



# TODAY’S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus is alive, and He wants to be our friend forever.

### BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH JOHN 21:1-14

### MEMORY VERSE

“I am alive for ever and ever!”

### REVELATION 1:18, NIV

### KEY QUESTION

Who is alive?

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is alive.

### 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 Swim
- Love and People Patterns
- Making Breakfast

### LARGE GROUP

20  
MIN


#### WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God STORY: Communicating God’s truth in engaging ways

- “He Is Alive” and “Best 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.
- Heart Matching
- Let’s Go Fishing!
- Cereal Bracelets 
- Friend to Friend
- Fish Fry
- Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



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PRELUDE      SOCIAL      **WORSHIP**      STORY      GROUPS      HOME

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, "He Is Alive," included in your monthly files; and "Best Friend," available on Apple Music®, Spotify®, and OrangeKidsMusic.com; Optional Dance Moves Videos for "He Is Alive," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com and "Best Friend," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Raise your hand if you're happy to be at church today! (Pause.) Raise your other hand if you're ready to worship because **Jesus is alive.** (Pause.) Awesome! Tell me, **who is alive?**"

**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER:** "**Jesus is alive.**"

*Lead children in singing "He Is Alive," this month's worship song.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Jesus has saved the day, and I know He loves me! I'm so glad to know that **Jesus is alive! Who is alive?**"

**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER:** "**Jesus is alive.**"

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "You've got it. **Jesus is alive!** The Bible teaches us that 'I am alive for ever and ever,' Revelation 1:18. Let's say it together."

**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER:** "'I am alive (point up) for ever and ever,' (twirl around) Revelation 1:18." (Open hands like a book.)

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Isn't that awesome? **Jesus is alive** for ever and ever. And **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** There is no friend better than Jesus! He's my best friend. Let's sing this out!"

*Lead children in singing "Best Friend."*



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## INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Table, small tote bag, apron, chef hat, and oven mitt

**WHAT YOU DO:** Place the apron, chef hat, and oven mitt in the tote bag. Preset the table in the center of the storytelling area.

*The Host enters, carrying the tote bag, then lays it on the table.*

**HOST:** "Hello, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! It's me, [your name]! Today, I'm doing something really fun! (*Pause briefly.*) I'm cooking breakfast for my friends! I'm making eggs and toast. Yummy! But first, I need to put on all of my chef things.

"Number one . . . (*Hold up one finger.*) . . . I have to put on my apron to keep food from getting on my clothes.

*Put on the apron.*

"Number two . . . (*Hold up two fingers.*) . . . I have to wear a chef's hat to keep my hair out of the food.

*Put on the chef's hat.*

"Number three . . . (*Hold up three fingers.*) I need to wear this oven mitt to keep my hand safe in case anything is too hot.

*Put the oven mitt on one hand.*

"What do you think of my apron, chef's hat, and oven mitt?"

*Model the apron, chef's hat, and oven mitt.*

"Pretty cool, right? Now I'm ready to cook breakfast for my friends!

"Hey! That reminds me of today's Bible story. Someone VERY special cooks breakfast, and I can't wait for you to hear all about it! See you later!"

*The Host exits, wearing the apron, chef's hat, and oven mitt while carrying the tote bag.*

## BIBLE STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible, table from Intro Sketch, and the jumbo numbers from previous weeks; *Optional Story Images and cardstock*

**WHAT YOU DO:** Preset the jumbo numbers in the storytelling area. Option: Copy Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.

*The storyteller enters, carrying a Bible.*



**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

*Hold up the Bible and lay it open on the table.*

**STORYTELLER:** "But before I tell you today's story, I want to talk about what happened in the Easter story. Do you remember what happened in the Easter story? (Pause.) Jesus died, then three days later—count to three with me . . . (Point to the numbers as you count with the children.) one, two, three . . . Jesus came back!

"Yes! Jesus came back because **Jesus is alive! Who is alive?"**

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: Jesus is alive!"**

**STORYTELLER:** "That's right!

"At first, when Jesus died, Jesus' friends were very, very sad. Show me your sad faces. (Pause and look around.) Yes, they were sad, just like your faces. But then, on the third day—count to three with me again . . . (Point to the numbers as you count with the children.) one, two, three . . . Jesus came back!

"How do you think Jesus' friends felt when He came back? Were they happy or sad? Show me what face you think Jesus' friends had when they saw Jesus again. (Pause and look around.) YES! Happy faces!

"Jesus' friends were happy because **Jesus is alive!** And that is the Easter story.

"Well, today's story happened not long after the Easter story.

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)*

"One day, Jesus went to see His friends while they were fishing. Jesus wanted to spend time with His friends so they could see that **Jesus is alive** and He wants to be their friend forever

"When Jesus' friend, Peter, saw Jesus, he got so excited that he jumped in the water—SPLASH!

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)*

"Peter swam right to Jesus as fast as he could! Guess what Jesus was doing when Peter got to Him? (Pause.)

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)*

"Jesus was making breakfast for His friends!

"Peter and Jesus' other friends sat and ate breakfast together. They were all so happy to be with Jesus again. They knew Jesus loved them, and now Jesus would be their friend forever and ever!

"And the best part is that Jesus loves YOU (point to children) and He wants to be YOUR (point to children) friend forever, too! It's true! Jesus wants to be your friend forever! Let's count to three, and say that together. Here we go!"



*Point to the numbers as you say them with the children.*

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "One . . . two . . . three, **Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**"

**STORYTELLER:** "Again!"

*Point to the numbers as you say them with the children.*

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "One . . . two . . . three, **Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**"

**STORYTELLER:** "You got it! **Jesus is alive**, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever. **Who is alive?**"

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "**Jesus is alive!**"

**STORYTELLER:** "**Who is alive?**"

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "**Jesus is alive!**"

**STORYTELLER:** "He sure is!"

"Thank you for being such great listeners, today. Now it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

### PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, I love hearing stories about how much Jesus loves us and wants to be our friend forever. Help us believe that **Jesus is alive** and choose to follow Him so we can be His friend forever and ever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

"It was great seeing you, today! Bye, friends!"

*Storyteller exits with the Bible.*

### OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Apron, chef's hat, and oven mitt from Intro Sketch

*The Host enters, still wearing the apron, chef's hat, and oven mitt.*

**HOST:** "Wow! Jesus cooked breakfast for His friends! Jesus wanted His friends to see Him so they would know that He is alive and will be their friend forever. And now Jesus wants to be our friend forever, too!"

"I think I got the story. Did you get it? (Pause.) If you did, give me two thumbs-up (*hold up two thumbs*) and say, 'Got it!' (Pause.) Get it?"

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



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**HOST:** "Good!

"I love knowing that **Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** I'm going to cook breakfast for my friends now and tell them that Jesus wants to be their friend forever, too! See you next time. Bye!"

*Host exits.*



## 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 Revelation 1:18

#### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

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

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

- Dance Moves Music Video for "He Is Alive," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com
- Dance Moves Music Video for "Best 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:

- Table
- Small tote bag
- Apron
- Chef's hat
- Oven mitt

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Place the apron, chef's hat, and oven mitt in the tote bag.
- Preset the table in the center of the storytelling area.

## 3. BIBLE STORY

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Jumbo numbers 1, 2, and 3 from the previous weeks
- Table from Intro Sketch
- *Optional Story Images and cardstock*

#### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W3 01
- Story Image W3 02
- Story Image W3 03

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Preset the jumbo numbers in the storytelling area.
- *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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