



WEEK  
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LARGE GROUP  
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## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**We Belong Together**  
The Church  
Hebrews 10:23-25

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Our faith is stronger together.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift."  
Ephesians 2:8, 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 ("Walk by Faith" from *Alive*, and "Movin' Me" from *Ready, Set, Move!*)  
Bible Story  
Bottom Line  
Prayer  
Closer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
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#### **GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect**

**Bible Story Review:** Better Together (*k-1st grade*), Stronger Together (*2nd-3rd grade*)  
**Application Activity:** All Together Now (*k-1st grade*), Obstacle Course (*2nd-3rd grade*)  
**Memory Verse Activity:** Our Hope Is in Jesus (*k-1st grade*), Fill in the Blanks (*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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### BIBLE VERSES:

**Hebrews 10:23**

**Hebrews 10:24**

**Hebrews 10:25**

### HOST SUPPLIES

- Four Small Group Leaders plus two others to keep score (could be Worship Leaders)
- Masking or gaffer's tape
- Two VELCRO® toss sets; each set should have two mitts and one ball
- Basket with index cards that have the following actions written on them (one action per card): do jumping jacks, run in place, do your favorite dance move, be a figure skater, walk on your tiptoes, flex your muscles, do sit-ups, fly like a bird
- Host's phone

### STORY SUPPLIES

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Bag of chips
- TV remote
- Basketball
- School book
- Large heart sign (can be a heart drawn on a large posterboard)
- Table
- Solid plastic bin containing:
  - Several clear plastic cups
  - Half gallon of milk
  - Bottle of chocolate syrup or powder chocolate milk mix
  - Spoon

### 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**



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## WORSHIP

*Worship Leaders enter*

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

**AUDIO:**

*Host enters.*

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

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

## OPENER

**HOST:** "What's up, everybody? I'm so pumped to be here today because this is one of my very favorite places to be. We've got lots of fun things planned for today!"

"This whole summer, we've been 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 and FOLLOW Jesus by living the way He taught us to live. We know that Jesus is always with us, even if we can't see Him."

"Speaking of what we can see, I can SEE you're already wondering what kind of fun is coming your way today. For this game, we'll have two teams—one on each side of the room. *(Point to the tape line in the middle of the room.)* I need four leaders to come up here and play: two leaders from each team."

*Choose two leaders from each team to play the game. Give each of them a VELCRO® ball toss set and have them stand on opposite sides of the tape line, across from their teammate. Make sure there's enough space behind them that they can back up as they play the game.*

"Okay! Each pair of leaders will have one of these cool ball toss sets. They'll stand face-to-face with their partner, pretty close together. They'll toss the ball, and if their partner catches the ball, they both MOVE backward one step. So the teams will get farther and farther apart. We'll keep going and getting farther and farther apart, and we'll count which team can have the most successful catches in 60 seconds. That means I need one leader to be the scorekeeper for each team."



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*Choose another leader from each team to keep score (in their head), or Worship Leaders could do this.*

“Let’s get this game started! Ready. Set. WAIT JUST A MINUTE! I knew I forgot something! I’ve got this basket up here that’s filled with cards. Every so often, I’ll choose someone from the audience to pick out a card. All of our game players have to do what the card says while they play the toss game! Sounds like fun, right?”

“Okay, now let’s REALLY start the game. Remember to cheer for your team. Leaders, here we go. Ready, set, TOSS!”

**AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**  
**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (60-SECOND VERSION)**

*If you’re not using an on-screen countdown, set a 60-second timer on your phone.*

*Every 10 seconds or so, have a kid pull a card out of the basket. Announce the action that the teams have to do WHILE they toss the ball.*

*Depending on how the game goes, you may want to play an additional round.*

*When time’s up, ask the scorekeepers to give their final scores and declare the winning team. Collect the game sets and dismiss the leaders to their seats.*

“That was hilarious! Let’s give our leaders a hand for being such good sports. They really had to work together and trust each other through some pretty silly challenges.

“Now let’s all get up on our feet so we can sing, dance, and worship God together!”

**WORSHIP**

*Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

**AUDIO:**



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## BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

*Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.*

### SETTING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "Hi, friends! Over the past year, we've been moving together 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 here in the story after Jesus died on the cross, came back to life, then returned to heaven. We've seen how the early church grew quickly as more and more people put their faith in Jesus as their Savior.

"During this time, though, some of the believers became confused or distracted by other things. They started to forget their faith in Jesus. So people like Paul wrote letters to the believers in various churches to encourage them to keep following Jesus with the way they lived each day.

