)* Their feet!

Place two Mr. Potato Head® figures in the mud and briefly "walk" them around the tray.

"Their feet probably had a LOT of dirt on them from walking around outside.

"This was a messy, smelly job. Jesus is God's Son, and He is SO special and important. His friends were surprised that someone so important would do that messy job.

Place the figure in the soapy water to scrub then the clean water to rinse. Then dry it with a towel.

"But Jesus washed His friends' feet, then He took the towel that was wrapped around Him and dried them. When Jesus got to Peter. . .

Hold up a second figure to represent Peter.

"Peter said, 'No, Jesus! Don't wash my feet.'

(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)

"You see, Peter knew Jesus was so special and so important that he thought Jesus should never do a job like washing dirty feet. But Jesus said that if Peter was going to follow Him, he would have to let Jesus wash his feet.

Put "Peter" in the dirt and wash his feet.

"Then Peter REALLY wanted Jesus to wash his feet because Peter wanted to follow Jesus.



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"After Jesus was done, Jesus told them that He washed their feet to show them how to love people like He loves people. Loving like Jesus is the ONE most special, most powerful, most important thing Jesus told us to do!

"So, what are some ways WE can love like Jesus? There are so many ways. We can clap and cheer for others. Everyone, practice clapping with me!

Lead children to clap.

"Great job! You can put your hands down. We can also let someone else go first. We can help someone clean up, even if we didn't make the mess!

"There are so many ways that we can love like Jesus, and that is the one most important thing we can do! When I ask, '**Who can love like Jesus?**', I want you to say, '**I can love like Jesus.**' **Who can love like Jesus?**'"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "I can love like Jesus!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes, you can! But we need Jesus' help, so let's pray."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to love others. It's the most important thing we can do. Help us love others like Jesus loves us this week. In His name we pray, amen."

"Way to be good listeners, friends! Let's love like Jesus. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Handful of confetti

The Host enters with a handful of confetti.

HOST: "Wow! Jesus washed His friends' feet to show them how to love people. With His help, I know **I can love like Jesus!** I think I (*point to self*) got the story. Did you (*point to audience*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?" (*cup hand to hear to encourage responses*)

CHILDREN: "Got it!"

HOST: (*two thumbs up*) "Good! When I love like Jesus, it's like spreading love (*toss up a handful of confetti*) everywhere. See you next time, friends!"

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" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Paperclip

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

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

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

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2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Table
- Clear bin of soapy water
- Clear bin of clean water
- Sponge
- Towel
- A few toys
- Handful of confetti (*Outro Sketch*)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Preset the table in your storytelling area with two bins of water, the sponge, and the towel.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Three Mr. Potato Head® figures
- Shallow tray or bin of thick mud
- Small box or bin
- *Optional: Cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W1 01
- Story Image W1 02
- Story Image W1 03
- Story Image W1 04

WHAT YOU DO:

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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 or as part of your monthly Media Package.

FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. bit.ly/FL_ConfettiToss