



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Life Changes**  
Zacchaeus  
Luke 19:1-10

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

When you forgive others,  
it can change them.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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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 should treat others the way  
I want to be treated.

### 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 ("Everything to Me" from *Everything to Me* 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:** Popsicle Stick Puppet Theater (*k-1st grade*), Zacchaeus Says (*2nd-3rd grade*)

**Application Activity:** Why Forgiveness? (*k-1st grade*), Heart Art (*2nd-3rd grade*)

**Memory Verse Activity:** Pass It On Memory Verse (*k-1st grade*), Verse Toss (*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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**BIBLE VERSES**

**Luke 19:5-6**

**Luke 19:7**

**Luke 19:8**

**Luke 19:9-10**

**HOST SUPPLIES**

- Two Small Group Leaders
- Helper (such as the Storyteller or Worship Leader)
- Two microphones on stands, set up for the two leaders standing back-to-back
- Bike horn or game buzzer
- Bag filled with random items that the two Small Group Leaders can describe in the game (head of broccoli, feather, pen, watch, marker, calculator, TV remote, hairbrush, water bottle, dollar bill, toy car, kazoo, hair tie, action figure, lip balm, stuffed animal, playing card, fidget spinner, Play-Doh®, etc.)
- Host's phone

**STORY SUPPLIES**

- Bible
- Host
- For the Host: wealthy-looking robe (biblical style) and lots of fake jewelry
- Fake beard for the Host, if needed
- Lots of fake money—one small stack for each Small Group Leader, as well as an additional larger stack for each leader that the Host will give them at the end of the story (these large stacks will represent four times the amount of the smaller stacks)
- Ladder
- Dining chair

**WORSHIP**

*Worship Leaders enter*

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

**AUDIO:**



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## 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:** “Hello, my friends! We’re so glad you’re here at [your environment’s name], because we’ve got a lot of fun planned for today. All month long, we’re talking about forgiveness!”

**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 bet we can all think of a time when we’ve done something wrong and needed someone to forgive us. Maybe you can think of a time when you forgave someone else after they had hurt your feelings. It happens. We have disagreements with our friends and family from time to time. We need God’s help so we can choose to forgive instead of wanting to get even.

“I’ve got a fun game today that will give us some good practice with forgiveness. Let’s get two Small Group Leaders up on stage.

*Choose two leaders to join you on the stage and play the game. Have the two leaders stand back-to-back. Make sure the microphone(s) are set up to pick up their voices.*

*Helper enters. (This could be the Storyteller or a Worship Leader.)*

“Okay, [leaders’ names], here we have a bag full of very random items. When it’s your turn, you’ll pull something out of the bag and try to get the other leader to guess what it is. But here’s the hard part. You can’t say any part of the name of the object, and you can’t say what the object is used for. For example, if you pull out a fork, you can’t say ‘fork’ or that it’s used to eat. Got it?”

*(to audience)* “It’s important that none of us say what the item is either, okay? We want to make sure our friends have a chance to guess!”



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*Give the bike horn or buzzer to the helper.*

“[Leaders’ names], I’ve asked [helper’s name] to help us out. They’ll be using this bike horn to buzz you if you say something you’re not supposed to say. Once the other leader guesses the item correctly, then it’s THEIR turn to describe an item from the bag.

“If you get buzzed, just drop the item on the floor because it’s out of the game. We’ll see how many items you can guess together in two minutes! *(to audience)* Can all of you help me keep count? If our friends guess an item correctly, we’ll shout, ‘ONE! TWO!’ and so on. Sound good?”

“Now there’s one thing I should mention before we get started. Sometimes, when you’re playing a game, it can be easy to get frustrated with your teammate when things don’t go the way you want. But these two are such great friends that I know they can give each other lots of forgiveness and understanding.

“[Leader #1’s name], you’ll be the first to describe an item, and [leader #2’s name], you’ll try to guess what it is. Then you’ll switch, and so on. Let’s get started! Three . . . two . . . one . . . GO!”

**AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (5-MINUTE VERSION, CUED UP TO TWO MINUTES)**

*If you’re not using a screen timer, set a timer on your phone for two minutes.*

*Facilitate the game, cueing the leaders to pull out items from the bag and take turns as they guess what the items are. The helper should use the bike horn or buzzer when someone says something they’re not allowed to say.*

*Get the kids to help you shout the score each time the leaders successfully guess an item. When the game ends, congratulate both leaders before sending them back to their seats.*

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**

“That was unbelievable! [Leaders’ names], you two were amazing! There were definitely some times when it would have been so easy to get frustrated with each other. But I loved seeing the way you were patient, kind, and FORGIVING with each other. Way to go!”