"One of these letters is what we call the book of Hebrews. (Hold up Bible.) This letter was written to a group of Jesus-followers to encourage them to keep their faith strong. Most experts believe it was likely written by a friend or follower of Paul."

### BETTER TOGETHER

**STORYTELLER:** "The person who wrote the letter wanted to remind these believers that Jesus is more important than anyone or anything else, EVER! The writer challenged the believers to hold onto their faith in Jesus and encourage others in the church to do the same. As we read in Hebrews, chapter 10:

*Open the Bible to Hebrews 10:23 (NirV) and read.*

*"Let us hold firmly to the hope we claim to have. The God who promised is faithful.*

*"Did you catch that? 'Let us hold firmly to the' what? (Pause for response.) HOPE!*

*"Let us hold firmly to the hope we claim to have. The God who promised is faithful.*

"Our hope is in Jesus. We believe that Jesus made a way for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. But just like the Hebrew believers got distracted, sometimes WE can get distracted from that hope.

"We live in a world with constant distractions—like commercials that tell us to buy more stuff so we can be happy and escape from our problems."

*Host enters and walks across the stage, holding a bag of chips in one hand and pressing buttons on a remote with her other hand as she says the following line. Then she exits.*

**HOST:** (in a silly voice) "Eat these chips! Watch this show! Then you'll be happy!"



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**STORYTELLER:** “Our lives are full of lots of activities, too—like school work, sports, and dance or music.

*Host enters and walks across the stage, dribbling a basketball and reading a school book at the same time. Then she exits.*

“And don’t get me wrong. Those activities are all good things. BUT, if we’re not careful, we can get so busy going everywhere and doing everything that we forget to spend time talking to God or reading the Bible. *(Hold up Bible.)* We get caught up in all the things we have to do. And we forget to do things to help other people. We forget to do what Jesus taught us to do: love God and love others.

*Host enters and walks across the stage, holding a big heart sign. Then she exits.*

“So what can we do about that? How can we keep from getting distracted from our faith in Jesus? Well, listen to what the writer of Hebrews had to say about that.

*Open the Bible to Hebrews 10:24 (NirV) and read.*

*“Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works.*

“Okay! If we want to follow Jesus, we need each other. When we’re on our own, we can get distracted from our faith. That’s why it’s so much better when we spend each day following Jesus and living His way, TOGETHER.”

## CHOCOLATE MILK

**STORYTELLER:** “I have a fun way for us to try to understand what these verses are all about. It’s kind of like this.

*Stand behind the table with the supplies inside a plastic bin. Take out a clear plastic cup and set it on the table.*

“Imagine this cup of milk is a person.

*Take the milk out of the bin and pour some and into the cup so it’s about half full.*

“If we put our faith in Jesus, then we have the Holy Spirit living inside us.

*Take the chocolate syrup out of the bin. Squirt some chocolate syrup into the milk. Then use the spoon to stir the milk so that it becomes chocolate milk.*

“Look at that—chocolate milk! God’s Holy Spirit CHANGES us and helps us to live the way Jesus taught us to live.

“But let’s go back to that verse we just heard from Hebrews.

*Open the Bible to Hebrews 10:24 (NirV) and read.*

*“Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works.*

“We can ‘STIR UP one another to love’! That gives me an idea.



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*Set out several other clear plastic cups around the first one.*

“Look at all these other people around us.

*Pour milk into the other cups.*

“They’ve put THEIR faith in Jesus.

*Squirt chocolate syrup into each of the other cups and stir them.*

“If WE follow Jesus . . .

*Stir the original cup some more.*

“We can help ‘stir up’ other people to love like Jesus.

*Stir the other cups some more.*

“And at the same time, they can stir US up to follow Jesus, too.”

## BE THE CHURCH

**STORYTELLER:** “This is what happens when we come together as a church. We can encourage each other to show God’s love in the world around us. We can put others first instead of just thinking about ourselves. We can share what we have or encourage someone with our words. We can become stronger in our faith when we see the faith of the people around us.

“[Host’s name], could you come back out here for a minute?”

*Host enters.*

*Take out one more cup and pour some milk into it. Then pour some chocolate milk into it and stir it. Hand the cup to the Host.*

“Here you go. Now, [Host’s name], could you stand over there, in the back of the room, really quick?”

*Host goes to the back of the room.*

*(looking out at the Host with your hand over your eyes)* “[Host’s name], I can see you’ve put your faith in Jesus and you’re following Him. But you’re all the way over there. It’s hard for us to ‘stir you up’ to live like Jesus if you’re so far away.

