



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can share like Jesus.

JESUS HELPS
JOHN 6:1-13

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.

Feeding People
Roll the Ball
Pack a Lunch

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.

Cut and Paste Memory Verse
Bible Story Blocks
Fish and Bread Patterns 
Pass the Ice Cream
Confetti Snow Globe
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" from Week One paperclipped in Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "Best Friend," included in your monthly files; "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: Download all songs and have them ready to use.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Friends, I am so excited that you are here today! Sunday is my favorite day because we get to worship God together. We're learning that we 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! I'm so glad to know that **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Jesus LOVES you, and Jesus LOVES me! **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 say it together and do 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: "Great job! A good friend loves at ALL times! We can love others at all times because Jesus loves us. There will NEVER BE a better friend than Jesus. Let's sing this out together.

Lead children in singing "Never Be."

WORSHIP LEADER: "How deep, how wide, how strong is the love of Jesus. He loves you, friends!"



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Table; bin or laundry basket; chewy snack; crunchy snack; juice box or water bottle; paper lunch sacks; and small basket of confetti

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the table in the storytelling area and place the basket of confetti on it. Put the snacks and drink inside the bin. Place empty paper bags inside the bin, open as if already filled. *Note: The paper bag of cutouts for Story should also be placed in the bin.*

Host enters, carrying the bin or laundry basket with the prepared bags.

HOST: "Hi, everyone! I'm [your name]. Do you know what my favorite time of day is? (Pause.) Snack time!

Hold up bin of sacks and set it on the table.

"But I found out that some kids at [my school/a local school] don't always have a snack. So, I decided to make some snack bags to take there.

Take out an empty bag.

"Every bag gets a chewy snack. Yum!

Hold up the granola bar then place it in the bag.

"Next, I put in a crunchy snack.

Pick up the crunchy snack and place it in the bag.

"And what do you need with a yummy snack? (Listen.) Yes! You need a drink.

Place the juice box or water bottle in the bag. Look at the bag and frown.

"You know, these snack bags are kind of plain. Maybe I should think of something to put on them. I'm going to go do that while you hear today's true story from the Bible."

Host exits, leaving the snack supplies behind.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Fish and Loaves" Activity Page, cardstock, paper lunch sack, scissors, marker, and Bible; *Optional Story Images*

WHAT YOU DO: Copy "Fish and Loaves" on cardstock and cut out. Place the cutouts inside the lunch sack and write "Story" on it so the Storyteller can easily find it. Place the sack inside the bin or basket for Intro Sketch.

Option: Copy Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible then lay it open on the table*) is about one way Jesus showed love to the people around Him. It starts with Jesus and



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His friends, the disciples.

"There was a crowd of people coming to see Jesus.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)

"There were over 5,000 people! Jesus loved them all. Jesus knew they would be hungry and wanted to help them.

"So, Jesus asked one of His friends, 'Where can we buy bread for all these people?'

"Bread for more than 5,000 people? Think about how much bread that would be. A LOT! And then you'd have to PAY for all that bread.

Pick up the lunch bag marked "Story" and open it.

"There was a boy in the crowd who offered to share his lunch. Let's see what he brought. Ooh, I see some small loaves of bread. Can you count the bread with me?

Pull out the bread cutouts as you count.

"One, two, three, four, five. The boy had five loaves of bread. *(Pull out the fish cutouts.)* And two fish.

Put the food cutouts back into the bag.

"Now is that enough to feed more than 5,000 people? *(Shake head.)* No! That's not enough food for more than 5,000 people. But listen to what Jesus did.

Hold up the lunch sack.

"Jesus took the boy's lunch and thanked God for the food.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

"Jesus said everyone could have as much food as they wanted, and everyone got enough food.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)

"Wow! Jesus fed more than 5,000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish. But wait, there's more!

"After everyone ate, Jesus said, 'If there's any food leftover, put it in the baskets and bring it up here.'

(Option: Display Story Image W3 04)

"And there were TWELVE baskets of food left over. WOW! Jesus is amazing. Jesus helped a lot of people that day by feeding them. You can love like Jesus, too, by helping.



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"You can help set the table. You can give a snack to someone who is hungry. You can give a hug when someone is sad. There are so many ways you can help others. And when you help someone, you love like Jesus!

"Did you like the story? If you did, give it two thumbs-up.

Lead children to give two thumbs-up.

"Awesome. **Who can love like Jesus?"**

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

STORYTELLER: "That's the truth, friends. We can help others and love like Jesus. Let's bow our heads, close our eyes, and talk to God."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. He showed us how to love others by helping them! Help us love others around us just like Jesus. We love You! In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

"Friends, you are awesome listeners! See you later!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Marker and basket of confetti

The Host enters, smiling with a marker.

HOST: "Wow! All the people were so hungry, but they didn't have any food. Jesus helped them by making sure everyone had enough food to eat. 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! I'm sure the people in the crowd that day felt so loved when Jesus gave them food. I'm going to write, 'Jesus loves you' on all of these snack bags.

Write, "Jesus Loves You" on a bag.

"Now that's loving like Jesus!

Toss up a handful of confetti.

HOST: "See you later, friends!"



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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
- "Never Be," available on the Amazing Album on Apple Music®, Spotify®, and OrangKidsMusic.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
- Dance Moves Music Video for "Never Be," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download songs and have them ready to use.

2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Table
- Bin or laundry basket
- Chewy snack such as a granola bar
- Crunchy snack such as an individual pretzel or cracker snack bag
- Juice box or water bottle
- Paper lunch sacks
- Small basket of confetti
- Marker (for Outro Sketch)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Preset the table in the storytelling area and set the basket of confetti on it.
- Place the snacks and drink in the basket.
- Open up several paper lunch sacks and place them in the bin as if they are already filled with snacks.
- NOTE: The "Story" lunch sack with the fish and loaves cutouts will be placed in the bin as well.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Fish and Loaves" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Paper lunch sack
- Marker
- Bible

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W3 01
- Story Image W3 02
- Story Image W3 03
- Story Image W3 04

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Fish and Loaves" on cardstock and cut out, one set per large group.
- Place the fish and loaves cutouts inside the paper lunch sack.
- Write "Story" on the lunch sack so it can be easily found by the storyteller.



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- Set the "Story" lunch sack in the bin or laundry basket used in the Intro Sketch.
- *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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Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. bit.ly/FL_ConfettiToss