

RAISE YOUR GAME

PLAY WITH CONFIDENCE

WEEK
TWO
MAY 2023

LARGE GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Level Up
The Holy Spirit
Comes at Pentecost
Acts 2:1-41

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God sent the Holy Spirit
to help you.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"So we say with confidence,
'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.'"
Hebrews 13:6a, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Confidence—Living like you
believe God is with you

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 ("Over and Over" from *Everything to Me*, and "I Can Do All Things" from *At the Top of My Lungs*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Flaming Crowns (*k-1st grade*), Freeze Charades (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Application Activity: Soak up the Holy Spirit (*k-1st grade*), Windy Paintings (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Memory Verse Activity: Hot Potato (*k-1st grade*), Secret Decoder (*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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BIBLE VERSES:

- Acts 2:4 (NIrV)
- Acts 2:11-12 (NIrV)
- Acts 2:36 (NIrV)
- Acts 2:37-38 (NIrV)

HOST SUPPLIES

- Worship Leaders to help with the game
- Video game controller
- Masking or gaffer's tape
- Several playground balls
- Screen shot or demonstration video of Centipede™ gameplay (*optional*)

STORY SUPPLIES

- Large game show button (without batteries so it makes no sound)
- Table or stand for the button

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:

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME



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OPENER

HOST: "Hello, friends! I'm so excited to see you today. (*Hold up the video game controller.*) This month, we're finding out how we can 'raise our game' and play with confidence!

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

"Confidence is living like you believe God is with you.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

"When you have that kind of confidence, it's about more than just believing you can do something. It's knowing, deep down, that God **LOVES** you and that **[Basic Truth] you can trust God no matter what!**

"I've got another classic video game for us to play today, right in this room. And I'm **CONFIDENT** that you'll love it. Now, you have to understand that when video games first came out, there were only a few games, and they were all pretty simple. One of those very early games was called Centipede™.

SLIDE: CENTIPEDE SCREEN SHOT OR GAMEPLAY VIDEO (OPTIONAL)

"You can see the centipede up there at the top of the screen. It was really long and would travel back and forth across the screen, side to side, while moving closer and closer to the player. Meanwhile, the player was down at the bottom. They'd try to hit the centipede to break it up and defeat it before it got all the way to the bottom of the screen.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

"I thought we could play our own version of this game today in real life! We'll split the room in half to form two teams, and the two teams will take turns. (*Gesture to divide the room into two teams.*) So this side of the room, you're a team, and this side of the room, you're a team.

"The first team to go will form a giant centipede by putting your hands on the person's shoulders in front of you. You'll follow the tape line to get to the other side of the room. You'll have to walk heel-to-toe so you don't get moving too fast. (*Demonstrate.*)

Bring out the playground balls.

"While this is happening, the Small Group Leaders on the other side of the room will roll these playground balls at you. **ROLLING**, not throwing. If you get hit with the ball, you're out, and the centipede will break in that spot so there are two separate centipedes. If you're out, you can just stand to the side and cheer for your teammates. We'll continue until everyone is out **OR** the centipede crosses the finish line. Then we'll switch and let the other team try it.

"Small Group Leaders, please come to this side of the room.



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Bring the leaders over to the playground balls.

"Team One, you may now form yourself into one long centipede. [Kid's name], you're in front.

Help the kids get into position at the start of the tape line, putting their hands on the shoulders of the person in front of them.

"Are you ready? (Pause.) Let's go!

AUDIO: FUN 8-BIT VIDEO GAME MUSIC

Comment on the action as the "centipede" makes its way toward the finish line. The Small Group Leaders will roll the playground balls to try to break up the centipede along the way. If a kid gets hit with a ball, have that kid stand to the side and let the centipede continue in separate pieces. Remind the kids to walk, heel-to-toe, and not run.

Throughout the game, roll the playground balls back to the leaders after they roll them. (You can recruit the Worship Leaders to help with this.)

Congratulate everyone once the remainder of the centipede crosses the finish line.

Switch teams and let the other team play.

AUDIO: FUN 8-BIT VIDEO GAME MUSIC

After the game, congratulate both teams and collect the playground balls.

"That was awesome! Thanks for playing Centipede™ [your environment's name]-style. Now, let's all get on our feet and get ready to sing and worship God."

WORSHIP

Host exits as Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:



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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 continue through God's Big Story together.

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

"We talked about how Jesus died on the cross, then He came back to life! Jesus appeared to many of His friends and followers, then He returned to heaven to be with God. But before Jesus left, He told His friends to spread the word about Him throughout the whole world! He told them to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit, a Helper Who would always be with them.

"Today, we get to look at what happened next (*hold up Bible*) with the help of my super-fun sound effects button!

Reference the game show button.

"When we push this button, it'll make different sound effects. Here, let me make sure it's working.

Push the button.

AUDIO: STORY SOUND EFFECT 1 (TROMBONE)

"Great. When I come to a point in the story that needs a sound effect, I'll do this. (*Hold out both hands.*) If you want to come up and push the button, raise your hand. I'll call on someone to come push it then head right back to their seat.

Push the button.

AUDIO: STORY SOUND EFFECT 2 (UNDERWATER BUBBLES)

"Yep, I think we're good to go! Let's get started."

