

# **TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE**

## **TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

**Under Pressure** Peter and John Are Taken to the Sanhedrin Acts 3:1–4:21

## **TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

God is with you no matter what.

## **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



**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 ("Anything Ever" from At the Top of My Lungs, and "Yes I Am" from Everything to Me) Bible Story Bottom Line Prayer Closer

## SMALL GROUP

**25** 

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect
Bible Story Review: Level Up (k-1st grade), Seat Swap (2nd-3rd grade)
Application Activity: Holy Spirit, Come! (k-1st grade), Better Together (2nd-3rd grade)
Memory Verse Activity: Putting the BOLD in the PBJ (k-1st grade), Human Puzzle (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



| PRELUDE | SOCIAL | STORY      | WORSHIP    | GROUPS | HOME |  |
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|         |        | 25 MINUTES | 10 MINUTES |        |      |  |

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# **BIBLE VERSES:**

Acts 3:6 (NIrV) Acts 3:12-13 (NIrV) Acts 3:16 (NIrV) Acts 4:7 (NIrV) Acts 4:8-10 (NIrV) Acts 4:19-20 (NIrV)

# HOST SUPPLIES

- Two or three Small Group Leaders
- Video game controller
- Masking or gaffer's tape
- Frog "costumes" (adult size; see "What You Do")
- Several kids to be "vehicles" in the game (optional posters of cars)
- Cue card for the Host with gameplay information (if needed; see "What You Do")
- Screen shot or demonstration video of Frogger™ gameplay (optional)

# STORY SUPPLIES

- Table
- Three medium-size red potatoes to represent Peter, John, and the man who couldn't walk (each should have googly eyes, Mr Potato feet, and paper mouths; see "What You Do"). Optional 3 different Mr. Potatoe heads
- Unopened bag of mini potatoes. optional Mr Potato head tots -12 of them
- Three large russet potatoes to represent the religious leaders, each with googly eyes and "angry eyebrows" drawn with a marker
- Fishing net such as a small aquarium net
- Upside-down box labeled "TEMPLE"
- Upside-down box to represent the prison (on the sides, use a marker to draw windows with bars or cut out to make it look like a prison)

# 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

# **OPENER**

**HOST:** "Hey there, everybody! I'm so glad you're here. This month, we're 'raising our game' (hold up the video game controller) as we talk about 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

"Doesn't that just completely change the way you go about your day? If you're absolutely SURE that God is with you? I think so! If we believe that God is with us, then we'll have the confidence to live God's way.

"Speaking of confidence, we're going to play another classic video game right in this room. This game will require a few of our leaders to HOP with confidence. This game is called 'Frogger™.'

#### SLIDE: FROGGER SCREEN SHOT OR GAMEPLAY VIDEO (OPTIONAL)

"Look at that cute little frog! The goal of the game was to get your frog safely from one side of the street to the other. But you had to dodge different vehicles along the way. For example, while your frog was trying to cross the street, suddenly a racecar would speed by! In the next lane, a giant semi-truck might come barreling through. To get your frog safely across all those lanes of traffic, you had to jump at just the right times!

Note: The original game also had a section over water, where the frog had to jump on top of logs and turtles to make it across. Explain this as well, if you plan to have a water section.

#### SLIDE: THEME OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

"Today, I thought we could have a couple of Small Group Leaders as the frogs, and some of you will be the cars, trucks, and other vehicles driving by.

Choose two or three Small Group Leaders to take turns as the frog. Give each of them a frog "costume" to wear and have them stand in front of the taped lanes.



Then choose a few kids to be the vehicles.

**25 MINUTES** 

(to one of the kids) "[Kid's name], you're a minivan, right in the first lane.

Hold your hands up like you're holding a steering wheel and demonstrate how the kid should walk across his/her "lane" at a steady pace.

**10 MINUTES** 

"You'll drive like this, at a nice, steady pace. When you get to the other side, turn around and come right back. (Demonstrate.) Just keep going back and forth like that.

(to another kid) "[Kid's name], you're a racecar over here in the next lane. You'll go super-fast, back and forth. (Demonstrate.)

(to another kid) "[Kid's name], you're a school bus in the next lane. You'll take a few steps and stop, like this. (Demonstrate.)

Continue through as many different lanes as you have taped on your floor. Other ideas: • semi-truck (several kids with their hands on each other's shoulders)

- train (kid doing a slow-motion run while doing a "CHOO-CHOO!" every few steps)
- bicycle (kid acting like they're holding handlebars and pedaling)
- unicycle (kid acting like they're pedaling without handlebars)
- motorcycle (kid acting like they're holding handlebars, making a "VROOM" sound)
- log over water (kid with their hands at their sides, "rolling" steadily as they walk; the leader has to tag them with their hand in order to hop on top of the log, then keep traveling with the kid until they hop to the next log)
- turtle over water (kid with their arms outstretched, making a swimming motion; the leader has to tag them just like with the log)

"Okay, everybody! I think we've got all of our lanes set up. Remember, keep going at the same speed the whole time. But all of you will be going at a slightly different speed. Our leaders will try to hop through and avoid you!

