

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I'm a Believer Paul Becomes a Believer Acts 9:1-9

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Knowing Jesus changes how you see things.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1, NIrV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

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 ("Everywhere I Go" from Every Beat, and "Ready, Set, Move!" from Ready, Set, Move!) Bible Story Bottom Line Prayer Closer

SMALL GROUP

25

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect
Bible Story Review: Seeing Jesus (k-1st grade), On the Road Again (2nd-3rd grade)
Application Activity: Situation Flip (k-1st grade), Color Wheel Spinners (2nd-3rd grade)
Memory Verse Activity: Mirror Image Memory Verse (k-1st grade), Memory Verse Moves (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



PRE	UDE SO	CIAL STOR	r wors	HIP GROUP	S HOME
		25 MINUTE	S 10 MINU	ITES	

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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

Host enters.

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

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! I'm [your name], and I'm so glad we're all here together at [your environment's name]. This whole summer, we're talking about something really important. We're talking about FAITH.

SLIDE: VIRTUE OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

"Faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

SLIDE: THEME OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

"We can put our faith in Jesus, even though we can't see Him with our eyes. We know that the way Jesus taught us to live is the very BEST way to live. When we follow Jesus, He MOVES us to share His love here, there, and everywhere.

"Today, we're playing a game that has to do with some different ways you can MOVE . . . in the water! Let's pretend that the floor out there is a lake or ocean. Everyone tread water. (Act like you're treading water.) Good job. You're such strong swimmers!

There are three moves you can make in this game: surfing (*do a surfer stance*), water skiing (*do a water skiing stance*), and canoeing (*do a canoeing motion*). Let me teach you how to do those motions.

"First, let's be surfers. You'll do a surfer stance and say, 'Hang ten!'

Have everybody try it together.



"Okay, now we'll be water skiers. You'll do a water skiing stance and say, 'Speed up the boat!'

Have everybody try it together. Do a thumbs-up when you say, "Speed up the boat!"

"And last, let's be canoers. Grab a partner, use your oars like this (demonstrate), and say, 'Ugh! My arms!'

Have everybody try it together.

"Okay, when I say 'move,' everybody will pick one of those three poses: surfer, water skier, or canoer. Then we'll all watch the screen together. If your pose ends up on the screen, you get to stay in the game. If not, you're out of this round, and you'll sit against the wall. But these first couple of rounds are just for practice. Everybody get ready to pick your pose. Ready, set, move!

SLIDES: GAME SLIDES 1-3 (SURFING, WATER SKIING, CANOEING)—ONE SLIDE AT RANDOM FOR EACH ROUND ON THE HOST'S CUE AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Have the person in the tech booth choose randomly which image will be on the screen each time. Play as many rounds as time allows and congratulate the kids still "in" at the end.

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

"That was soooooo fun! Thanks for playing along! Now let's jump up on our feet and get ready to sing and worship God."



WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes—I can't wait for this worship time, everybody! I love singing praises to God with all of you. All day, every day, wherever I go, I want to share God's love with the world. Let's sing about that now.

AUDIO: "EVERYWHERE I GO" / TRACK 10 FROM EVERY BEAT OPTIONAL VIDEO: "EVERYWHERE I GO" LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO

"God's love is so amazing! We can't stop and won't stop sharing God's love. So good. Before we continue in worship, watch this.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIVE LOUD VIDEO FROM GET REEL

"We have a new song today. It's called 'Ready, Set, Move!' It's all about us putting our faith into action and showing God's love everywhere we go. (If it makes sense for you to mention your VBS event and that this is the theme song, do so here.) As we read in Psalm 89:2: 'I will tell everyone that your love stands firm forever. I will tell them that you are always faithful...' (NIrV) Sing this with me once you catch on."

AUDIO: "READY, SET, MOVE!" / TRACK 1 FROM READY, SET, MOVE! OPTIONAL VIDEO: "READY, SET, MOVE!" LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO



25 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

Storyteller sets up the three numbered prop boxes on the table.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! Over the past several months, we've been moving through God's Big Story in the Bible. (Hold up Bible.)

If you're using a Bible timeline on your wall, you can reference it here as you recap.

"We've seen how God sent Jesus to be our Savior. We've seen how Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Then He came back to life! After Jesus returned to heaven, the early church grew quickly with the help of God's Spirit.

"In the book of Acts, we can read stories about the church in those early days. When the believers ran into trouble in Jerusalem, many of them scattered to other places. But they took the news about Jesus everywhere they went . . . just as Jesus had told them to do."

SAUL GOES AFTER THE BELIEVERS

STORYTELLER: "Now as we get into our story today, you might notice I've got a few boxes on stage with me. And I need your help! If I call on you, can you come up and open one of the boxes for me? (*Pause.*) Great! Listen closely so you can be ready.

"There was a man named Saul who was an important religious leader. You might also know Saul by the name Paul, which is what he's called in other parts of the Bible. Saul actually tried to STOP people from putting their faith in Jesus, because he didn't believe that Jesus was really the Son of God. Saul thought the best way to please God was to stop the early church from growing.

"All right, who wants to open box number one?

Choose a kid to come up, open box #1, and hold up the scroll. Then send the kid back to their seat.

