



WEEK  
**FIVE**  
APRIL 2023

LARGE GROUP  
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## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Mercy's Shore**  
Jesus Restores Peter  
John 21:1-19  
(John 18:1-27)

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Put others first by  
making things right.

### 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 ("Follow You" from *Can't Stop Won't Stop*, and  
"How Amazing" from *Everything to Me*)  
Bible Story  
Bottom Line  
Prayer  
Closer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN

#### **GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect**

**Bible Story Review:** Jesus Forgave (*k-1st grade*),  
Sandbox Pictures (*2nd-3rd grade*)  
**Application Activity:** Make Things Right (*k-1st grade*),  
First Steps (*2nd-3rd grade*)  
**Memory Verse Activity:** Wiggle Worm (*k-1st grade*),  
Humble Scramble (*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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### BASIC TRUTH

**I should treat others the way I want to be treated.**

### BIBLE VERSES:

**Matthew 26:31 (NIV)**  
**Matthew 26:33 (NIV)**  
**Matthew 26:34 (NIV)**  
**John 21:15-17 (NIV)**

### HOST SUPPLIES:

- Host
- Worship Leaders

### STORY SUPPLIES:

- Music stand
- Table
- Two potted plants with googly eyes: one to represent Jesus (perhaps an Easter lily?) and one to represent Peter
- Large, clear plastic bin, filled halfway with water
- Towel
- Small kickboard that fits inside the plastic bin; this needs to float in the water while holding up the "Peter" plant
- Stack of books or cardboard box - same height as bin
- Fish in a net to represent fish caught
- Small skillet or saucepan

### 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**

### WORSHIP

*Worship Leaders enter*

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

**AUDIO:**



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Host enters.

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OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

## OPENER

**HOST:** Hello, fun people! It's so great to see you today at our Community Garden. This month, we're finding out how God can help us GROW in 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 not easy to put others first and show humility, but we can do it if we 'grow from the ground up.'

"I'm just curious, have any of you ever helped in a garden? Maybe it was in your neighborhood or your backyard. Have any of you ever helped plant some fruits, veggies, or flowers? Maybe you helped water the plants so they'd grow? *(Raise your hand.)* That's great!

"There's a lot of work that goes into taking care of a garden. So today, I thought it would be fun for us to learn some gardening dance moves. Then we'll put all the motions together in the end. I've invited our Worship Team to come out and help us.

*Worship Leaders enter. They demonstrate the moves along with the Host.*

"All right, here we have our five dance moves.

"First up: dig the hole.

*Act like you're digging a hole with a shovel in a rhythmic pattern.*

"Next: plant the seed.

*Act like you're tossing seeds, twice with one hand then twice with your other hand.*

"Next: don't forget to water.

*Act like you're pouring water from a watering can, again in a rhythmic pattern.*

"Now: feel the sun!

*Hold your hands outward, below your waist, with your palms up. Close your eyes and smile. Do this rhythmically, kind of like a limbo pose.*



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"Last: It's ripe! Let's eat!

*Act like you're picking a piece of fruit, peeling it, then taking a bite (all in rhythm).*

"I think we've got those moves down! Let's set them to music. I'll call out the moves, and our friends up here (reference the Worship Leaders) will show you what to do. Look out, because we'll get faster and faster!"

**AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

*As the music plays, call out the different moves. You can demonstrate the moves, but focus more on calling them out because the Worship Leaders will be there to do the moves as well.*

*As the dance goes on, call out different patterns of the moves and change them more and more quickly. You can call attention to each small group and give them a moment "in the spotlight."*

"THAT. WAS. AWESOME. Way to go, everybody! I hope you're not too tired, because the dancing is just beginning. Let's sing and worship God!"

**WORSHIP**

*Worship Leaders stay on stage. 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:** "Well, friends, here we are with another amazing story that happened AFTER Jesus died on the cross and then came back to life. (Hold up Bible.)"

"Jesus first appeared to His friend Mary outside the tomb. Then He appeared to other people, like the two men on the road to Emmaus. That's what we talked about in our story last week. Jesus also appeared to His closest friends, the disciples. It must have been such an exciting time for the disciples as they realized that Jesus really was alive!"

