



WEEK
THREE
APRIL 2023

LARGE GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Brother

Being Humble Like Jesus
Philippians 2:3-8

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Put others first because
Jesus put you 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 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 ("This Little Light" from *Living Inside Out*, 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: At the Cross (*k-1st grade*), Be the Mirror (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Application Activity: You First (*k-1st grade*), I See You (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Memory Verse Activity: Less Is More (*k-1st grade*), Verse Shuffle (*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:

Philippians 2:3-5 (NIV)
Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV)

HOST SUPPLIES

- Cue card with the categories for the game such as: favorite sport, fruit, fast food restaurant, dessert, animal, subject in school, color, movie, etc.
- Week 3 Timeline Image printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF
- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room

STORY SUPPLIES

- Tarp
- Five large planters (i.e. plant pots) that are big enough to fit the items below
- Mulch (ideally something that's easy to dig through—not dirt)
- Trowel
- Several gallon-size clear resealable bags if you need to protect the items from the mulch (see "What You Do")
- Items to go in the planters (see "What You Do"):
 - Large, foldable map (ideally laminated/plastic)
 - Several sealed envelopes or scrolls (to represent Paul's letters) attached together or in the same plastic bag
 - Plush or plastic heart
 - Cross (can be a simple one made with craft sticks)
 - Various items from a kid's world that they could use to put someone first (like a video game controller, LEGO® set, bike helmet, baseball, silverware, TV remote, markers, craft paints, etc.)

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



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25 MINUTES

10 MINUTES

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN
OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, friends! It's great to see you here today, because we've got lots of fun things planned. This month, we're talking about a way that we can live based on the way JESUS lived. We can live with humility!"

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

"It's tough to put others first instead of putting yourself first. I know I've had a hard time with that before, and I bet you have, too. Humility can be difficult for all of us. But we know that God is there to help us . . . as we grow from the ground up!"

"I've got a game for us to play that will give us some practice in putting others first. It's called 'Sort Yourselfs'!"

"First, I'll call out a category. Then I want you to think of your favorite thing in that category. So for example, if the category was ice cream, I would want you to think of your favorite flavor of ice cream. Then, you'll try to find the OTHER people in the room who have the same favorite, by whispering it. It'll be a little wild at first, but I bet we can all find our matches if we work together!"

"For example, my favorite ice cream flavor is chocolate. So I'd walk around whispering 'Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate' until I found someone else who was also saying, 'Chocolate.' Then we'd both keep going together to try to find OTHER people who chose chocolate as well.

"AND we can help each other along the way. So, if I heard two other people saying, 'Strawberry,' I could point them out to each other to help them find each other. That's one way to put others first! If you have an unusual answer, you might end up as the only one in the room. And that's totally cool, too.

"Okay, are you ready to play? (Pause.) Let's see how quickly we can ALL find our matches and sort ourselves. Remember to whisper and keep your voices low so we can all listen to each other.

"Since we're in the Community Garden, I think our first category should be the one we asked about last week. What's your favorite vegetable? Let's go!"

AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC



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10 MINUTES

Watch as the kids sort themselves and find their groups. Comment on how quickly they can do this. After everyone has been “sorted,” call on a group or two and ask them what their answers are.

Call out a new category and play again. You can play, too! Go through as many rounds as time allows. Read the categories from your cue card: favorite sport, fruit, fast food restaurant, dessert, animal, subject in school, color, movie, etc.

“Wow! You were really good at that! I saw so many of you helping others and putting them first. Great job! Stay on your feet, because it’s time for us to dance and sing as we praise God together.”

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:



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25 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everybody! It's great to be here with you as we look at what it means to live with humility.

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

"Jesus gave us the greatest example of humility because He put us first when He died on the cross for our sins. Then He came back to life, which is what we celebrated last week at Easter!

"So how do WE live with humility? What does it really mean for us to put other people first? What does that look like in your life—at school, at home, or in your neighborhood?

Walk to the planters with the props inside.

"If we look in these planters, I bet we'll find some clues that will help us find out, so that we can GROW and learn to be humble like Jesus."

BEING HUMBLE

STORYTELLER: *(Hold up Bible.)* "Let's pick up the story after Jesus came back to life. For 40 days after Jesus' resurrection, Jesus actually appeared many times to His friends and followers. Then He returned to heaven to be with God.

"As you might imagine, the news about what Jesus had done traveled far and fast! More and more people began to follow Jesus, including a man named Paul.

"At first, Paul had tried to STOP people from believing in Jesus. But then Paul put his faith in Jesus, and everything changed! To find out what Paul did next, let's find our first clue. *(Reference the first planter.)* Who would like to dig in here and find it?

Invite a girl to "dig" in the first planter, using the trowel, and hold up what she finds: a map. Unfold the map so the kids can see it.

"Hey, look! It's a map! Paul traveled all over the place in order to start brand-new churches made up of people who wanted to follow Jesus.

Put the map back in the first planter.

"On one of his journeys, Paul spent three months in the Greek city of Philippi. While he was there, he shared the news about Jesus with a businesswoman named Lydia. *(Reference the girl on stage.)* Lydia decided to believe and follow Jesus! She welcomed the new church to meet in her home. And it grew quickly, even after Paul was thrown in prison.



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25 MINUTES

Motion for the girl to sit back down.

“Paul was released, and he continued his travels. Several more times he was put in jail just for sharing about Jesus. What do you suppose Paul did while he was in prison?”

“Let’s look at our next clue. Who would like to dig it up?”

Invite a different kid to “dig” in the second planter and hold up what they find: letters. Have the kid hold up the letters.