“Okay, let’s all jump up on our feet as we get ready to sing and worship God.”

## WORSHIP

*Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

**AUDIO:**



25 MINUTES

## BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

*Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.*

*Note: Give a stack of fake money to each Small Group Leader before the story begins, either before Large Group or between Worship and the Bible story.*

### SETTING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "Hi, everyone! It's great to be here with you as we look at another amazing story from the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) We've been making our way through God's Big Story over the past several months—all the way from the very beginning!

*If you're using a timeline of story images on the wall, reference it here.*

"At this point in the story, Jesus had arrived. God had sent Jesus to be the promised Savior, and everyone was AMAZED by the things Jesus did and said. Everywhere Jesus went, crowds of people came to see Him. Religious leaders came to hear what Jesus had to say, along with everyday people, Roman soldiers, and even tax collectors like a man named Zacchaeus.

"I thought I'd ask our friend [Host's name] to come out here and play the role of Zacchaeus. (*calling backstage*) Come on out, [Host's name]—I mean, Zacchaeus!

*Host enters, wearing his "fancy clothes" (robe, jewelry, etc.). He waves to the kids.*

"This story took place in the city of Jericho."

SLIDE: STORY BACKGROUND 1 (CITY OF JERICHO)

### ZACCHAEUS THE TAX COLLECTOR

**STORYTELLER:** "Jesus and His followers were traveling through Jericho, which was where Zacchaeus lived.

"Zacchaeus was a tax collector. This meant he actually worked for the Roman government, which was ruling over the Jewish people at the time. Zacchaeus's job was to collect money from the people.

*Host walks up to a Small Group Leader. He (wordlessly) holds out his hand like he's expecting payment. The leader gives the fake money to the Host. Host does the same thing with several other Small Group Leaders.*

*Storyteller: Let this action play out before you continue.*

(*reacting to the action*) "Oh, wow. Zacchaeus just keeps asking people for money! What do you think? Do you think the people were happy about that? (*Pause for response.*) No. Not at all.

"The thing about tax collectors is that they didn't just collect the money that the people owed to the government. Tax collectors like Zacchaeus got very rich because they would demand EXTRA money for themselves! (*to Host*) Not cool, Zacchaeus. Not cool at all.



25 MINUTES

“When Jesus came to town, Zacchaeus was curious just like everyone else. He wanted to see Jesus. But he couldn’t, because he was too short to see over the rest of the crowd.

“Do you know what Zacchaeus did? He climbed a sycamore-fig tree so he could be tall enough to see Jesus coming by!”

**SLIDE: STORY BACKGROUND 2 (TREETOP)**

*Host gets the ladder. He climbs up to the top and acts like he’s looking around for Jesus.*

**JESUS CALLS ZACCHAEUS**

**STORYTELLER:** “Jesus and His followers came through Jericho, and they crossed RIGHT underneath Zacchaeus’s tree.

*Host looks straight down and waves, as though he sees Jesus walking below.*

“Listen to what happened next.

*Open the Bible to Luke 19:5-6 (NIRV) and read.*

“Jesus reached the spot where Zacchaeus was. He looked up and said, ‘Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay at your house today.’ So Zacchaeus came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

“Wow, amazing! Jesus looked up at Zacchaeus and asked if He could come to Zacchaeus’s house for a visit! Jesus did this even though He knew that Zacchaeus had done wrong things by taking more money than he should have from the people.

“Zacchaeus was so happy that he welcomed Jesus to his house.”

**SLIDE: STORY BACKGROUND 3 (ZACCHAEUS’S HOUSE)**

*Host climbs down the ladder and sets it to the side. He sets out the dining chair and sits down.*

**LIFE CHANGE!**

**STORYTELLER:** “But remember, Zacchaeus was not a person very many people liked, because of what he had done. So, when the people saw that Jesus went to spend time with Zacchaeus at his house, they started talking.

*Open the Bible to Luke 19:7 (NIRV) and read.*

“They began to whisper among themselves. They said, ‘Jesus has gone to be the guest of a sinner.’

“Zacchaeus stood up.

*Host stands up and points upward.*

“He said to Jesus . . .

*Open the Bible to Luke 19:8 (NIRV) and read.*



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*“Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of what I own to those who are poor. And if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay it back. I will pay back four times the amount I took.*

“Wait a minute. Did you hear that? Zacchaeus just said he would give HALF of his possessions to people who were poor. . . and that he would pay back FOUR TIMES what he had stolen from the people!

“Jesus then said this to Zacchaeus.

*Open the Bible to Luke 19:9-10 (NIV) and read.*

*“Today salvation has come to your house. You are a member of Abraham’s family line. The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them.*

“Incredible! Jesus FORGAVE Zacchaeus for the wrong things he had done.

