



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Everybody Hurts

A Woman Anoints Jesus' Feet
Luke 7:36-50

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Everyone needs forgiveness.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Put up with one another.
Forgive one another if you
are holding something against
someone. Forgive, just as the
Lord forgave you."
Colossians 3:13, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Forgiveness—deciding that
someone who has wronged you
doesn't have to pay

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

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

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

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

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("You're the Reason" from *Press Play: Get in the Mix* and "All of the Ways" from *Everything to Me*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Forgiveness for Everyone (*k-1st grade*), The Great Race (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Application Activity: Forgiveness Is a GIFT (*k-1st grade*), You're Invited! (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Memory Verse Activity: Build-a-Verse (*k-1st grade*), Clap-a-Word (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

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10 MINUTES

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BIBLE VERSES

Luke 7:38 **Luke 7:39** **Luke 7:41-42**
Luke 7:44-47 **Luke 7:50**

HOST SUPPLIES

- Host's phone

STORY SUPPLIES

- Table
- Prop box containing:
 - Items to represent how we might welcome a guest today (i.e. things the kids might say such as a small broom/dustpan, silverware/napkin, deck of UNO® or other game cards, TV remote, video game controller, bracelet making kit, etc.)
 - Bottle of perfume (cover the label or logo if it would be distracting)
 - Large money bag
 - Small money bag

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! It's great to see you today! I'm so glad you're here, because this month we're talking about forgiveness."



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SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

“Forgiveness means deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn’t have to pay.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

“I think we’ve all been in a situation where we’ve done something that hurt someone, and we needed them to forgive us. Or maybe you’ve had to forgive someone else for something THEY did. The truth is, **everyone needs forgiveness.**”

“When you forgive someone, it’s kind of like you’re giving them a do-over or a redo. I’ve got a fun game that we can all play today that will help us practice on our ‘re-working’ skills.

“We’ll put a shape on the screen. You and your small group will find a way to ‘rewrite’ that shape on the floor. You’ll use your bodies to work together and make the shape. We’ll start with easy shapes, then they’ll get more and more difficult!

“Everyone up on your feet! Here’s your first shape. Let’s re-shape it!

AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

- SLIDE: GAME SHAPE 1 (TRIANGLE)**
- SLIDE: GAME SHAPE 2 (CIRCLE)**
- SLIDE: GAME SHAPE 3 (SQUARE)**
- SLIDE: GAME SHAPE 4 (RECTANGLE)**
- SLIDE: GAME SHAPE 5 (HEART)**
- SLIDE: GAME SHAPE 6 (STAR)**
- SLIDE: GAME SHAPE 7 (FLOWER)**
- SLIDE: GAME SHAPE 8 (RANDOM SHAPE)**

Put the shapes on the screen, one at a time. Don’t change to the next shape until every group has made the shape. As you see groups completing the shapes, walk around and tell them when they’ve gotten it right. You can even take pictures of them with your phone and show them what they look like.

This isn’t a competition. The goal is to get every group to have fun trying to complete the challenge together.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

“Wow! Some of those were tough. But you all did a great job of working together. Thanks for playing! Now, let’s all jump up on our feet and get ready to sing and worship God!”



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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

10 MINUTES

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everyone! Over the past few months, we've been making our way through God's Big Story. (Hold up Bible.)

If you have a timeline of Bible story images displayed in your Large Group space, point out a few highlights as you're talking.

"We've looked at lots of different stories throughout the Bible. We started all the way at the very beginning, when God created the world. We saw how God made a promise to bless the world through the family of one man, Abraham. We saw how God was with people like Joseph, Moses, and David, and how God loved the Israelite people—even when they decided to go their OWN way.

"God promised to send a Savior, and when the time was right, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Jesus grew up, and He traveled around, teaching and healing people. While most people loved Jesus, the religious leaders didn't believe that Jesus was actually the Son of God. They were upset that Jesus was changing the way they had always done things."

MIND YOUR MANNERS

STORYTELLER: "One of these religious leaders named Simon invited Jesus to have dinner at his house. It was a pretty big deal for Simon to do this—because remember, the religious leaders were not fans of Jesus. They didn't like how Jesus taught people about God in a totally new way.

"Now, in that time and in that part of the world, there were certain things that normally happened when someone visited another person's house for a meal. These weren't really rules, but more like good manners.

Move behind the table with the prop box.

"Let's see if we can think of some ways WE might use good manners to honor someone who is a guest in our home. Raise your hand if you can think of a way.

Call on kids to share their answers. Hold up props from the prop box if they connect to something someone says. Some examples are cleaning the house (small broom/dustpan), setting the table (silverware/napkins), letting friends go first when playing a game (game cards), letting friends choose what to watch on TV (TV remote), letting friends decide what activity to do (video game controller or bracelet making kit), etc. Set the items back in the box after you hold them up.

"Those are all REALLY great examples of what we're talking about! Those are things you and I might do when we welcome someone into our home.

