



WEEK
ONE
APRIL 2023

LARGE GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Washed by the Water
Palm Sunday/Jesus Washes
His Disciples' Feet
John 12:9-16; 13:1-17
(Matthew 21:1-11)

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus put others first.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves."
Philippians 2:3, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve

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 ("Love Like You" from *Make a Move*, and "Thank You God" from *Everything to Me*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Sock It to Me (*k-1st grade*), What's First (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Application Activity: Others First (*k-1st grade*), Growing Up (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Memory Verse Activity: Value Others (*k-1st grade*), Worm Up! (*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

25 MINUTES 10 MINUTES

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BIBLE VERSES:

Zechariah 9:9 (NIrV)

John 12:13 (NIrV)

John 13:6-7 (NIrV)

John 13:12-15 (NIrV)

HOST SUPPLIES

- Potted plant
- Table
- Ten gardening items (for example, gloves, pruning shears, seeds, soil, garden fork, hand trowel, spade, spray nozzle, watering can, plant food, etc.)
- Large box that can hold the gardening items
- Clipboards, paper, and pens, one for each small group
- Host's phone

STORY SUPPLIES

- Large plastic bin containing:
 - Stick horse
 - Several coats or biblical-style robes
 - Several fake palm branches
 - Water pitcher (empty)
 - Towel
- Chairs or benches for the Storyteller and "disciples" to sit on (optional)

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



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10 MINUTES

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter.

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: “Hi, everybody! I’m so glad we’re together in our [your environment’s name] community garden. This month, we’re talking about something really important, and I wonder if you’ve heard of it before. It’s called ‘humility,’ being humble.

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

“Humility is putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

“That’s not always easy, is it? It’s hard for all of us to give up what we think we deserve. It’s hard to put someone else first instead of getting what WE want. That’s why humility isn’t something we just have. It’s something that grows over time—kind of like a garden!

Hold up the potted plant.

“A plant like this grows if you remember to water it and give it enough sunlight. In the same way, God can help US grow in humility, so that we can choose to put others first.

“I’ve got a really fun gardening game for us to play today. It’s called ‘Can You Remember?’

Walk over to the table with the box and gardening items.

“On this table, I’ve got lots of gardening supplies. I’ll tell you about each one, then place it in this box. (Point to the box.) Then, I’ll give you 60 seconds to circle up with your group and try to remember as many of the items from the table that you can. You’ll name as many items as you can while your leader makes a list. When time’s up, I’ll hold up each item to see who remembered it.

“Let’s get started!

Hold up each item as you say the name of it and what it’s used for. One by one, place each item into the box so the audience can’t see it.



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“Okay, that’s everything! You now have 60 seconds to work together and try to remember all ten items in this box. Your leader will write down your group’s answers.

Quickly give each Small Group Leader a clipboard with a piece of paper and a pen.

“On your mark, get set, go!

AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (60-SECOND VERSION)

If you’re not using a screen countdown, set a 60-second timer on your phone.

“Time’s up! Does everyone have their list? Let’s see how many items you remembered.

Take each item out of the box individually, say its name, and ask groups to raise their hand if that’s one of the things they put on their list.

Congratulate the groups for doing a great job! Collect the clipboards and pens.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

“That was really fun! I can’t believe how many garden items you were able to remember. ALL of those things can help your plants grow! God helps us grow in so many ways. Let’s all get ready to sing and worship God together.”

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, friends! We've been making our way through the Bible this year. (*Hold up Bible.*) We've followed God's Big Story all the way from the very beginning.

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

"We've seen how God loved us enough to send Jesus to be our Savior. And WOW—we've heard some really amazing stories about Jesus! We've heard how Jesus taught people about God and healed people who were sick. Today, we'll pick up the story near the end of Jesus' life on Earth, when He made His way toward Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. Jesus did something for His friends that shows us how we can live with humility and put others first.

"But before we get too far into the story, I wondered if all of you might like to help me tell it. When people make a movie, there are some actors who are called 'extras.' These actors play different roles in different scenes. They might be in the background or part of a crowd. I'd like for all of you to be extras in our story today. If that sounds good to you, can you give me a thumbs-up like this? (*Demonstrate.*) Great! Thank you so much!"

