

# **TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE**

# **TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

I Can See Clearly Now Ananias Helps Paul Acts 9:10-31

# **TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

God can help you face your fears.

# **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 ("Yes I Am" from Everything to Me, 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: Facing Fear (k-1st grade), Cube
Review (2nd-3rd grade)
Application Activity: Airport (k-1st grade), Faith over
Fear (2nd-3rd grade)
Memory Verse Activity: Certain of What We Do Not See (k-1st grade), Spotlight the Verse (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	
		25 MINUTES	10 MINUTES			

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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:** "Hello, friends! I'm so excited to be here, and I hope you are, too. This summer, we're having tons of fun as we talk about what it means to have 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

"When you put your faith in Jesus, you'll want to live differently. You'll want to share Jesus' love by **[Basic Truth] treating others the way you want to be treated.** Following Jesus makes you want to MOVE—here, there, and everywhere!

"For today's game, our contestants will definitely need to trust in what they can't see . . . because they won't be able to see what's happening behind them! To play the game, I need two Small Group Leaders to come up here.

Choose two adult leaders to join you on the stage for the game.

"Welcome, contestants. (to audience) Now, one way we can get MOVING is by going on a hike. (to the two contestants) Do you like to go hiking, [leaders' names]? (Pause for response.) When you're on a hike in the wilderness, you might see some animals, right? Some of those animals might be really cute and adorable. And some might be kind of scary!



(to audience) "Our contestants will have their backs to the screen, and there will be a picture of an animal on it. They'll guess what animal is on the screen by watching all of YOU act like that animal. You can't say any words or make any sounds. You can just use your body to act-out the animal on the screen. I can't wait to see this!

"We'll give [leader one's name] one minute to see how many animals [she/he] can guess. Then [leader two's name] will have a turn. [Leader one's name], get ready. Here we go!

#### SLIDES: ANIMAL SLIDES (CHANGE EACH TIME A CONTESTANT GUESSES CORRECTLY) AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Set a timer on your phone for 60 seconds.

Give each leader a chance to guess as many animals as they can in 60 seconds. Let them pass if they can't guess one. Keep score on a dry erase board. See which team gets the most points to determine a winner.

Option: Have the leader waiting for their turn wait in another room or wear noise-cancelling headphones so they don't hear the animals from the first round. That way, you can use the same ones again.

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

"That was seriously impressive! [Leaders' names], you were great guessers. Some of those animals were fearsome, and some . . . weren't. Okay, let's all stand up and get ready to sing, dance, and worship God!"



# WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm so excited to sing in worship with all of you. Look around and tell someone next to you, 'I am a child of God' (*Get a response.*) Great! Now find someone else and tell them, 'Yes I am'. (*Get a response. Repeat both of these if needed.*) We are all children of God! Let's sing and thank God for that now.

#### AUDIO: "YES I AM" / TRACK 5 FROM EVERYTHING TO ME OPTIONAL VIDEO: "YES I AM" LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO

"Great singing, everyone! Before we continue in worship, let's watch this.

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

"I'm excited to sing this fun new song, 'Ready, Set, Move!' You can't sit still with this one! I love David's words from Psalm 103:22: 'Let everything the Lord has made praise him everywhere in his kingdom. I will praise the Lord.' (NIrV) Let's MOVE and worship God together."

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



# BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

## **SETTING UP THE STORY**

**STORYTELLER:** "As you might remember, we've been moving through God's Big Story in the Bible.

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

(Hold up Bible.) "In the book of Acts, which is in the New Testament, we can read stories about the early church. With the help of God's Spirit, the early church grew as more people heard about and decided to follow Jesus.

"However, there were religious leaders who DIDN'T believe in Jesus, who tried to keep the news about Jesus from spreading. One of those religious leaders was a man named Saul, who we talked about last week. At first, Saul was trying to get rid of the new believers and stop people from believing in Jesus.

"But then, something incredible happened when Saul was traveling to the city of Damascus. A light from heaven flashed around him, and he fell to the ground, unable to see. He heard the voice of Jesus speak to him and tell him to go into the city. For three days, Saul prayed and didn't eat or drink anything!

"Now, before we get into what happened next, I've invited a special guest to be here with us. His name is Ananias, and he's actually one of the people in our story today! (*Call backstage.*) Ananias, can you come out and join us?"

Host enters, wearing a biblical-looking costume and a fake beard. They're holding a large drawing pad with the pre-drawn drawings.

#### **ANANIAS'S VISION**

**STORYTELLER:** (to Host) "So, [Host's name]—I mean, Ananias—it's so good to have you here with us today! We've been talking about Saul. I thought since this part of Saul's story included you, it might be helpful to have you here to answer some questions for us."