If you're using a section over water, explain how the leaders need to hop on the logs and/or turtles to make it across the water.

"We'll see which leader can be the first one to hop all the way across then all the way back to the start.

"Let's play Frogger™! Audience, let's cheer them on. Ready, set, go!

#### AUDIO: FUN 8-BIT VIDEO GAME MUSIC

Comment on the action as the three leaders hop through the course. Encourage the kids to keep going at their set pace as whatever type of vehicle they are. When the first leader makes it back to where they started, congratulate them. Thank all leaders and kids as you dismiss them to their seats.

"Way to go! That was super-fun! Leaders, you showed some great confidence making your way safely through all those dangers. Let's all jump up on our feet and get ready to sing, dance, and worship God!"



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# WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

#### WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:



25 MINUTES

# BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

## **SETTING UP THE STORY**

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! We've been making our way through God's Big Story, all throughout the Bible. (Hold up Bible.)

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

"We're picking up the story today after Jesus had died on the cross, then came back to life. Jesus then appeared to many of His friends and followers, and eventually He returned to heaven to be with God.

"Before Jesus left, though, He gave a big job to His followers. He told them to spread the word about Him throughout the entire world! Jesus made a promise to His friends as well. He told them that God would send the Holy Spirit to help them.

"Last week, we talked about how God sent the Holy Spirit to the believers at the feast of Pentecost. That day, Jesus' friend Peter told the crowd about Jesus, and thousands of people put their faith in Jesus as their Savior. Through the help of God's Spirit, the early church began to grow!"

Set the bin full of potatoes and props on the table.

## **HE CAN WALK!**

**STORYTELLER:** "Now as we get started with today's story, let me introduce you to two of Jesus' good friends: Peter and John.

Hold up two red potatoes with google eyes and smiling mouths to represent Peter and John.

"Peter and John had been ordinary fishermen before Jesus called them to be His disciples.

Pick up the fishing net and hold it up with the Peter and John potatoes.

"Now, they had the help of God's Holy Spirit as they led and encouraged the people who decided to follow Jesus.

Set down the fishing net. On the other side of the table, set out the upside-down cardboard box with "TEMPLE" written on it.

"One day, Peter and John went up to the temple to pray.

Prop up Peter and John against the "TEMPLE" box.

"And they saw a man who couldn't walk.

Hold up the red potato representing the man, then set it down next to Peter and John.



"This man asked them for money. Here's what Peter said to him.

Open the Bible to Acts 3:6 (NIrV) and read.

"I don't have any silver or gold. But I'll give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk.

"The man jumped to his feet and was able to walk!

Hold up the potato representing the man, then flip his mouth from sad to happy.

(as the man) "Yay!

"The man then went with Peter and John into the temple courtyards."

Set the potato representing the man next to Peter and John, propped up against the "TEMPLE" box.

### **5,000 BELIEVERS**

**STORYTELLER:** "There were crowds of people there at the temple.

Set the bag of mini potatoes on the table.

"They saw the man walking and praising God, and they were absolutely amazed! They knew he was the man who had sat for so many years outside the gate.

Pick up the Peter potato.

"Peter then spoke up, saying . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 3:12-13 (NIrV) and read.

"Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us? It's not as if we've made this man walk by our own power or godliness. The God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has done this.

"Peter explained to the people about Jesus: how He had died on the cross, but God raised Him back to life. Peter then looked at the man who had been healed and said . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 3:16 (NIrV) and read.

"This man whom you see and know was made strong because of faith in Jesus' name. Faith in Jesus has healed him completely. You can see it with your own eyes.

"When the people heard what Peter had to say, many of them began to believe in Jesus.

Put Peter down and pick up the bag of mini potatoes.



**25 MINUTES** 

(as the "people") "WE BELIEVE!

"At this point, the new believers now numbered nearly 5,000!

Set down the bag of mini potatoes.

"The religious leaders were not at all happy about this, because they still didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God. They were so upset that they had Peter and John thrown into prison."

Take away the "TEMPLE" box. Put the prison box on the table, over the top of the Peter and John potatoes.

## **CONFIDENCE FROM GOD**

**STORYTELLER:** "The next morning, guards hauled Peter and John out and took them to stand before the elders and teachers.

Lift up the prison box and take out Peter and John. Place them in the middle of the table. Place the three big russet potatoes with "angry eyebrows" next to them.

"These leaders included the high priest, Annas, and other members of his family. They asked Peter and John . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 4:7 (NIrV) and read.

"By what power did you do this? . . . And through whose name?

Hold up the Peter potato.

"Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit. He was confident! He declared . . .

With your other hand, open the Bible to Acts 4:8-10 (NIrV) and read.

"Rulers and elders of the people! Are you asking us to explain our actions today? Do you want to know why we were kind to a man who couldn't walk? Are you asking how he was healed? Then listen to this, you and all the people of Israel! You nailed Jesus Christ of Nazareth to the cross. But God raised him from the dead. It is through Jesus' name that this man stands healed in front of you.