"During the time when Jesus was alive on Earth, the ways that you would honor a guest in your home were a bit different. A guest's feet would usually be really dirty, because people walked around on dirty, dusty roads and they



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only had sandals to wear. So when a guest would come to someone’s house, servants washed the guest’s feet. As a sign of honor, you might also give them a kiss and anoint their head with oil.

“We don’t really know why, but Simon didn’t do any of these things for Jesus.”

LOVE POURED OUT

STORYTELLER: “While Jesus was at Simon’s house, a woman from the town heard that Jesus was there. This woman had lived a difficult life, and she had done some wrong things. But she knew that Jesus’ love and mercy were greater than her sins and bad choices. She came to Simon’s house with a special jar of perfume.

Reach into the prop box and hold up the bottle of perfume.

“I’m not sure that the jar looked exactly like this.

Spray the perfume in the air, then take a sniff.

“Mmmmm, that’s nice. I’m not sure if the perfume the woman had brought SMELLED exactly like that, either.

Set the perfume bottle back into the box.

“But we do know that this is what happened next:

Open the Bible to Luke 7:38 (NirV) and read.

“[The woman] stood behind Jesus and cried at his feet. And she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair. She kissed them and poured perfume on them.

“I know this isn’t something we normally do nowadays. The important thing to understand is that this was a very special way for the woman to HONOR Jesus. Simon, the man who owned the house, saw this . . . and it bothered him. He was upset because he knew that the woman had done wrong things before. He thought, ‘Why would Jesus even let her come near Him?’

“Simon said to himself . . .

Open the Bible to Luke 7:39 (NirV) and read.

“If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him. He would know what kind of woman she is. She is a sinner!”

JESUS BREAKS IT DOWN

STORYTELLER: “Jesus knew that Simon was thinking these hurtful things. But Jesus didn’t get angry at Simon. Instead, he used a story to help Simon understand things differently. Here’s what Jesus said.

Open the Bible to Luke 7:41-42 (NirV) and read.

“Two people owed money to a certain lender. One owed him 500 silver coins.



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Hold up the large money bag, then set it on the table.

"The other owed him 50 silver coins.

Hold up the small money bag, then set it on the table next to the large one.

"Neither of them had the money to pay him back. So he let them go without paying. Which of them will love him more?"

"Simon responded that the person who owed the most money would love the lender more.

Hold up the large money bag.

"That sounds right, don't you think? Jesus said that Simon had answered correctly.

Set the large money bag back on the table.

"Then He turned to the woman with the perfume and said this to Simon.

Open the Bible to Luke 7:44-47 (NIRV) and read.

"Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water to wash my feet. But she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss. But this woman has not stopped kissing my feet since I came in. You did not put any olive oil on my head. But she has poured this perfume on my feet.

Hold up the perfume bottle.

"So I tell you this. Her many sins have been forgiven. She has shown that she understands this by her great acts of love. But whoever has been forgiven only a little loves only a little.

Set the perfume bottle back in the box.

"Wow. Did you hear that? 'Her many sins have been,' what? (Pause for response.) Forgiven.

"Jesus said this to the woman, too, 'Your sins are forgiven.' (Luke 7:48) He told her . . .

Open the Bible to Luke 7:50 (NIRV) and read.

"Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.

"Jesus was showing everyone what forgiveness really looks like!"

Walk in front of the table as you wrap up.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Isn't it amazing to see how differently Jesus treated the woman compared to how Simon treated her? Simon and the other religious leaders could only see that the woman was a sinner. When they looked at her, all they could see were the wrong things she had done.



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“What the religious leaders forgot was that THEY had done wrong things, too. They didn’t see that THEY needed forgiveness just as much as this woman did.

“The fact is, all of us have sinned. All of us have messed up. But that will never stop God from loving us. God sent Jesus to be our Savior. And because of what Jesus did for us on the cross, we know for sure that we can be forgiven.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Everyone needs forgiveness.

“You . . . me . . . and everyone you’ve ever met! Let’s pray and ask God to help us remember that.”

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to make a way for all of us to experience Your forgiveness. Thank You for the way Jesus lived His life—showing everyone what love and forgiveness really look like. Please help us show Your love by forgiving others, because we know that **everyone needs forgiveness**. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: “The woman in the story today was hurting, and she knew that she needed forgiveness. She came to show honor to Jesus by washing His feet and pouring perfume on them.

SLIDE: GOD’S BIG STORY TIMELINE

SLIDE: WEEK 1 TIMELINE IMAGE

If you’re making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today’s timeline image on the clothesline.

“Jesus noticed the woman’s simple act of love, and He had compassion for her. He told her that her sins were forgiven!

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Everyone needs forgiveness.

“The woman in the story knew that she needed to be forgiven. The religious leaders also needed God’s forgiveness—even though they didn’t THINK they did.