"Saul went to the high priest and asked him for letters (*hold up the scroll*) that he could take to the synagogues in the city of Damascus. He wanted to take Jesus-followers who lived there as prisoners to Jerusalem."

Put the scroll back into box #1.

SAUL MEETS JESUS

STORYTELLER: "Box number two—who wants to open it?

Choose a different kid to come up, open box #2, and hold up the high-powered flashlight. Then send the kid back to their seat.



"While Saul was traveling to Damascus, a light from heaven flashed around him!

25 MINUTES

Hold up the light and turn it on. Squint and turn away from the light like it's about to blind you.

"Saul fell to the ground, and he heard a voice. The voice said . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 9:4-6 (NIrV) and read.

"'Saul! Saul! Why are you opposing me?"

"'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked.

"'I am Jesus,' he replied. 'I am the one you are opposing. Now get up and go into the city. There you will be told what you must do.'

Turn off the flashlight and put it back into box #2.

"Okay. WOW. So Jesus Himself spoke to Saul, right there on the road! Jesus told Saul to get up and go into the city of Damascus. Once he got there, he would find out what he was supposed to do next."

SAUL CAN'T SEE

STORYTELLER: "Time for box number three!

Choose a kid to come up, open box #3, and hold up the blindfold. Then send the kid back to their seat.

"When this happened, the men who were traveling with Saul were completely unable to speak. (*Put your hand over your mouth.*) They had heard the sound, but they couldn't see anyone.

Put the blindfold over your eyes.

"When Saul got up from the ground where he had fallen, he opened his eyes, and he couldn't see a thing! The other men could see, though, so they led Saul into Damascus.

Walk in place with the blindfold still over your eyes.

"For three days, Saul couldn't see. And he didn't eat or drink ANYTHING."

Take off the blindfold and put it back into box #3.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "And that's where we'll hit pause on this story for now! But just so you don't worry, later Saul was able to see again. And he actually decided to follow Jesus. But we'll get into that next time!

"The important thing to know for now is that, because Jesus met Saul on the road, Saul completely changed what he believed. Before, he had tried to put a stop to the church and keep people from believing in Jesus. That was why he was traveling to Damascus—to arrest people!



25 MINUTES

Pick up the scroll from box #1 and hold it up.

"But then Saul met Jesus, and he saw the truth.

Hold up the flashlight from box #2, hold it up, and turn it on.

"Saul understood that Jesus really was the Savior the Jewish people had been waiting for. And that led him to put his FAITH in Jesus. Everything changed for Saul when he met Jesus for himself.

Pick up the blindfold from box #3 and put it on. Then peek out from behind it.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Knowing Jesus changes how you see things.

"That was true for Saul, and it's true for us, too.

Put the props box in their respective boxes.

"Will you pray with me?"

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You so much for the story of Saul. It reminds us that You love us and that as we get to know You, You can change the way we see things. Help us see and love other people the way You do. Give us the courage to put our faith in You, because we know that **[Basic Truth] we can trust You no matter what.** We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



25 MINUTES

CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "When Saul saw the bright light and heard the voice of Jesus, it changed everything for him. Instead of trying to stop the followers of Jesus, Saul himself became a follower of Jesus!

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.

"The same thing can happen for you and me today. As we get to know Jesus, we'll start to see things differently because . . .

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Knowing Jesus changes how you see things.

"We can decide to put our faith in Jesus and practice how He told us to live. After all, Jesus loves us more than we could ever know! And as we learn to trust Jesus each day, we can grow to be more and more LIKE Jesus.

"Knowing Jesus changes the way you see yourself. It helps you understand that you're a child of God. Knowing Jesus also changes the way you see other people. You'll see how valuable people are, because they're made in the image of God. You'll start to see what other people need, and you'll want to do something to help!

"Before we head to Small Group, let's look at our new memory verse, Hebrews 11:1. This verse will help us remember what faith is all about.

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1, NIrV)

"You can head to Small Group now and talk about how our faith in Jesus can change us!"

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
- 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 to play during the game

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Memory Verse Slide
- Game Slides (Surfing, Water Skiing, Canoeing)
- 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.
- 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.
- Load the slides in advance and have a quick rehearsal with your audio/visual team to make sure everyone understands how to play the game. For each round, the person running slides will need to put up one of the three slides at random once the kids have chosen a pose and the Host gives a cue.

2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

• Worship Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Everywhere I Go" from Every Beat
- "Ready, Set, Move!" from Ready, Set, Move! (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 "Ready, Set, Move!")

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

• "Everywhere I Go" 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)
- "Ready, Set, Move!" 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
- Table
- Three numbered prop boxes containing:
 - Box #1: a rolled-up scroll
 - Box #2: a very bright LED flashlight or floodlight

 Box #3: a blindfold that's easy to put on (sleep mask-style)

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.
- Prepare the prop boxes in advance and have them available for the Storyteller to use.

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.



GETTING READY

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

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*: READY, SET, MOVE SHOELACES

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

Lace up these fun, themed shoelaces and get ready to MOVE! After all, when you choose to follow Jesus, He leads you on a journey of faith. No matter where life takes us, we can put our trust in Jesus and know that He is with us—here, there, and everywhere! Each widget includes two matching shoelaces that match our Ready, Set, Move summer curriculum. Each shoelace measures 3/7 inch by 35 inches.