



WEEK  
**TWO**  
MARCH 2023

LARGE GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
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STAGE

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

I can be kind like Jesus.

**JESUS IS GENTLE**  
**MARK 5:25-34**

### 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.*

Let's Be Gentle  
Kind Words  
Feely Box

### LARGE GROUP

**20**  
MIN

#### **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

#### **STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways**

"Best Friend" and "Love Like Jesus"

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.*

High Five  
Confetti Tic-Tac-Toe  
Turn and Tell  
Obstacle Course Navigation  
Speech Bubble Words  
Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



10 MINUTES

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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" from Week One paperclipped in Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "Best Friend," included in your monthly files; "Love Like Jesus," 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 "Love Like Jesus," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

**WHAT YOU DO:** Download all songs and have them ready to use.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Hey, friends! I'm glad to see you and SUPER excited to be able to worship with you. Jesus is the best friend ever. Sing this with me.

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

"What an awesome song! Jesus is the BEST because **Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** The Bible teaches us that 'A friend loves at all times,' Proverbs 17:17. Let's say it together with the motions."

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "**Who can love like Jesus?**"

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "You've got it! I wanna be a good, good friend just like Jesus. Let's sing together!"

Lead children in singing "Love Like Jesus."

### INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Basket of confetti

Host enters and stands in front of the props for Story.

**HOST:** "Hey, friends! I'm [your name], and I have something SUPER fun in this basket. Can you guess what it is? (*Pause.*) Those are great guesses. I'll show you. It's . . . (*Reach in the basket and throw a handful of confetti in the air.*) . . ."



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confetti! I'm throwing confetti every time I see someone loving like Jesus! One time, Zoe let someone else go first for the slide, even though it was her turn. Zoe loved like Jesus!

*Toss a handful of confetti.*

"Then Luca's little brother bumped his knee. Ouch! But Luca shared his favorite snack with his brother to cheer him up. Luca loved like Jesus!

*Toss a handful of confetti.*

"And last night, I was supposed to clean my kitchen after cooking a big dinner. There were dirty dishes everywhere. But then my (*husband, mom, sister, brother, or whoever applies best to you*) came in to help me even though I made the mess! [He/she] loved like Jesus!

*Toss a handful of confetti.*

"It's fun to love like Jesus! See you later, friends."

*The Host exits, leaving the basket of confetti behind.*

## BIBLE STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Sick Woman" and "Biblical People" Activity Pages; 11"x17" heavy paper or cardstock; scissors; hole punch; brad or fastener; paper clips; tape; ribbon or twine; two ladders or chairs; Bible; basket of confetti from Intro Sketch; *Optional Story Images and cardstock.*

**WHAT YOU DO:** Copy "Sick Woman" and "Biblical People" by enlarging onto 11"x17" cardstock, then cut them apart. Punch a hole in the sick woman's shoulder and arm and connect with a brad. Unfold four paper clips to create hooks. Tape the flat side of the unfolded paper clip behind the heads of the four cutouts. <https://pin.it/45ntRWd> Hang a piece of ribbon or twine between two chairs or stepladders. Preset the ladders and ribbon or twine in the storytelling area. Set the cutouts on a ladder rung. *Option:* Copy Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.

(*Note: Ideally, the ribbon should hang just below the Storyteller's chest so the Storyteller can stand behind the cutouts and still be seen. If you have a smaller space, hang the string on a wall.*)

*The storyteller enters carrying a Bible and the prepared cutouts.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm so glad to see you! I have an awesome TRUE story to share with you straight from the Bible.

*Hold up the Bible for the children to see then set it on a ladder and pick up the "Sick Woman" cutout.*

"Okay, so our Bible story today begins with a woman.



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*(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)*

*Hang the "Sick Woman" at the beginning of the line.*

"The woman had been sick for a long, long time. She had gone to so many doctors. But no one could heal her. The woman was so so sad.

"One day, Jesus came to town.

*Hang the Jesus cutout at end of the line.*

"The woman had heard that Jesus could make sick people better. And she thought that maybe, just maybe if she touched His clothes, she would be healed. She didn't know if she would be able to get to Jesus because there was a crowd of people.

*(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)*

*Hang the biblical man and woman cutouts on the line between Jesus and the sick woman.*

"But the woman decided to try. So, she made her way through the crowd of people. *(As you move the Sick Woman to the first biblical person, speak as her.)* Excuse me. *(Move her past the first cutout.)*

*(Move her to the next biblical person and speak as her, again.)* Sorry, pardon me. *(Move her past the cutout and speak in your normal voice.)* And finally, she was close enough that she could reach out and touch Jesus' clothes.

*(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)*

*Lift the sick woman's arm to touch the Jesus cutout.*

"And just like that *(snap)*, she was healed! She immediately felt better!

*Lower the sick woman's arm and move her away from Jesus. Pick up the Jesus cutout and move it as if Jesus is looking around.*

"But then, Jesus turned around and said, 'Who touched my clothes?'

"'Uh oh,' the woman thought. 'Am I going to be in trouble? I didn't ask if I could touch His clothes.'

*Move the Sick Woman next to Jesus.*

"So, she went to Jesus and said, 'It was me. I touched your clothes.'

"What do you think Jesus did? Did Jesus stomp His feet *(stomp your feet)* and get mad or use mean words? *(Pause.)*

"No way! Jesus was gentle and kind. Jesus loved the woman and told her that she was all better.



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(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

*Toss a handful of confetti from the basket into the air.*

"Jesus loved the woman by using kind words. That's how we can love people, too. We can use kind words and be gentle with our friends. We can love like Jesus! Tell me, **who can love like Jesus?**"

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "I can love like Jesus."

**STORYTELLER:** "That's right. We CAN love like Jesus. Let's pray."

## PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** "Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus showed us how to love others by choosing to be kind. Help us love others with our kind words and actions, too. We love You! In Jesus' name, amen."

"Friends, you are awesome! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

*The Storyteller exits with the Bible, leaving the confetti basket behind.*

## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Basket of confetti from Intro Sketch and Story

**HOST:** "Wow! Jesus shows us so many ways that we can love others like He does. I think I (*thumbs to chest*) got the story. Did you (*point to children*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?"

**CHILDREN AND HOST:** "Got it!"

**HOST:** (*Give two thumbs up.*) "Good! That makes me think of Ms. Kathy Sue. She's been sick with a cold all week. I'm going to make her a get-well card. Wait, that's loving like Jesus!"

*Toss a handful of confetti into the air.*

"Remember, **I can love like Jesus.** See you next time!"

*Host exits with the basket of confetti, 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" from Week One paperclipped in your Bible at Proverbs 17:17, NIV

#### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Best Friend," included in your monthly files
- "Love Like Jesus," available on the Love Like Jesus Album on Apple Music®, Spotify®, and OrangeKidsMusic.com

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

- Dance Moves Music Video for "Best Friend," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com
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#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Download songs and have them ready to use.

## 2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Basket of confetti

## 3. BIBLE STORY

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Sick Woman" Activity Page
- "Biblical People" Activity Pages
- 11"x17" heavy paper or cardstock
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Brad or fastener
- Paper clips
- Tape
- Ribbon or twine
- Two ladders or chairs
- Bible
- *Optional: Cardstock*

#### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

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