*Walk to the table where the two potted plants with googly eyes are set.*

"Though for one of the disciples, Peter, this must have brought up a lot of questions."

*Hold up the plant representing Peter. Then set it back on the table.*

### THREE DENIALS

**STORYTELLER:** "You see, on the night before Jesus (hold up the 'Jesus' plant) went to the cross, He had said this to the disciples."

*Open the Bible to Matthew 26:31 (NirV) and read. (Set the Bible on a music stand so you can hold up the plants with both hands.)*

"This very night you will all turn away because of me."

"Peter (hold up the Peter plant with your other hand) was absolutely SURE that he would stay with Jesus until the very end. Peter said to Jesus . . ."

*Read from Matthew 26:33 (NirV).*

"All the others may turn away because of you. But I never will."

"But Jesus (reference the Jesus plant) said to him . . ."

*Read from Matthew 26:34 (NirV).*

"What I'm about to tell you is true. . . . It will happen tonight. Before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you don't know me."

"Oh, no! Poor Peter. Jesus seemed to know what was about to happen. He knew that Peter wouldn't be able to keep his promise."

*Set the Jesus plant on the table.*



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“Just as Jesus had said, He was arrested. Three different times, people asked Peter if he was a follower of Jesus. But Peter was scared about what might happen. So all three times, he said, ‘No, I don’t know Jesus.’

*Make the Peter plant “shake his head.”*

“A rooster crowed, and Peter realized that what Jesus had said had come true.

“Of course, we know what happened next. Jesus died on the cross. All hope seemed to be gone. UNTIL Peter heard that the tomb was empty. Then Peter actually SAW Jesus and realized that He was alive again! (*Pick up the Jesus plant with your other hand, then set it back down.*)

“Still . . . while this was the most wonderful news anyone could have imagined . . . Peter must have felt a little nervous. He must have wondered what Jesus thought of him after everything that had happened. After all, he had denied even knowing Jesus—not once, not twice, but three times!”

### **GONE FISHIN’**

**STORYTELLER:** “One night, Peter and several other disciples were out fishing on the Sea of Galilee.

*Take the towel off the clear bin full of water. Place the towel over the stack of books or cardboard box to make it look like the “shore.”*

*Place the kickboard in the water, then put the Peter plant on top of the kickboard.*

“There we are. Perfect.

“Peter and his friends had been fishing all night, but they hadn’t caught anything. It was really discouraging. Then they saw a man standing on the shore.

*Put the Jesus plant on the elevated “shore.”*

“They didn’t realize it was Jesus! The man asked Peter and his friends if they had caught any fish. They said they hadn’t. The man then told them to throw their nets on the right side of the boat. When they did, there were so many fish they couldn’t even pull the net into the boat!

*Move the Peter plant back and forth on top of the water, letting the kickboard splash around a bit.*

(as Peter) “Whoooooooooaaaaa! Look at all those fish!

“That’s when Peter and his friends realized that the man was Jesus!

“In case you’re wondering, this was a lot like the time when Jesus first called Peter, James, and John to be His disciples. On THAT day, Jesus had ALSO performed a miracle and filled their nets with fish!

“Here’s what happened next. Peter put his coat on, jumped in the water, and swam to the shore.



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*If the Peter plant can be submerged, drop it into the water and guide it toward the edge of the bin. Either way, set the Peter plant next to the Jesus plant on the shore.*

"The other disciples brought in the huge net full of fish. When they reached the shore, they found that Jesus had made a campfire. He was cooking bread and fish for all of them!"

*Put the small skillet or saucepan on top of the shore, next to the Jesus plant.*

### FEED MY SHEEP

**STORYTELLER:** "When they had finished eating, Jesus took the time to speak to Peter. Let me read their conversation to you. Just so you know, when Jesus said 'Simon,' He was talking about Peter, because Peter also went by the name Simon.

"Okay, listen to what they said.

