



## TODAY’S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus taught us how to love one another.

**EARLY CHURCH**  
**ACTS 2:42-47**

### 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.*

- Make It Big
- Floor Puzzles
- Share a Picnic

### 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.*

- Watercolor Heart
- Love Like Jesus
- Paper Cup Heart Projector
- Hearts and Shapes Musical Chairs
- Look of Love
- Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



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:** "Hello, everybody! I'm SO glad to see you. What an awesome month we've had learning about Jesus! We can worship Him because **Jesus is alive. Who is alive?"**

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "You've got it! Let's stand and sing about how **Jesus is alive!**"

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

"There's a smile on my face today because **Jesus is alive!** The Bible teaches us that 'I am alive for ever and ever,' Revelation 1:18. Let's say it together with the motions."

**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:** "**Jesus is alive!** And **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** He's always there for me and always there for you! Sing this out."

*Lead children in singing "Best Friend."*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Thank you for worshipping with me!"



WEEK  
**FIVE**  
APRIL 2023

LARGE GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS  
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

**STORY**

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

## INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Table and a birdhouse with a perch

**WHAT YOU DO:** Preset the table in the middle of the storytelling area.

*Host enters, carrying a birdhouse.*

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! It's me, [your name]! Look at what I'm building.

*Hold the birdhouse up for the children to see.*

"It's a birdhouse!

*Set the birdhouse on the table.*

"Birdhouses go outside so birds can have safe little homes and get bird food. There are one, two, three parts to this birdhouse.

"Part one (*hold up one finger*) is the house. (*Point to the house.*) The house keeps the bird and its food warm and dry. My friend, [friend's name], helped me put the birdhouse together. It turned out great, right?

"Part two (*hold up two fingers*) is the landing perch. (*Point to the perch.*) This is what the bird stands on. My friend, [friend's name], gave me this stick from her craft supplies. Birds can sit on the stick and sing.

"Part three (*hold up three fingers*) is food for the birds to eat. My friend, [friend's name], had some birdseed that he shared with me. I can put the food inside the birdhouse so birds can eat a yummy snack.

"I'm so glad I have friends to help me. There are lots of people helping each other in today's Bible story. I can't wait for you to hear all about it!

"Well, it's time for me to go. I'll see you later!"

*Host exits, carrying the birdhouse.*

## BIBLE STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible, Table from Intro Sketch, jumbo numbers from previous weeks, lunchbox, and a coat; *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.

*Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible, lunchbox, and coat, and lays the lunchbox and coat on the floor beside the table.*

**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.*



PRELUDE      SOCIAL      WORSHIP      **STORY**      GROUPS      HOME

10 MINUTES

“Today’s story is about how more people believed that **Jesus is alive**, and those people became the Church. That’s right! The Church is not about a building. The Church is made of people like you (*point*) and like me (*point*). And Jesus wants the people who are the Church to LOVE!

“Let’s count to three together and say, ‘LOVE!’”

*Point to the numbers as you count with the children.*

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** “One . . . two . . . three . . . LOVE!”

**STORYTELLER:** “Good job!”

“LOVE is what the Church is all about. How did the first Church love each other?”

*(Option: Display Story Image W5 01)*

“Every day, the people would eat meals together.

*Put the lunchbox on the table.*

“The people learned about Jesus together.

*Hold the Bible up and lay it back down.*

“The people prayed together.

*Put hands together in a prayer position.*

“And the people shared everything they had with each other.

*Hold up the coat.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W5 02)*

“If one friend needed a coat, another friend would share their coat.

*Put on the coat.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W5 03)*

“If one friend didn’t have a place to live, another friend would let him stay with them. People would even sell things that they had so they would have money to help each other.

*(Option: Display Story Image W5 04)*

“The people of the first Church wanted to love people the way Jesus loved them. And we can love people like that, too. Jesus wants us to—count with me and say it!”



*Point to the numbers as you count with the children.*

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "One . . . two . . . three . . . LOVE!"

**STORYTELLER:** "And the best part is, we can all be the Church and LOVE, because **Jesus is alive. Who is alive?"**

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

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

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

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

"Okay friends, it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

### PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for all of the people who follow Jesus and make the Church. Please help the Church love one another the way Jesus loves us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

"I have had so much fun counting and learning all about Jesus with you. I hope you have a great day! Bye!"

*Storyteller exits with the Bible.*

### OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Birdhouse from Intro Sketch

*Host enters, carrying the birdhouse.*

**HOST:** "Wow! I love how the Church is made up of people who come together to LOVE Jesus and each other."

"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!"

**HOST:** "Good!"

"You know, I love how my friends and I came together to help build this birdhouse. I'm going to find a good place to hang it outside. I want to start loving and helping others—even birds!"

"See you next time. Bye!"

*Host exits with the birdhouse.*



## 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 OrangKidsMusic.com

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

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

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

## 2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Birdhouse with a perch at the opening
- Table

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Preset the table in the center of the storytelling area.

## 3. BIBLE STORY

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Jumbo numbers from previous weeks
- Lunchbox
- Coat
- Table from Intro Sketch
- *Optional Story Images and cardstock*

#### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W5 01
- Story Image W5 02
- Story Image W5 03
- Story Image W5 04

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Preset the numbers in the storytelling area.
- 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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