“Yes! Paul used his time in prison to write letters to the new churches. Paul wrote a letter to the people in Philippi and encouraged them to be humble in the way they treated each other. Here’s what he wrote.

Open the Bible to Philippians 2:3-5 (NirV) and read.

“Don’t do anything only to get ahead. Don’t do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others. As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did.”

“Okay. That’s a really important clue. Don’t you think, [kid’s name]?”

Motion for the kid to sit back down. Put the letters back into the second planter.

JESUS’ HUMILITY

STORYTELLER: “So Paul was saying that if we want to be humble, we should look at the way JESUS was humble. We should look at the kinds of things Jesus did and the way Jesus treated people. Who wants to look for the next clue?”

Invite a different kid to “dig” in the third planter and hold up what they find: a plush or plastic heart. Have the kid hold up the heart.

“Look at that, [kid’s name], a heart! Jesus put us first by showing LOVE. Paul explained it this way.

Open the Bible to Philippians 2:6-8 (NirV) and read.

“In his very nature he was God. Jesus was equal with God. But Jesus didn’t take advantage of that fact. Instead, he made himself nothing. He did this by taking on the nature of a servant. He was made just like human beings. He appeared as a man. He was humble and obeyed God completely. He did this even though it led to his death. Even worse, he died on a cross!”

Motion for the kid to sit back down. Put the heart back into the third planter.

“Jesus showed humility in so many ways! Jesus SERVED others, like when He washed His disciples’ feet. He healed people who were sick. He was a friend to people who had been forgotten by others. He chose people who were overlooked and ignored, and He asked them to be His followers!”



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“And what was the biggest example of humility that Jesus gave us? Who wants to dig up the next clue?”

Invite a different kid to “dig” in the fourth planter and hold up what they find: a cross.

“Jesus put us first by dying on the cross FOR us.”

Motion for the kid to sit back down. Put the cross back into the fourth planter.

LET’S GET PRACTICAL

STORYTELLER: “So just like Paul told the people in Philippi, we should be humble in the way we treat others. We should value others more than ourselves. We should think and act like Jesus did.

(Reference the fifth planter.) “This last planter has some objects that we might see in our lives today. I’ll hold one of the items up. If you can think of a way you might use that item to put someone first, raise your hand. I’ll call on you so you can share your idea with the rest of us.”

One by one, dig into the planter and hold up the various items that you find (video game controller, LEGO® set, bike helmet, baseball, silverware, TV remote, markers, craft paints, etc.)

For each item, call on one or two kids who have their hands raised to tell you how to use that item to put someone first. (For example, I can ask my little brother to play LEGOs with me. I can set the table to make it easier for my parent to get dinner ready. I can draw a picture to encourage someone who’s sad.) Repeat the kids’ answers so everyone can hear.

If the kids aren’t sure what to say for a particular item, you can ask the Small Group Leaders for ideas.

Set the items back into the planter when you’re done.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “That was great! I loved hearing your ideas of how we can be humble. Every day, we can look for opportunities to set aside the things we want and put others first—just like Jesus did!

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Put others first because Jesus put you first.”

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

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND



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25 MINUTES

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You so much for Jesus and His example of what it means to put others first. Jesus showed us what humility is really about: that **[Basic Truth] we should treat others the way we want to be treated.** Please show us how we can follow Jesus' example in our lives each day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "If we ask God for help, God can help us notice the people around us and the things they need. Then we can choose to put other people first, like Jesus did."

SLIDE: GOD'S BIG STORY TIMELINE

SLIDE: WEEK 3 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.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Put others first because Jesus put you first."

"Remember, Jesus put us first when He died on the cross to pay the price for our sins. He made a way for us to live forever with Him!

"And now, we can follow Jesus' example. We don't have to just live for ourselves. We can live with humility by **[Basic Truth] treating others the way we want to be treated.**

"You'll get to talk some more about that in Small Group. But before we go, let's say our memory verse together. This is from Paul's letter to the Philippians, Philippians 2:3."

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

KIDS AND HOST: "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)

HOST: "Great job! Now let's head to our groups and talk about how we can value others more than ourselves!"

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

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

SLIDE: THEME

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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

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
- Cue card with the categories for the game such as: favorite sport, fruit, fast food restaurant, dessert, animal, subject in school, color, movie, etc.
- Week 3 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 3 Timeline Image Slide
- Week 3 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.
- 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.
- Create a cue card with categories for the game such as favorite sport, fruit, fast food restaurant, dessert, animal, subject in school, color, movie, etc.

2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Worship Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "This Little Light" from *Living Inside Out*
- "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):

- "This Little Light" 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.
- 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



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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
- Tarp
- Five large planters (i.e. plant pots) that are big enough to fit the items below
- Mulch (ideally something that's easy to dig through—not dirt)
- Trowel
- Several gallon-size clear resealable bags if you need to protect the items from the mulch (see "What You Do")
- Items to go in the planters (see "What You Do"):
 - Large, foldable map (ideally laminated/plastic)
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 - Plush or plastic heart
 - Cross (can be a simple one made with craft sticks)
 - Various items from a kid's world that they could use to put someone first (like a video game controller, LEGO® set, bike helmet, baseball, silverware, TV remote, markers, craft paints, etc.)

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.
- Depending on what kinds of items you have and what kind of mulch you have, determine if you need to put the items in the resealable plastic bags to protect them from getting dirty. This may not be necessary if you have sturdy items and "clean" mulch that doesn't leave any residue.

- Place the five planters on top of the tarp.
- Put a small amount of mulch in each planter. Then put the items for the story inside each of the planters, as described above. (The fifth planter will have ALL of the kid items.) Fill around and over the items with mulch.
- Place the trowel in the first planter.

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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GETTING READY

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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