*Hold up the Jesus and Peter plants. Read the following exchange from John 21:15-17 (NIRV) from the Bible on the music stand.*

*"When Jesus and the disciples had finished eating, Jesus spoke to Simon Peter. He asked, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these others do?'*

*'Yes, Lord,' he answered. 'You know that I love you.'*

*Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'*

*"Again Jesus asked, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?'*

*He answered, 'Yes, Lord. You know that I love you.'*

*Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'*

*"Jesus spoke to him a third time. He asked, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?'*

*Peter felt bad because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He answered, 'Lord, you know all things. You know that I love you.'*

*Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep.'*

"I know there's a lot to try to understand there. Let me explain.

*(Reference the Jesus plant.) "When Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs,' or 'feed my sheep,' He didn't mean for Peter to take some lambs out into a field of green grass. Jesus was talking about PEOPLE, not sheep. Jesus had called Himself the 'Good Shepherd,' because of the way He took care of the people who followed Him. Now Jesus was asking Peter (reference the Peter plant) to take care of His followers too.*

"This was Jesus' way of telling Peter that He had FORGIVEN him. He had an important job for Peter to do. In fact, Jesus said this three times, to make sure Peter knew that He wasn't upset about the three times Peter denied Him. Jesus LOVED Peter and wanted him to know that everything between them was okay!"

*Set the two plants down on the table.*



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## WRAPPING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** “In this story, we can see how Jesus took the time to make things right between Him and Peter. Peter must have felt like he had failed Jesus by denying Him. But Jesus wasn’t worried about that. Jesus forgave Peter. And now Jesus was inviting Peter to care for other people who would follow Jesus—then, and in the years to come.

“Jesus put Peter first by making things right between them. That’s an important part of humility, and it’s something we should do too.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**“Put others first by making things right.**

“Will you pray with me?”

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

## PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** “God, thank You for this story that shows us how we can make things right with other people. Jesus gave us the most amazing example of love and forgiveness, and that’s certainly true about His friendship with Peter. Help us love others the way Jesus does. Help us always be willing to make things right. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”





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## CLOSER

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** "What a story! I love how Jesus took the time to speak to Peter, to make sure he knew that they were still friends."

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

**SLIDE: WEEK 5 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, Peter knew that he had messed up. I think we all know what that feels like. At first, Peter thought he would NEVER deny Jesus . . . then that's exactly what he did, three different times. Jesus wasn't angry or upset with Peter, though. Not at all! Jesus loved and trusted Peter enough to give him the responsibility of taking care of the other followers of Jesus."

"Jesus showed us how to **put others first by making things right**. And that's what we need to remember today."

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**"Put others first by making things right."**

"You probably know what it's like to have to say you're sorry for something you've done wrong. Or maybe you've had to make things right with someone else after they hurt your feelings. It's never easy when we're having a disagreement like that with one of our friends or someone in our family. But we can choose to put them first by saying, 'I'm sorry. It's okay. I forgive you.'"

"It's so important that we learn how to make things right. That's a huge part of humility! It's a big way that we can **[Basic Truth] treat others the way we want to be treated**."

"You'll get to talk some more about that in Small Group. In fact, you can head that way right now. I'll see you later!"

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

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

**SLIDE: THEME**

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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
- Worship Leaders
- Week 4 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 dance party

##### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- God's Big Story Timeline Slide
- Week 5 Timeline Image Slide
- Week 5 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](http://Store.ThinkOrange.com).
- Work with your Worship Leaders on each of the dance moves so they'll be ready to help the Host lead the motions.

#### 2. WORSHIP

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Worship Leader(s)

##### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Follow You" from *Can't Stop Won't Stop*
- "How Amazing" from *Everything to Me*

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

- "Follow You" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through [Store.ThinkOrange.com](http://Store.ThinkOrange.com))
- "How Amazing" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through [Store.ThinkOrange.com](http://Store.ThinkOrange.com))

##### 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](http://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](http://Store.ThinkOrange.com).

#### 3. BIBLE STORY

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Storyteller
- Bible
- Music stand



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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.
- Set up the table with the two potted plants in front and the plastic bin full of water and the stack of books or cardboard box across the back.
- Place the towel over the top of the bin full of water to hide it from view.
- You might test that the "Peter" plant will float on the kickboard inside the bin.

### VIDEO ENHANCEMENTS FOR YOUR ENVIRONMENT

AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL PURCHASE AT [STORE.THINKORANGE.COM](http://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)

### 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