



WEEK
FOUR
JUNE 2023

LARGE GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Jailbreak
An Angel Helps Peter
Escape from Prison
Acts 12:1-19

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God is with you even when
you feel stuck.

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, NIV

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

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 ("Everything to Me" from *Everything to Me*, and
"Ready, Set, Move!" from *Ready, Set, Move!*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Peter's Escape (*k-1st grade*), Beat the Grid (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Application Activity: Stuck, Unstuck (*k-1st grade*), Animal Tag (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Memory Verse Activity: God Is Always with You (*k-1st grade*), Memory Verse 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



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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, holding an open umbrella.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everyone! It's great to see you. I don't know if you've noticed, but it's been raining a lot here at [your environment's name]."

AUDIO: HEAVY RAIN SOUND EFFECT

"We've got a raging river to cross. (Reference the taped 'river' on the floor.) And we've got to find a way to MOVE across safely!"

"I think we can do it, though. I've got faith that we can!"

Set down the umbrella.

"What IS faith? Does anyone remember?"

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 we put our faith in Jesus as our Savior, He can lead us to share His love here, there, and everywhere!"

"Now, I think it's time we get across this river. Everyone line up with your small group behind this riverbank. Make sure your Small Group Leader is first in line!"



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Have all small groups line up on one side of the taped "river."

"Okay! Here's how we'll MOVE from one side of this raging river to the other. You and your small group will travel together. First, you'll look up at me to see what motion to do. Your leader will do the motion first, followed right away by the next person in line, then the next person, and so on. Once everyone in your group has done the motion, you can all take three steps forward. Then look at me to see the next motion. Make sense?"

"Oh, and as you can see, there are also a few obstacles in your way. (*Reference the pool noodles and inflatable items in the 'river.'*) So you'll have to avoid those obstacles so you don't get stuck! Just move around them the best you can, but remember to stay in line with your small group.

"I think we can all get across the river if we work together. How about you? (*Pause for response.*) Let's find out.

AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

"Here's your first motion! It's the dog paddle.

Do a dog paddle motion. Make sure all groups do the motion, front to back. Then make sure they move three steps forward.

Move through the other swim motions in the same way, by calling them out and demonstrating what to do.

Front crawl (i.e. the swimming stroke)

Backstroke

Depending on how wide your "river" is, you can repeat the three swim motions until the groups are over halfway across.

Once the groups are about halfway across the river . . .

"Good news! Your group just got picked up by a boat. Now let me see you forward paddle. (*Demonstrate.*)

"Now let me see you paddle backward. (*Demonstrate.*) Stroke! Stroke!"

Alternate between forward and backward paddling until all groups have reached the other "riverbank." Give everyone a chance to finish.

"Whew! That was fun. It really helped that you got picked up by those boats halfway through. You did a good job avoiding the obstacles, too.

"Let's keep moving now as we sing, dance, and worship God together."



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WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: "I love it when we come together to worship and celebrate Jesus! This song says, 'I will worship You in all I do.' We can live our whole lives to follow Jesus and live the way He taught us to live. Sing this with me.

AUDIO: "EVERYTHING TO ME" / TRACK 9 FROM EVERYTHING TO ME

OPTIONAL VIDEO: "EVERYTHING TO ME" LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO

"Great singing, everyone! We can worship Jesus in everything we do. We'll keep singing in a minute; but first, let's watch this.

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

"Jesus once said to His disciples in John 13:34: 'You must love one another, just as I have loved you.' (NirV) Jesus loves us so much, and we can share His love with others—here, there, and everywhere! We can put our faith into action as we love the people God has put in our lives. Now, I've got three simple words for you. Are you ready to hear them? (Get a response.) 'Ready, Set, Move!' Let's dance and sing!"

AUDIO: "READY, SET, MOVE!" / TRACK 1 FROM READY, SET, MOVE!

OPTIONAL VIDEO: "READY, SET, MOVE!" LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! We're back at it again as we keep 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're in the book of Acts, which is full of stories of the early church. God's Spirit helped the church grow, and many people heard the good news about Jesus.

"Things weren't always easy for the believers, though. They ran into trouble in Jerusalem.

SLIDE: STORY BACKDROP 1: JERUSALEM

"And so many of them traveled to other places to share about Jesus. But there were still believers who stayed there in Jerusalem."

HEROD ARRESTS PETER

STORYTELLER: "During this time, King Herod ruled over the land of Judea.

Host enters, wearing the crown. Host frowns and stands with his arms folded.

"King Herod worked for the Roman government that was in control over the Jewish people at the time. He thought that arresting followers of Jesus pleased the people he ruled over who didn't follow Jesus. King Herod had already arrested many of the Jesus-followers. And he planned to arrest Peter as well. (*Pause.*)

"Let's see—who would like to play Peter?"

Choose an older boy with his hand raised to play Peter.

(*to the kid*) "Peter, I'm sorry to say that King Herod has thrown you in prison.

SLIDE: STORY BACKDROP 2: PRISON

"Here, put your hands like this.

Cue the kid to hold his wrists together in front of him.

(*to audience*) "Here's something you should know, though. Peter and some of the other believers had already been arrested before. But that time, they mysteriously escaped from prison and showed back up in the temple courts!



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"THIS time, King Herod wasn't taking any chances. He had Peter chained between two guards. (Pause.) Who wants to play the guards?"

Choose two kids with their hands raised. Put a Roman helmet on each of them and have them stand on either side of "Peter." Cue them to fold their arms and frown.

"King Herod made plans to bring Peter out for a big public trial right after the Passover Festival. But while Peter was stuck in prison, the other believers were praying for him.

