



WEEK
FOUR
SEPTEMBER 2023

LARGE GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Please Forgive Me
Forgive One Another
Colossians 3:13

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Friends forgive one another.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"A friend loves at all times.
They are there to help when
trouble comes."
Proverbs 17:17, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Friendship—Using your
words and actions to show
others you care

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.

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 ("Friend Like You" from *This Love*, and "Say It Again" from *My Life for You*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Friendship Shimmy (*k-1st grade*),
Drop in the Bucket (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Application Activity: Think-Pair-Share-Forgive (*k-1st grade*),
Friendship Bracelets (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Memory Verse Activity: At All Times (*k-1st grade*),
Keepy Uppy (*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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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

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BIBLE VERSES:

**Colossians 3:
Romans 5:8**

HOST SUPPLIES

- Host
- Container (bucket, hat, etc.)
- Index cards with the instrument names written on them: piano, rock guitar, trumpet, harmonica, trombone, drums, accordion, saxophone, upright bass guitar, cymbals

STORY SUPPLIES

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Table
- Backpack
- Six plus bricks, enough to overfill backpack

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: "Hi, everybody! How's it going? If you're having a great day, give me a thumbs-up! (Pause for response.) Okay, great! Well, even if you're just having an okay day, it's about to get better because we've got a fun game to play: Musical Charades!"



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"But first, can anybody remember what we've been talking about this month? (Pause.) That's right! We've been talking about friendship.

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

"Friendship is using your words and actions to show others you care.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

"God made us to be good friends who show love with the things we do and say.

"Your friends in your small group will be your team for this game of Musical Charades. I'll move around the room to each group, one at a time. When I come to your group, your leader will take a card out of this [container's name], without letting anyone else see it. Then they'll act-out whatever musical instrument is written on the card. Your group will shout out what instrument you think your leader is playing until you get it right.

"Leaders, some of these instruments will be pretty challenging. So you can't do this halfway. You've got to really GO for it so that your teammates can guess what you're playing!

"Let's get started!

Move around the room, one group at a time. Let the leader take a card then act like they're playing that musical instrument. After the group guesses the instrument, play the sound effect of that instrument and encourage the leader to keep "playing along." Then move on to the next group.

Note: This isn't a competition. You're just giving each group a chance to guess. The leaders will provide the comic relief!

Play as many rounds as time allows. You can let each group have multiple turns.

AUDIO: INSTRUMENT SOUNDS (PLAY EACH ONE AFTER THE GROUP GUESSES THE INSTRUMENT CORRECTLY)

"Great job, everyone! And special thanks to our Small Group Leaders. I bet you didn't know they had such musical skills! Now let's lift our voices and make some harmony together as we sing and worship God. Go ahead and stand up!"

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: "Hello, friends! Today we're looking at something the apostle Paul wrote about that's an important part of friendship. Paul was also known as Saul. He's the same person who we talked about in our story last week.

"This passage comes from Paul's letter to the Colossians, which is part of the Bible today. (*Hold up the Bible.*) Paul had heard that some people among the Colossians were saying things that weren't true about who Jesus is and what it meant to follow Him. Even though Paul was under house arrest at the time, he wrote a letter to make sure the Colossians remembered what was really true."

I THINK IT'S ABOUT . . . FORGIVENESS

STORYTELLER: "In Paul's letter, he explained to the people that it's only through following Jesus that we can live a life that pleases God.

"This is what Paul wrote in Colossians 3:13.

Open the Bible to Colossians 3:13 (NirV) and read.

Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you.

"Wow. That's a really important idea. What was that first part again?"

Put up with one another.

"What do you think that means, 'put up with one another'? It means that you still treat your friend with kindness. Even if you're not getting along with them . . . or even if you don't agree with them.

"Paul then wrote . . .

Open the Bible to Colossians 3:13 (NirV) and read.

Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you.

"Paul knew that an important part of friendship is forgiveness. You see, unfortunately there are times when friends hurt each other's feelings. There are times when friends argue or disagree. When that happens, God can help us FORGIVE each other instead of holding onto our anger and frustration."

A HEAVY WEIGHT

STORYTELLER: "If we DON'T forgive our friends, it can feel so heavy and awful inside. It feels like we're carrying around a heavy weight. I've asked my friend [Host's name] to show us what that might look like. (*calling backstage*) Come on out, [Host's name]!"



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Host enters, wearing the empty backpack.

"Thanks for helping, [Host's name]. Let's say you and I got into an argument about something—like I said my favorite show is Daniel Tiger, and you said your favorite is Bluey. *(to audience)* Maybe I said I didn't like Bluey, and I accidentally hurt [Host's name]'s feelings. But instead of forgiving me, she just held onto the hurt.

"It would kind of feel like she was carrying around a heavy weight.

Host takes off the backpack, puts a brick in it, then puts it back on.

"Maybe [Host's name] gets mad because things didn't go her way when she's playing with the other kids at school.

Host takes off the backpack, puts another brick in it, then puts it back on.