Bring out the bin full of props.

HOSANNA!

STORYTELLER: "As I was saying, Jesus had come to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. As Jesus made His way toward the city, He asked two of His disciples to bring Him a donkey and her colt.

Find the stick horse in the prop bin and hold it up.

"I know this is a horse, but let's pretend it's a donkey, okay? The disciples did what Jesus said and found the donkey and colt. Then they placed their coats on the colt to make a comfortable seat for Jesus.

"Okay, I'd like all of you to stand up. Let me see you walk around the room like you're extras in a movie. You're the townspeople of Jerusalem, walking around your city. (*Pause.*) Great!

"The people of Jerusalem would have been walking around, minding their own business, just doing their thing. Until they heard that Jesus was on His way! Wow! Isn't that exciting, townspeople? Jesus is coming to town! Let me see you make two straight lines so we have a pathway from the back of the room all the way up here to the stage.

Help the kids get in place in two parallel lines.

"There you go! That's perfect. When Jesus entered the scene, everybody stopped what they were doing to welcome Him!

Walk a few steps down the pathway, still carrying the stick horse.



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"Now, check this out. There was a prophet named Zechariah who had actually written that this would happen! (*Hold up Bible.*) God gave Zechariah these words to share with the people, hundreds of years before Jesus came to live on Earth. Through Zechariah, God had already told the people that the Savior would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey!

Open the Bible to Zechariah 9:9 (NirV) and read.

*"See, your king comes to you.
He always does what is right.
He has won the victory.
He is humble and riding on a donkey.
He is sitting on a donkey's colt.*

Walk a few more steps down the pathway.

"Isn't that so cool? The words of Zechariah were coming true as Jesus rode into town! Jesus rode on a donkey to show that He was HUMBLE. He was a different kind of king. He was a king who came to serve.

Go back to the prop bin and pull out the coats/robes and fake palm branches. Pass them out to several kids on both sides of the pathway.

"The people laid their coats on the ground.

Nod to cue the kids with the coats to lay them on the pathway.

"They cut branches from palm trees and waved them to honor Jesus.

Nod to cue the kids with the palm branches to wave them.

"They called out . . .

Open the Bible to John 12:13 (NirV) and read.

*"Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the king of Israel!"*

"Let me hear you say, 'Hosanna! Hosanna!'"

AUDIENCE: "Hosanna! Hosanna!"

STORYTELLER: "Great job!"

WASHING FEET

STORYTELLER: "News about Jesus had spread all through the city of Jerusalem. It seemed like everywhere you turned, somebody was talking about Jesus. Let me hear you talk about Jesus for five seconds, then look back up here. You can say, 'Jesus is awesome!' Jesus is the Savior!' Things like that. Ready? Go!"



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Count down from five to one as the audience murmurs.

"Annnnd . . . stop! Nice job.

"Not everyone was excited about Jesus coming to town, though. The religious leaders had been trying to get rid of Jesus because they didn't believe He was the Son of God. Now that Jesus was in the city, they saw their chance.

"Jesus knew what the religious leaders were planning before He ever entered the city. But He came to Jerusalem anyway. He knew the time had come for Him to give up His life, because it was God's plan. He knew He had come to Earth to pay the price for our sins, so that we could have a relationship with God that will last forever.

"All right, now I need some extras to play Jesus' closest friends, the disciples. If I point to you, come on up and have a seat with me on the stage.

Pick several kids to play disciples. Direct them to sit on the edge of the stage, or you could have them sit on chairs or benches on stage. Once you've chosen the disciples, sit down with them on stage. Place the stick horse back in the prop bin.

"As Jesus and His friends shared the Passover meal together, Jesus stood up. (*Stand up.*) He took off His outer robe and wrapped a towel around His waist. Then He poured water in a bowl, and He knelt down to wash His disciples' feet.

Hold up the water pitcher and towel.

"This was a dirty job that was normally for the lowliest servant. But Jesus did it so He could teach His friends something really important.