“How about us today? Do you think WE need God’s forgiveness? *(Pause for response.)* I know we do. Do you think we need other people to forgive us, too? *(Pause for response.)* Do you think we should also be willing to forgive? *(Pause for response.)* I do, too.

“Our sin separates us from God. When we make bad choices, when we do things that hurt others or ourselves, that sin is like a wall between us and God. God sent Jesus to lay down His life for us and break down the wall that our sin built up. Jesus died on the cross, then He rose to life again and defeated sin and death!

We’ve all messed up, but God LOVES us and is willing to forgive us. God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sin and our mistakes. That’s a HUGE reason why **[Basic Truth] we can trust God no matter what.**

“Everyone needs forgiveness. Let’s head to Small Group and talk some more about that!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP



GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (25 MINUTES)

WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

1. OPENER/CLOSER

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Host
- Host's phone
- Week 1 Timeline Image printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF
- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- Fun instrumental music

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Game Shape Slides 1-8
- God's Big Story Timeline Slide
- Week 1 Timeline Image Slide
- Week 1 Timeline Image (printable)

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH THE 252 MEDIA PACKAGE):

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme
- Theme Transition to Virtue
- Virtue Transition to Theme

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download and print this week's tech sheet for everyone helping with Large Group.
- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen

capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.

- Download music from a resource such as iTunes® and have it ready to play. *Note: Legally a song belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. Usually, but not always, PROs give general permission for performances in worship services. We recommend you obtain permission from the PRO representing the song or the publisher of the song you wish to play. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. For a list of PROs in your part of the world: www.iamusic.com. Look at the copyright on the CD or sheet music to discover the PRO or publisher of the song. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song.*
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. These graphic motion loops are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Worship Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "You're the Reason" from *Press Play: Get in the Mix*
- "All of the Ways" from *Everything to Me* (In *Get Reel* there is a *Live Loud* video you can show to help teach and encourage worship in our everyday lives. Consider using this segment before doing "All of the Ways.")

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- "You're the Reason" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- *Live Loud* video from *Get Reel* (available through the 252 Media Package)
- "Everything to Me" Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com) or Dance Moves Music Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com or the 252 Media Package)



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WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.
Note: Make sure your church has obtained licensing rights to play or perform music. You can obtain a license to perform worship music from Christian Copyright Licensing International (www.ccli.com). It covers over 200,000 worship songs for congregational singing. You are responsible for including the copyright information on all songs reproduced under the Church Copyright License (including song lyrics projected onscreen). This includes the song title, writer credit(s), copyright notice, and your church's CCLI license number. You can include this information on one of the lyric slides, or you can create a separate slide detailing this information, but the copyright information must appear at least once for each song you play or perform. For example:
"Hallelujah" words and music by John Doe
©2000 Good Music Co.
CCLI License # 0000
- Dance Moves Music Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. The *Live Loud* faith skills video and the Dance Moves Music Video for the monthly worship song are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Storyteller
- Bible
- Table
- Prop box containing:
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LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.

VIDEO ENHANCEMENTS FOR YOUR ENVIRONMENT AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL PURCHASE AT STORE.THINKORANGE.COM.

FEATURE PRESENTATION: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic video storytelling experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum.

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (kindergarten through 3rd grade):

- In *StoryLab*, two inquisitive young Hosts invite kids to engage with the month's Virtue, setting up a simple and direct telling of the Bible story by a professional Storyteller.

For 252 Preteen (4th and 5th grade):

- In *The So & So Show*, two Hosts and a Communicator walk you through a contemporary and comedic presentation of the Bible story. This YouTube-style show sets up the story and also connects it to the weekly Key Question for preteens.

GET REEL: Videos and graphics to enhance your 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum environments. Four videos each month will help kids learn basic faith skills. Use them in your FX, Large Group, or as a promotional piece to show in your adult services:



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

- Discovery*—Listen to God’s words (HEAR)
- Dear God*—Dialogue with God (PRAY)
- One Thing*—Articulate your faith (TALK)
- Live Loud*—Worship with your life (LIVE)

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENTS INCLUDING:

- Graphic motion loops
- Themed audio transitions
- Virtue and monthly widget promo videos (M.C. Haggis)
- Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)
- Music videos for original songs that highlight each Virtue
- Retro Reel video to play on your fifth Sunday

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL PURCHASE AT STORE.THINKORANGE.COM.

MONTHLY WIDGET*: WORK IN PROGRESS SLATE

Each month, we offer a unique item that helps kids and families apply what they’re learning at home. Available at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

***widg-et [wij-it]** –noun

1. Something unspecific whose name is either forgotten or not known.
2. A device that is very useful for a particular job
Origin: 1925–30; perhaps an alternative form of gadget

Forgiveness is never easy. But it’s a lot more fun with this themed “magic slate.” Use the included stylus to write down something someone did that made you mad or hurt your feelings. Then pull out the inner paper to erase what you wrote and give that person a “redo.” Remember that with God’s help, you can decide that someone who has wronged you doesn’t have to pay.