"Maybe [Host's name] gets frustrated because her brother forgot to clean up his mess in the living room, then she and her brother BOTH got in trouble for it.

Host takes off the backpack, puts another brick in it, then puts it back on.

"Maybe a friend borrows something that belongs to [Host's name], and BREAKS it. Later, the friend says they're sorry. But [Host's name] is mad and doesn't WANT to forgive them.

Host takes off the backpack, puts another brick in it, then puts it back on.

"[Host's name] keeps holding those hurts inside. And that starts to feel really heavy.

Host takes off the backpack, puts the remaining bricks in it, then puts it back on—visibly struggling.

"[Host's name], how are you feeling?"

Host walks around the stage a little, playing up how heavy the backpack is and how hard it is to carry.

HOST: "I'll be honest. This is A LOT to carry. I don't know how much longer I can do this."

STORYTELLER: "Wow, I'm sorry. Don't worry, though. It won't be much longer."

YOU NEED TO LET IT GO

STORYTELLER: *(to audience)* "We don't have to carry around our hurt and frustration. God has given us a way to let go of whatever we're holding against our friends, or anyone else. We can choose to forgive.

"Remember, Paul said . . .

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Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you.

"We know what it feels like to be forgiven, because God has forgiven US. God sent Jesus to be our Savior. And Jesus gave up His life on the cross to pay the price for our sins—for the things we've done wrong.

"As Paul explained in another one of his letters . . .

Open the Bible to Romans 5:8 (NIV) and read.

Here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

"We have the perfect example of forgiveness because of Jesus. God SHOWED us what it means to forgive. We don't need to demand that someone else has to get it right before we choose to forgive them. We don't have to wait for them to say they're sorry. We can just choose . . . to let it go." (*Nod to the Host.*)

Host takes off the backpack, sets it on the table, and looks visibly relieved.

HOST: "Oh, wow. I feel so much better!"

STORYTELLER: "I thought you might. (*to audience*) Let's give [Host's name] a big hand, everyone. Thanks for your help, [Host's name]!"

Host exits.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "We don't have to carry around our hurt, anger, and forgiveness. (*Reference the backpack.*) We can choose to let go and forgive our friends. "Let's remember what Paul wrote.

Open the Bible to Colossians 3:13 (NIV) and read.

Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you.

"Disagreements and hurt feelings are part of life. They can happen in any friendship. We can only live in true peace and friendship with others when we make the choice to forgive.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Friends forgive one another.

"Let's pray and ask God to help us forgive."

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for reminding us today that we need to forgive each other. Thank You for sending Jesus and making a way for US to be forgiven. The next time we feel hurt or frustrated, please help us remember not to carry those feelings inside. Give us the courage to forgive our friends and let it go. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "I'm so glad that I'm not carrying around that heavy backpack anymore! (Reference the backpack.) Let me tell you—it did NOT feel good to carry those hurt feelings and frustrations on my back. It felt great to let them go! And that's what we can do in our friendships if we choose to forgive.

"One of the best ways to have good relationships with the people around you is to forgive quickly, and to say you're sorry when you're the one who's done something wrong. That helps with your family, with your friends, and with just about everybody! It will make your friendships stronger.

"Remember . . .

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Friends forgive one another.

"Paul wrote about that to the Colossians, because he wanted them to have strong relationships with each other. He wanted them to know that following Jesus makes it easier to love others and forgive them.

"Of course, it's important to remember that forgiving a friend doesn't mean that what they did was okay. It doesn't mean that they should KEEP hurting you. Forgiveness just means that you're not trying to get even with them. It means that you AND your friend are choosing to let go of what went wrong in order to make things right—together. If you're in a friendship where you have to keep forgiving the other person, you should talk to your parent or another adult you trust who can help you know if that's a friend you should be spending time with.

"One thing I know is that I've messed up with my friends, and I'm so glad they've been willing to forgive me. I'm so glad that I can forgive them, too, because it's a great way to **[Basic Truth] treat others the way I want to be treated.**

"You can head to Small Group and talk about that some more. I'll see you later!"

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

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

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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
- Container (bucket, hat, etc.)
- Index cards with the instrument names written on them: piano, rock guitar, trumpet, harmonica, trombone, drums, accordion, saxophone, upright bass guitar, cymbals

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- Instrument Sounds (provided)

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

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 from the Large Group scripts folder and have them ready to use.
- Download music from a resource such as iTunes® or

Amazon Music® and have it ready to play. If your church has a license agreement with a streaming service, please refer to the legal coverage of the license.

- 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.
- Write the names of the instruments on index cards. Put the cards in the container and mix them up.

2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Worship Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Friend Like You" from *This Love*
- "Say It Again" from *My Life for You* (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 "Say It Again.")

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- "Friend Like You" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- *Live Loud* Video from *Get Reel* (available through the 252 Media Package)
- "Say It Again" 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.



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3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Table
- Backpack
- Six or seven bricks

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.
- Have the bricks stacked on the table before the Host comes out with the (empty) backpack.

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