Put down the Peter potato. Pick up the potato representing the healed man.

"Yes, that's right. The man who had been healed was standing right there as the religious leaders questioned Peter and John!

Set down the potato representing the healed man.



25 MINUTES

(Reference the potatoes on the table.) "The religious leaders could see how bold Peter and John were. This surprised them, because Peter and John were ordinary men with no training. But it was clear to them WHY Peter and John were so confident. It was because they had been with Jesus. The leaders ordered Peter and John to leave so they could talk things over.

Hold up the three potatoes representing the religious leaders.

"These leaders weren't sure what to do with Peter and John. After all, they couldn't deny that they had healed the man, because he was standing right there.

Set the religious leader potatoes back on the table.

"They called Peter and John back in and told them they weren't allowed to talk about or teach about Jesus anymore. But again, Peter and John were confident!

Hold up the Peter and John potatoes.

"They said . . .

With your other hand, open the Bible to Acts 4:19-20 (NIrV) and read.

"Which is right from God's point of view? Should we listen to you? Or should we listen to God? You be the judges! There's nothing else we can do. We have to speak about the things we've seen and heard."

## WRAPPING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "The religious leaders couldn't figure out what to do with Peter and John. So in the end, they warned them again and let them go.

(as the Peter and John potatoes) "Yay!

Knock the prison box off the table.

"And all the people continued to praise God for healing the man who couldn't walk.

Hold up the bag of mini potatoes.

(as the "people") "Yay!

Set down the potatoes and move in front of the table.

"It must have been pretty tough for Peter and John to have to face the religious leaders like that. But they were confident, because they knew that God was with them.

"God is with YOU, too, no matter what you might be facing in life. When you put your faith in Jesus. You have God's Holy Spirit to help you.



**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE** 

"God is with you no matter what.

"Let's pray and thank God for that."

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND** 

# PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for protecting Peter and John. Thank You for helping them to be brave and confident when they had to face the religious leaders. Thank You for reminding us that You're with us today, just like you were with Peter and John way back then. Thank You for being a God that **[Basic Truth] we can trust no matter what.** We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

**HOST:** "Peter and John were really strong and brave when they were in front of the religious leaders.

**25 MINUTES** 

#### 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.

"So where did their confidence come from? Well, they knew that God was with them. God's Holy Spirit helped them remember they were not alone. They knew that, no matter what happened, God was always there!

"When we choose to follow Jesus, God promises to be with us, always. God's Spirit is always with us, always working in our lives. When we remember that, that's how we can have confidence like Peter and John had.

#### SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

#### "God is with you no matter what.

Share a personal example of a time when you went through something difficult but you had confidence because you knew that God was with you.

"This week, if there are times when you feel sad or frustrated or disappointed, remember to talk to God about it. Remember that God's Spirit is always there with you.

"Before we go to Small Group, let's read our memory verse, Hebrews 13:6a."

#### SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

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

HOST: "Awesome job! God IS our helper. You can talk about that in your small groups. Right now!"

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 or three Small Group Leaders
- Video game controller
- Masking or gaffer's tape
- Frog "costumes" (adult size; see "What You Do")
- Several kids to be "vehicles" in the game
- Cue card for the Host with gameplay information (if needed; see "What You Do")
- Screen shot or demonstration video of Frogger™ gameplay (optional)
- 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 8-bit video game 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<sup>®</sup> 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 several "lanes" on the floor of your Large Group space, similar to the roadway in the original Frogger™ game. You may also want to make a water section where the leaders will need to hop on logs or turtles instead of avoiding the vehicles.
- Decide ahead of time how many lanes you want to create and which vehicles the kids will be. Create a cue card with this information for the Host, if needed.
- The frog costumes for the leaders could be as simple as green hats or beanies with homemade paper eyes, frog masks, or actual costumes.

# 2. WORSHIP

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

• Worship Leader(s)

### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Anything Ever" from At the Top of My Lungs
- "Yes I Am" 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 "Yes I Am.")

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

 "Anything Ever" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)



# **GETTING READY**

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- *Live Loud* Video from *Get Reel* (available through the 252 Media Package)
- "Yes I Am" 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
- Table
- Three medium-size red potatoes to represent Peter, John, and the man who couldn't walk (each should have googly eyes and paper mouths; see "What You Do")
- Unopened bag of mini potatoes
- Three large russet potatoes to represent the religious leaders, each with googly eyes and "angry eyebrows" drawn with a marker
- Fishing net such as a small aquarium net
- Upside-down box labeled "TEMPLE"
- Upside-down box to represent the prison (on the sides, use a marker to draw windows with bars)

#### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

#### WHAT YOU DO:

Download the slides and have them ready to use.
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- For the Peter, John, and "man who couldn't walk" potatoes, add googly eyes and also create simple paper mouths with toothy smiles. For the start of the story, turn the smile upside down for the man who couldn't walk; when he's healed, the Storyteller will flip his frown into a smile.
- You should be able to wash and eat all of the potatoes that you've used in 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:



# **GETTING READY**

#### HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

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