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES

STORYTELLER: "The believers, or followers of Jesus, had gathered to celebrate the feast of Pentecost.

"Suddenly, a sound came from heaven.

Choose a kid to come push the button.

AUDIO: STORY SOUND EFFECT 3 (STRONG WIND)

"It was like a strong wind blowing. This sound filled the whole house where the believers were sitting. They saw something that looked like fire in the shape of tongues.



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Choose a kid to come push the button.

AUDIO: STORY SOUND EFFECT 4 (FIRE)

"The flames separated and came to rest on each of the believers. As we read in the Bible . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 2:4 (NIRV) and read.

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known before. The Spirit gave them the ability to do this.

"I wonder what that might have sounded like! Maybe something like this?"

Choose a kid to come push the button.

AUDIO: STORY SOUND EFFECT 5 (EXCITED VOICES)

IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE

STORYTELLER: "Now, here's the really interesting part. Jewish people from all over the world had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Since these men and women came from lots of different places, they spoke lots of different languages.

"When Jesus' followers came out and started speaking, all these visitors began to hear their OWN language!

"They said . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 2:11-12 (NIRV) and read.

"We hear all these people speaking about God's wonders in our own languages! They were amazed and bewildered. They asked one another, 'What does this mean?'"

PETER SPEAKS

STORYTELLER: "Just then, Jesus' friend Peter stepped up to speak to the crowd.

Choose a kid to come push the button.

AUDIO: STORY SOUND EFFECT 6 (CLEARING THROAT)

"Peter told the crowd that Jesus was sent by God. Peter explained that God did miracles, wonders, and signs through Jesus. Peter reminded the people that although they had put Jesus to death, God had raised Him to life again!

"Peter finished by saying . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 2:36 (NIRV) and read.

"You nailed Jesus to the cross. But God has made him both Lord and Messiah.



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“Peter’s words had a deep effect on many in the crowd. I imagine they must have gasped!

Choose a kid to come push the button.

AUDIO: STORY SOUND EFFECT 7 (CROWD GASP)

“The people asked Peter and the disciples . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 2:37-38 (NirV) and read.

“Brothers, what should we do?

“Peter replied, ‘All of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then your sins will be forgiven. You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Everyone who believed Peter’s message about Jesus was baptized.

Choose a kid to come push the button.

AUDIO: STORY SOUND EFFECT 8 (WATER SPLASH)

“That day, about THREE THOUSAND people put their faith in Jesus!

Push the button again, several times.

AUDIO: STORY SOUND EFFECT 8 (WATER SPLASH)—SEVERAL TIMES

“I can’t even come close to 3,000! ALL of these people heard and believed Peter’s message about Jesus. This all happened because God sent the Holy Spirit to help the believers—just as Jesus promised! In the days to come, the Holy Spirit would continue to be with them. God’s Spirit would be there to help them as they shared the good news about Jesus.

“Did you know that we can have the help of the Holy Spirit today? When we put our faith in Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to always be with us. That’s how we can find true confidence and live the way Jesus taught us to live.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.

“It’s true! Let’s pray and thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to us.”

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND



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PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Your Spirit helped the believers in Jerusalem as they shared the good news about Jesus. Your Spirit is with us, too, when we believe and put our trust in You. Thank You for reminding us that we don't ever have to be alone, because Your Holy Spirit is with us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "It's pretty cool how Jesus' followers got to see the Holy Spirit at work in such a big way!"

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.

"The Holy Spirit made it possible for the people who had gathered in Jerusalem to understand what the believers had to say. Each of these people could understand what the believers were saying in their own language! The Holy Spirit was with Peter, too, as he shared about Jesus. And THOUSANDS of people put their faith in Jesus as their Savior. Amazing!"

"When we believe in Jesus and choose to follow Him, we can have the Holy Spirit to help us, too."

"Remember . . ."

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"God sent the Holy Spirit to help you."

"God's Spirit helps us live the way Jesus taught us to live—by loving God and loving others. The Holy Spirit helps us show things like love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness to others. We can live with confidence each day because we know that God's Spirit is with us!"

"You can head to Small Group now and talk about that some more with your leader and your friends. Have fun!"

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 to help with the game
- Video game controller
- Masking or gaffer's tape
- Several playground balls
- Screen shot or demonstration video of Centipede™ gameplay (*optional*)
- 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 8-bit video game music

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line 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.
- 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.
- Tape a line at one end of the room. The leaders will stand behind this line as they roll the playground balls at the "centipede" of kids.
- Tape a zig-zagging line for the "centipede" to follow. This should be parallel to the line that the leaders are standing behind. It should go back and forth in front of the leaders as though going across the "screen" (look at a screen shot or gameplay video of Centipede™ for reference). Tape a finish line at the end. When the kids cross this line, the game is over.
- Explain to the Worship Leaders that you need their help to roll the playground balls back to the leaders after they've rolled them.

2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Worship Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Over and Over" from *Everything to Me*
- "I Can Do All Things" from *At the Top of My Lungs*

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- "Over and Over" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- "I Can Do All Things" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)



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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
- Large game show button (without batteries so it makes no sound)
- Table or stand for the button

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- Story Sound Effects (provided)

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.
- Download the sound effects and have them ready to use.

VIDEO ENHANCEMENTS FOR YOUR ENVIRONMENT

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