(to Host) “Zacchaeus, you’ve been forgiven! And now you can pay back what you stole from the people, just like you said.

**SLIDE: STORY BACKGROUND 1 (CITY OF JERICHO)**

*Host walks into the audience and gives back the fake money to each leader that he took the money from before, as well as an extra stack of money that’s noticeably bigger. As he does this, he says “I’m sorry” to each one.*

*Storyteller: Let this action play out before you continue.*

(to Host) “Way to go, Zacchaeus! You really are a changed man. (to audience) Let’s all give Zacchaeus a big hand.”

*Host waves and exits.*

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

**WRAPPING UP THE STORY**

**STORYTELLER:** “When Zacchaeus met Jesus, his life was changed forever! He decided to change his ways and pay back what he had stolen from the people. He was now a loved follower of Jesus.

“This story reminds us how powerful forgiveness can be!

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**“When you forgive others, it can change them.**

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us forgive.”

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**



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## PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for loving us and forgiving us. Your forgiveness CHANGES us and makes us want to live Your way, every day. We can see how Jesus' forgiveness changed everything for Zacchaeus. Please help us love and forgive others in a way that can change their lives for the better, because we know that's what forgiveness can do. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."





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## CLOSER

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** "After Zacchaeus met Jesus, he chose to give most of his money away.

**SLIDE: GOD'S BIG STORY TIMELINE**

**SLIDE: WEEK 2 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.*

"Zacchaeus knew that he had been cheating people out of their money for a long time. But he didn't want to be that person anymore. When he met Jesus and experienced what real forgiveness was, Zacchaeus wanted to be a DIFFERENT person. He wanted to do what was right for the people around him. He was a changed man because Jesus had forgiven him completely.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**"When you forgive others, it can change them.**

"I know that's true. Forgiveness really can change people. Have you ever felt really awful because of something you've done wrong? I remember when I . . .

*Share an age-appropriate, personal experience of a time you messed up and needed forgiveness, and forgiveness changed things for you.*

"We know for sure that God will ALWAYS forgive us when we ask. That sets us free and allows us to love God and love others. When you forgive others, it can change THEM, too. It doesn't mean that they WILL change, but forgiveness makes a way for them to try to live differently.

"I know how important forgiveness has been in my life, and that makes me want to forgive others, too. **[Basic Truth] I should treat others the way I want to be treated**, by being willing to forgive.

"Our memory verse is something Paul wrote in a letter, Colossians 3:13. Paul said . . .

**SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE**

*"Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you."* (NIV)

"I really believe that forgiveness can change our lives. You can head to Small Group, now, and talk about that with your friends. I'll see you later!"

*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
- Two Small Group Leaders
- Helper (such as the Storyteller or Worship Leader)
- Two microphones on stands, set up for the two leaders standing back-to-back
- Bike horn or game buzzer
- Bag filled with random items that the two Small Group Leaders can describe in the game (head of broccoli, feather, pen, watch, marker, calculator, TV remote, hairbrush, water bottle, dollar bill, toy car, kazoo, hair tie, action figure, lip balm, stuffed animal, playing card, fidget spinner, Play-Doh®, etc.)
- Host's phone
- Week 2 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 for the game

**LARGE GROUP VISUALS:**

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Memory Verse Slide
- God's Big Story Timeline Slide
- Week 2 Timeline Image Slide
- Week 2 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.
- *Optional:* Download a countdown video from a royalty-free site. Load it into your presentation software and have it ready to play during the Opener. You could also keep time on a smartphone or watch. *Note: Some presentation software such as ProPresenter® have a countdown clock built into the program that you can overlay on a still image.*
- 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](http://Store.ThinkOrange.com).

#### 2. WORSHIP

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Worship Leader(s)

**MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:**

- "Everything to Me" from *Everything to Me*
- "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):**

- "Everything to Me" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through [Store.ThinkOrange.com](http://Store.ThinkOrange.com))



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- *Live Loud* Video from *Get Reel* (available through the 252 Media Package)
- "All of the Ways" Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com) or Dance Moves Music Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com or the 252 Media Package)

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.
- 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
- Host
- For the Host: wealthy-looking robe (biblical style) and lots of fake jewelry
- Fake beard for the Host, if needed
- Lots of fake money—one small stack for each Small Group Leader, as well as an additional larger stack for each leader that the Host will give them at the end of the story (these large stacks will represent four times the amount of the smaller stacks)
- Ladder
- Dining chair

### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Story Background Slides

### 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.

- Give a small stack of fake money to each Small Group Leader, either before Large Group starts or as Worship is ending. The Host (as Zacchaeus) will move around the room asking the leaders for it during the story.

### 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:

- 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)



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### 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