(to audience) "Other believers—that's all of you! Let me see you praying. (Pause for the kids to make a prayer pose.) Good job!"

Host exits.

PETER'S AMAZING RESCUE

STORYTELLER: "The night before Herod would bring Peter to trial, Peter was sleeping.

(to Peter) "Here you go, Peter.

Toss a pillow to Peter and cue him to lie down.

"Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared! (Pause.) Who wants to play the angel?"

Bring up a kid to play the angel and give them the halo headband to wear. Also give them the flashlight.

"A bright light shone in the prison cell.

Cue the kid playing the angel to turn on the flashlight.

"The angel struck Peter on his side to wake him up.

"'Quick! Get up,' (Acts 12:7, NIV) the angel said. And the chains fell off Peter's wrists! (Pause.) Peter, hold up your hands and show us that you're free!

Peter holds up his hands and waves them.

"The angel told Peter to put on his clothes, sandals, and coat. Then, Peter followed the angel out of the prison.

SLIDE: STORY BACKDROP: STREET AT NIGHT

(to Peter and the angel) "Let's see you two walk in place!

Peter and the angel walk in place. Motion for the two guards to stand to the side.



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"Peter kept thinking maybe he was seeing a vision or a dream. But this was actually happening! Peter and the angel passed the guards. When they reached the city gate, the gate opened by itself! They walked the length of one street, then the angel left Peter.

Motion for the kid playing the angel to sit back down. (Take the halo as the kid leaves.)

"Then Peter understood what had happened.

Cue Peter to point up with one hand.

"He said . . .

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

"Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent his angel. He set me free from Herod's power."

NO, REALLY, IT'S ME!

STORYTELLER: "Peter then went to the house of a woman named Mary.

SLIDE: STORY BACKDROP: MARY'S HOUSE

"Many people had gathered to pray there. All of you believers, can you show me what that looks like again? (Pause for the kids to make a prayer pose.)

"Peter knocked on the door, and a servant named Rhoda answered. (Pause.) Who wants to play Rhoda?"

Bring up a girl to play Rhoda. Have her stand next to Peter and cue her to put her hand by her ear.

"Rhoda recognized Peter's voice and she ran to tell the other believers—without opening the door!

"Rhoda shouted, 'Peter is at the door!'" (Acts 12:14, NIRV)

Motion to the kid to get her to say the line.

KID (AS RHODA): "Peter is at the door!"

STORYTELLER: "The other believers were like, 'No way! He's in prison!'"

Motion to the audience to get them to say the line.

AUDIENCE: "No way! He's in prison!"

STORYTELLER: "Rhoda kept saying it was true. And Peter kept knocking. Finally, they opened the door and saw him. Peter explained how God had brought him out of prison!

"Give yourselves a hand for your great acting today, friends!"



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Collect the props and send everyone back to their seats.

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "After sharing his story, Peter left the believers. In the morning, the prison guards discovered that Peter was gone!

"The early church continued to grow, and more and more people decided to follow Jesus. It was clear that God had done an amazing miracle by breaking Peter out of prison! Peter could have easily felt stuck because King Herod was out to get him. But he had the faith to believe that God was right there with him.

"God is also with US in those times when WE feel stuck. We know that we're never alone, even when we face tough challenges, because God is there to help us.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"God is with you even when you feel stuck.

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

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for this great reminder that **[Basic Truth] we can trust You no matter what.** We can put our faith in You, even when we feel stuck, because You are always with us! You were with Peter in prison, and You're here with us today. Help us remember to ask You for help when we need it and trust you always. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: “When Peter was in prison, I’m sure he must have felt stuck. But God’s people were praying for him. And God answered those prayers by rescuing Peter and setting him free!”

SLIDE: GOD’S BIG STORY TIMELINE

SLIDE: WEEK 4 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.

“Sometimes we can feel stuck, too. Maybe your little brother wants to play a game with you, and you know you should be kind and play with him, but if you’re honest, you just don’t want to. You just feel stuck. Maybe you’ve been trying all summer to learn to ride your bike with no training wheels, and you just can’t get it! You feel stuck! Or you feel stuck because something is going on in your life that makes you feel worried or afraid.

“Well, I’ve got good news!”

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“God is with you even when you feel stuck.”

“We can have faith that God loves us and is always with us—through the good times AND the tough times.

“Our memory verse can help us remember what it means to have faith. It’s Hebrews 11:1. Let’s say it together.”

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

HOST AND KIDS: “Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1, NIV)

HOST: “Nice job! You can head to Small Group now and talk about how we can put our faith in God—even when we feel stuck.”

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
- Umbrella
- Masking or gaffer's tape
- Several "obstacles" like pool noodles, inflatables, etc.
- 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
- Heavy rain sound effect (provided)

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Memory Verse Slide
- God's Big Story Timeline Slide
- Week 4 Timeline Image Slide
- Week 4 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 the sound effects and have them ready to use.
- 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 two wavy parallel lines on the floor that can be the "riverbanks" for the game. Make sure your "river" is wide enough that the small groups will need several rounds to make it across if they take three steps for each round.
- Scatter the pool noodles and inflatables randomly in the middle of the river so that the groups will have to maneuver around them.

2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Worship Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Everything to Me" 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):

- "Everything to Me" 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)



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

GETTING READY

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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
- Host
- Kid actors
- Bible
- Crown (for the Host)
- Prop box containing:
 - Two Roman soldier helmets
 - Pillow
 - Angel halo headband
 - Flashlight

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Story Backdrop 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.

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)
- 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