*Quickly re-stir the cups on stage.*

“I mean, you can barely even SEE us!



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(to audience) "What do you think [Host's name] should do about that? (Pause for response.) Right, she should come over here with the rest of us! (Reference the other cups.) Come on over, [Host's name]."

*When the Host arrives at the stage, stir her cup, then stir the others cups some more.*

"See how that works? We're stirring [Host's name] up to love like Jesus. She's stirring US up to love like Jesus. If we want to encourage people to follow Jesus, we have to actually be WITH them!"

"It's like we read in Hebrews.

*Open the Bible to Hebrews 10:25 (NirV) and read.*

*"And let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us encourage one another with words of hope.*

"I love that. We NEED each other! When we come together as a church, we can encourage each other to stay strong in what we believe. We can do things together that show the love of Jesus to other people. And that makes our faith stronger!"

*Stand in front of the table with the Host next to you.*

## WRAPPING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "We have an amazing opportunity as a church—you, me, [Host's name], and everyone else here at Mission. And that's not just happening here. It's happening in churches all over the world! We can encourage each other to be strong in our faith in Jesus and to show God's love to the people around us.

"You see . . .

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**"Our faith is stronger together.**

"This is why we come to Mission. This is why we meet in small groups. This is why we . . .

*Briefly share a way that your church helps your community.*

"Let's pray and ask God to help us grow stronger in our faith as we follow Jesus together."

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

## PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for putting people in our lives who can stir us up to follow You. Help us do that for others, too! Help us all stir up each other to show Your love to everyone we see. Thank You for giving us people in our lives who can help us because You knew that our faith would be stronger together. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."





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## CLOSER

*Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** "I think it's so cool how God designed the church to work!"

**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.*

"When we all meet together, we learn a lot about God. That's super-important. But it's not the only reason we come here. We also show up because we can spend time with each other and do what we just read about in the book of Hebrews: stir each other up to good works. We can encourage each other and help each other to live like Jesus, every single day.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**"Our faith is stronger together.**

"You see, our faith in Jesus isn't just something we talk about at [your environment's name]. Our faith in Jesus makes us want to MOVE and show His love here, there, and everywhere! And God made us to do that together.

"You know, your small group is a great place to get to know other friends who follow Jesus. As you do fun activities and talk about God together, you're actually helping each other grow in your faith! The fact that God has given us friendships with each other is really just one more way we can be certain that **[Basic Truth] we can trust God no matter what.**

"It was so great to be here with all of you today! You can head to Small Group, and I'll see you next time!"

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

**AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

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



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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
- Four Small Group Leaders plus two others to keep score (could be Worship Leaders)
- Masking or gaffer's tape
- Two VELCRO® toss sets; each set should have two mitts and one ball
- Basket with index cards that have the following actions written on them (one action per card): do jumping jacks, run in place, do your favorite dance move, be a figure skater, walk on your tiptoes, flex your muscles, do sit-ups, fly like a bird
- Host's phone
- 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
- Fun instrumental music

##### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line 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 music from a resource such as iTunes® and have it ready to play.
- *Optional:* Download a countdown video from a royalty-free site. Load it into your presentation software and have it ready to play during the Opener. You could also keep time on a smartphone or watch. *Note: Some presentation software such as ProPresenter® have a countdown clock built into the program that you can overlay on a still image.*
- 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](http://Store.ThinkOrange.com).
- Tape a line in the center of the room to separate the two teams.
- Write the actions on the index cards then put the cards in the basket.

#### 2. WORSHIP

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Worship Leader(s)

##### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Walk by Faith" from *Alive*
- "Movin' Me" 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 "Movin' Me.")

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

- "Walk by Faith" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through [Store.ThinkOrange.com](http://Store.ThinkOrange.com))



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- *Live Loud* Video from *Get Reel* (available through the 252 Media Package)
- "Movin' Me" 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
- Host
- Bible
- Bag of chips
- TV remote
- Basketball
- School book
- Large heart sign (can be a heart drawn on a large posterboard)
- Table
- Solid plastic bin containing:
  - Several clear plastic cups
  - Half gallon of milk
  - Bottle of chocolate syrup
  - Spoon

### 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.

- Set up the table in advance. Put the cups, milk, chocolate syrup, and spoon in solid-colored plastic bin so the kids don't see them until it's time for the demonstration. You'll want to refrigerate the milk and put it in the bin just before the story begins.

**VIDEO ENHANCEMENTS FOR YOUR ENVIRONMENT**  
AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL PURCHASE AT  
[STORE.THINKORANGE.COM](http://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)



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### 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