"Disciples, let me hear your reaction to this, 'What's He doing? He's washing our feet?' Things like that. Ready? Five seconds, and go!"

Count down from five to one as the "disciples" murmur.

JESUS EXPLAINS

STORYTELLER: "Jesus' friend Peter couldn't believe this was happening. He asked Jesus . . .

Open the Bible to John 13:6-7 (NIRV) and read.

"'Lord . . . are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus replied, 'You don't realize now what I am doing. But later you will understand.'

"When Jesus finished washing His friends' feet, He put on His outer robe and sat back down at the table.

Sit back down with the "disciples."

"Then He said . . .

Open the Bible to John 13:12-15 (NIRV) and read.



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“Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me “Teacher” and “Lord.” You are right. That is what I am. I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet. So you also should wash one another’s feet. I have given you an example. You should do as I have done for you.”

“Jesus was teaching His followers to love others by putting them first!

“You were ALL such amazing extras. Thank you for helping me tell this story! (to the disciples.) Disciples, you can head back to your seats. (to audience) Can the rest of you help me gather up the coats and branches? Then you can head back to where you were sitting before.”

Collect the props.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Jesus, God’s very own Son, chose to serve others rather than BEING served. Jesus washed His friends’ feet as an example of how they should live and treat other people. Jesus’ example is also important for us to follow today.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Jesus put others first.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us live with humility like Jesus showed us how to do.”

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You so much for sending Jesus to be our Savior! Jesus lived with humility, love, and kindness. When He washed His friends’ feet, He showed us what it looks like to put others first. Help us follow Jesus’ example in the way we love others, too. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: “Wow! When the disciples came to share the Passover meal with Jesus, they must have been SO surprised when He stopped and took time to wash their feet.

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.

“I mean, Jesus is the Son of God, yet He took on the job of a servant!

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Jesus put others first.

“Jesus washed His disciples’ feet in order to show THEM how to put others first. He wanted them to understand how to live with humility.

“We can follow Jesus’ example, too, when we put aside what WE want and choose to show love to someone else. We probably won’t go around washing each other’s feet, because that’s not something people do nowadays. But every day, we have lots of opportunities to put someone else first.

“Just this week . . .

Share a personal, age-appropriate example of something that happened recently where either you put someone first or someone else put YOU first.

“When we put others first, we can show people what God is like. We can show them how much God loves them. That’s not always easy, but remember: God is there to help us. **[Basic Truth] We can trust God no matter what.**

“Our memory verse for this month comes from Paul’s letter to the Philippians. It’s Philippians 2:3, and it reminds us what it means to live with humility.

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

“Don’t do anything only to get ahead. Don’t do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3, NIV)”

“In Small Group, you’ll get to talk about how we can live that way each day. Have fun, and 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



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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
- Potted plant
- Table
- Ten gardening items (for example, gloves, pruning shears, seeds, soil, garden fork, hand trowel, spade, spray nozzle, watering can, plant food, etc.)
- Large box that can hold the gardening items
- Clipboards, paper, and pens, one for each small group
- 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
- Memory Verse Slide
- 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.*
- *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.
- Set all the gardening items on the table where everyone can see them. Place the box on one end of the table.
- Place the potted plant on the table.



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2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Worship Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Love Like You" from *Make a Move*
- "Thank You God" 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 "Thank You God.")

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- "Love Like You" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- *Live Loud* Video from *Get Reel* (available through the 252 Media Package)
- "Thank You God" 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.
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
- Large plastic bin containing:
 - Stick horse
 - Several coats or biblical-style robes
 - Several fake palm branches
 - Water pitcher (empty)
 - Towel
- Chairs or benches for the Storyteller and "disciples" to sit on (*optional*)

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.
- If you're using chairs or benches for the Storyteller and "disciples," pre-set them on stage.

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.



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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)

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*: COMMUNITY GARDEN FIDGET

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

It might look like an ordinary pea pod, but you won't be able to put this fidget down. It's a great prompt to live with humility, which is a "growth area" for ALL of us. The Philippians 2:3 verse reference will remind families what humility is all about: putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve. Families can take turns working the fidget while discussing the included questions about how we can be humble in our everyday lives.