HOST (AS ANANIAS): "Yes. I'm happy to be here."

**STORYTELLER:** "Ananias, I understand that you were in the city of Damascus while all of this happened with Saul. You had heard that Saul was coming to arrest Jesus-followers. And you—being one of them—were filled with fear. Is that true?"

HOST (AS ANANIAS): "Yes."

#### **SLIDE: DRAWING 1**

Host holds up the drawing pad to show the first illustration: a drawing of "himself" (Ananias) looking fearful.

**STORYTELLER:** "It looks like you've drawn a picture of yourself . . . looking scared. I didn't realize you were an artist!



"Okay, so is it true that Jesus called to you in a vision and told you to go to the house where Saul was staying?"

#### HOST (AS ANANIAS): "Yes."

#### SLIDE: DRAWING 2

Host turns the page on the drawing pad to show the next illustration: Ananias drawing plus a speech bubble coming from above.

**STORYTELLER:** "Wow. Amazing! Here's where we can read about that in the Bible, in the book of Acts. Jesus told you . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 9:11-12 (NIrV) and read.

"Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street. Ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying. In a vision Saul has seen a man come and place his hands on him. That man's name is Ananias. In the vision, Ananias placed his hands on Saul so he could see again.

"Ananias, you responded that you were afraid of Saul because he had come to arrest the believers in Damascus. Is that true?"

HOST (AS ANANIAS): "Yes."

**STORYTELLER:** "But then Jesus told you this.

Open the Bible to Acts 9:15 (NIrV) and read.

"Go! I have chosen this man to work for me. He will announce my name to the Gentiles and to their kings. He will also announce my name to the people of Israel."

#### SAUL CAN SEE!

**STORYTELLER:** "Whoa, Ananias. I've got to be honest. I can understand why you were afraid of Saul, after the way he had treated the believers in Jerusalem. Even though you were scared, you chose to trust God. You chose to go."

HOST (AS ANANIAS): "Yes."

#### **SLIDE: DRAWING 3**

Host turns the page on the drawing pad to show the next illustration: Ananias with his hands on Saul.

**STORYTELLER:** "You went to the house where Saul was, and you put your hands on Saul. Is that right?"

HOST (AS ANANIAS): "Yes."



**STORYTELLER:** (Hold up Bible.) "This is what you said to Saul, according to the book of Acts.

Open the Bible to Acts 9:17 (NIrV) and read.

"Brother Saul . . . you saw the Lord Jesus. He appeared to you on the road as you were coming here. He has sent me so that you will be able to see again. You will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

"Okay, then something really wild happened. Something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. Is that what happened?"

HOST (AS ANANIAS): "Yes."

#### **SLIDE: DRAWING 4**

Host turns the page on the drawing pad to show the next illustration: Ananias and Saul, with dots falling from Saul's eyes.

**STORYTELLER:** "Wow! That's intense! Then Saul got up and was baptized. And after he ate some food, he got his strength back. Right, Ananias?"

HOST (AS ANANIAS): "Yes."

#### **SAUL AND BARNABAS**

STORYTELLER: "Now Ananias, I understand that Saul spent several days with the believers in Damascus."

HOST (AS ANANIAS): "Yes."

#### **SLIDE: DRAWING 5**

Host turns the page on the drawing pad to show the next illustration: Saul and several other people.

**STORYTELLER:** "He preached in the synagogues and taught people that Jesus is the Son of God. That must have been pretty amazing! I mean, I bet it was hard for the people to believe that Saul—who used to arrest followers of Jesus—was now a follower of Jesus himself!

"Ananias, I understand that the religious leaders were angry with Saul because they felt like he had turned against them. So they made plans to get rid of him. But is it true that Saul's new friends helped him escape at night by lowering him in a basket through an opening in the wall?"

HOST (AS ANANIAS): "Yes."

#### SLIDE: DRAWING 6

Host turns the page on the drawing pad to show the next illustration: a few people standing on a wall, lowering a basket with Saul inside it.



**STORYTELLER:** "Wow, that's a great one!

"Ananias, I'm not sure if you know about this next part. Let me tell you what happened to Saul next, according to the book of Acts. (Hold up Bible.)

"Saul went to Jerusalem and tried to join the believers there, but they were afraid of him. They had a hard time believing he could really be a Jesus-follower now . . . but a man named Barnabas had heard about Saul's meeting with Jesus.

Motion for the Host to hand you the drawing pad. Quickly pretend to draw a picture on the next page, using the marker with the cap on. (The last picture will already be drawn.)

#### **SLIDE: DRAWING 7**

Storyteller shows the last illustration to the audience. It should be of Saul and Barnabas.

"Barnabas believed that Saul had truly changed. So he took Saul to meet with the leaders of the new church. Barnabas explained how Saul had stayed with the believers in Damascus, and how he had preached in Jesus' name. Isn't that so cool, Ananias?"

HOST (AS ANANIAS): "Yes."

**STORYTELLER:** "Well, thank you so much for being here with us today, Ananias. You've said so much while saying so little. (*to the kids*) Let's all give Ananias a round of applause!"

Host takes the drawing pad and exits.

#### **SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

### WRAPPING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "Saul preached about Jesus, all over Jerusalem. And once again, some people made plans to get rid of him! But Saul's friends helped him escape the city and travel back to his hometown of Tarsus. There, Saul spent time learning more about Jesus and growing closer to Him. Meanwhile . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 9:31 (NIrV) and read.

"Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. The church was strengthened and grew larger. That's because they worshiped the Lord and the Holy Spirit helped them.

"You can understand why the followers of Jesus were afraid to trust Saul. But Ananias, and later Barnabas, were willing to give Saul a chance. Because of that, the other believers did, too. God helped them face their fears and welcome Saul as part of the church.

#### **SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

"God can help you face your fears.



"It's true! When you put your faith in God, you believe that God is with you; and that can help you face things in life that might seem tough or scary. Let's pray and ask God to help us do that."

#### SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

# PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** "God, thank You for the story of Saul, and Ananias and Barnabas who gave Saul a chance. You helped them face their fears and believe that Saul had changed. Please help us face our fears like they did. Remind us that **[Basic Truth] we can trust you no matter what.** Thank You for being there to help us in any difficult situation. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



# CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits. They're in normal clothes but still wearing the fake beard.

**HOST:** "Wow, I just heard that Ananias was here. I can't believe I missed him! (*Realize you're wearing the fake beard and take it off.*) Oh. Oops.

"But seriously, it's pretty wild to imagine what all of this was like for Ananias. He had heard a lot of bad things about Saul—about how Saul was trying stop the followers of Jesus. But then Saul put his faith in Jesus, and Ananias heard a message from God that he should give Saul a chance.

#### 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.

"Ananias DID give Saul a chance, and when Saul returned to Jerusalem, Barnabas was willing to speak up for him, too. The other followers of Jesus weren't sure if they could trust Saul. But in the end, they faced their fears. They chose to believe that God had changed Saul's heart and that Saul was now truly a follower of Jesus.

"Remember . . .

#### **SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

## "God can help you face your fears.

"There are times when you and I have to trust God, too! We have to have faith that God is there, even when we feel afraid. I know that's true for me.

Share an age-appropriate personal story of a time you had to have faith in God to face your fears.

"When we feel afraid, we can always ask God for help. That doesn't mean that God will always change the situation, but we know that God will always be with us THROUGH those difficult or scary times. God can give us the courage to face tough situations in our lives.

"You can head to Small Group now and talk about how God can help us face our fears!"

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 Small Group Leaders for the game
- Host's phone
- Dry erase board and marker
- Noise-cancelling headphones (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 instrumental music for the game

### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Animal Slides
- 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<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.
- Do a run-through with your audio/visual team to make sure everyone understands how to play the game before the kids enter the room.

# 2. WORSHIP

## WHAT YOU NEED:

• Worship Leader(s)

#### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Yes I Am" from Everything to Me
- "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):

- "Yes I Am" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- *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.
- Dance Moves Music Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.



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# **3. BIBLE STORY**

## WHAT YOU NEED:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Biblical costume and fake beard for the Host
- Large drawing pad with seven pages of simple drawings based on the provided Drawing Slides, drawn with a thick marker:
  - Ananias looking fearful
  - Ananias, plus a speech bubble coming from above
  - Ananias with his hands on Saul
  - Ananias and Saul with dots falling from Saul's eyes
  - Saul and several other people
  - A few people standing on a wall, lowering a basket with Saul inside it
  - Saul and Barnabas
- Marker

# LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Drawing Slides

#### 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.
- Ahead of time, draw the seven drawings from the Drawing Slides on the pad of paper, with each drawing on a separate page. The slides are meant to show what's on the drawing pad so that the kids can easily see, so the drawings on the pad should look the same as what's on the screen.

# **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)

# ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENTS INCLUDING:

- Graphic motion loops
- Themed audio transitions
- Virtue and monthly widget promo videos (M.C. Haggis)



# **GETTING READY**

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- 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