



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Keeping the Faith
Daniel's Integrity with Food
Daniel 1

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When is it hard to do
what's right?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Do what's right wherever you are.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Proverbs 10:9, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Integrity—Choosing to be
truthful in whatever you
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BASIC TRUTH

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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

Just for Fun
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Ready, Set, Move!" from *Ready, Set, Move!*, "Every Beat" from *Every Beat*, and "We Believe" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 4*)
Bible Story (Communicator Script)
Key Question
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions
Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

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 STUDENTS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters . . .

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game (MLB World Series, Ryder Cup), movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Few things get me as excited as seeing each of you in [Name of Environment]! My name is [Name of Host], and thanks for joining us today. Your mom or dad must sure know what they're doing. After all, today they drove you to the right place!

"Speaking of driving, how many of you have ever taken the time to notice all the buttons, knobs, and screens inside a car—maybe in your car or in a friend's car, even a photo on the internet? (Allow response) There are tons of controls these days in vehicles that can help parents park, open sunroofs, close the trunk, and even cool down seats!

"If you have a family car, many of you already know the inside of it pretty well. In fact, before you were able to speak, many of you were rolling down the backseat window . . . without your parents' permission! Whether you've been taught by parents or self-taught, let's assume we're sitting among some very seasoned experts on the buttons, knobs, latches, screens, and gauges inside of a car.



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"This morning I will test your expertise with a game called 'Teeny Tiny Car Quiz!'"

SLIDE: "TEENY TINY CAR QUIZ" TITLE SLIDE

"To play this game, we need all of you to gather with your Small Groups.

Host directs each Small Group to sit together in a huddle.

"On the screen, we'll show an up-close image of something inside a car. If you think you know what the image is, your entire Small Group needs to be the first to stand up. Your Small Group will have one guess. If correct, you'll be awarded one 'Teeny Tiny Car' point. If incorrect, the second fastest Small Group to stand will get a chance to answer! After several rounds, the team with the most 'Teeny Tiny Car' points will be awarded the title of 'Teeny Tiny Car Quiz' CHAMPION! Make sense? Any questions? (Allow response) Great! It's time for 'Teeny Tiny Car Quiz!'"

As Host facilitates 'Teeny Tiny Car Quiz,' Host needs to face the audience to watch which entire group stands first. With each round, Host should increase the number of points won. This should help prevent ties and the need for a tie-breaker question. Refer to the 'Teeny Tiny Car Quiz Answer Sheet' for the correct answers.

AUDIO: UPBEAT GAME MUSIC

SLIDE: "TEENY TINY CAR QUIZ" SLIDES 1-6

"This was truly amazing! So many of you knew the right answers to the 'Teeny Tiny Car Quiz!' I'm impressed! But you know what's even more impressive than knowing the right answers? The speed in which our winning team stood up to correctly answer the questions. How about giving our 'Teeny Tiny Car Quiz' champs a round applause for their astute and speedy performance! (Allow response)"

"And with that, I've got to get off this stage. While I exit, stand up and get ready to worship our always amazing God!"

Host exits as Worship Leader enters.



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Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, friends! It's so good to see you. I'm feeling good today. In fact, I'm ready to MOVE today. Are you with me? (Get a response.) I want to live life to the fullest and show God's love to the world. Let's sing about it!"

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

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

"Worship is about celebrating who God is . . . and what God has done in our lives. I want to give God every beat of my heart, every day of my life. That's what this song says: 'Every beat is calling out Your name.' Let's lift up God's praises in this place!"

AUDIO: "EVERY BEAT" / TRACK 3 FROM EVERY BEAT

OPTIONAL VIDEO: "EVERY BEAT" LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO

"Listen to these words from Isaiah 40:31: 'Those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.' (NirV) Isn't it good to know that God is always with us? God gives us the strength we need to live with truth, goodness, and love. Let's lift our voices now as we declare what we believe."

AUDIO: "WE BELIEVE" / TRACK 1 FROM KIDMIN WORSHIP VOL. 4

OPTIONAL VIDEO: "WE BELIEVE" LIVE LYRICS VIDEO



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COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT (STORY)

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Communicator enters with a large dry erase board and a prop box full of junk food as Worship Leaders exit.

INTRODUCTION

COMMUNICATOR: "Hey, friends! Let's have a show of hands. How many of you have ever been on a road trip before? This road trip could have been to visit family, a family trip to the pumpkin patch or the big city, or maybe even your dad's work trip where you tagged along! (Allow response) Awesome! Road trips are marked by time in some sort of vehicle, and many of you know EXACTLY what I'm talking about.

"Growing up, we went on many trips to the big city or to the beach. Although each destination was memorable and special, I especially loved each long drive in my family's van. My parents knew the best way to travel with kids included lots and lots of snacks. On our way, we would stop at a convenient store and pick out our favorite road trip food. It was the best!

Communicator takes a moment to share their favorite road trip junk food. Communicator writes his/her junk food preferences on the dry erase board.

"Let's take a minute to brainstorm the greatest road trip food of all time. Whether you've been on a road trip before or not, I want you to think of foods you love to munch on while on the go. If you have a favorite, raise your hand, and I'll call on you! Let's see if we can fill up this dry erase board.

Communicator takes a few minutes as time allows to brainstorm junk food.

"What an incredible list! All of a sudden, I'm feeling extremely hungry! Do me a favor and look over this list of road trip food. Do you notice anything interesting? (Allow response) Most of the options are unhealthy food preferences like chips, chocolate, and candy! The road trip food you prefer is very similar to the road trip food I loved growing up!"

TENSION

COMMUNICATOR: "Although junk food is awesome, why don't many of us choose a healthy snack when we hit the road and travel? Everyone here knows healthy food is the responsible choice. So why do we defer to candy and chips? Most of us probably do this for two reasons. First, it's delicious! Second, it's easier and faster to stop at a convenience store overflowing with junk food rather than stopping at a grocery store with vast fruit and veggie selections.

"Not sure about you, but if I'm honest, I often find myself guilty of repeatedly ignoring what's best for me. Obviously, this is bigger than junk food on a road trip. Sometimes I sit a little longer in front of the TV instead of going for a walk or jog. Or rather than waking up on time to read and study my Bible, I might sleep a little longer and skip time with God. Other times I get distracted by a sports app on my phone instead of having a conversation with the people around me.

"I've got a sneaking suspicion I'm not the only one who does this! When you've got to wake up early the next morning, why do you choose to stay up way too late reading or gaming? When you've got a spelling test the next day, why do you opt to eat popcorn and watch a movie instead of studying? If given the choice, why don't we always choose what's best for us? Why do we choose the metaphorical 'junk food' of life?



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"These are some important questions. One that at some point in our life, we should try and answer. What's one of the best places to start when you have a big question? (Get response.) That's right! The Bible. The people who wrote the Bible actually have a lot to say about making wise choices that honor God with our lives. Let's check out one of those moments today!"

TRUTH

COMMUNICATOR: "Today we head to the book of Daniel in the Old Testament. It's all about a guy named Daniel, his friends, and how they followed God in the middle of some pretty hard moments.

"But let's back up a little and set the stage some before we get into Daniel's story. In the hundreds of years before Daniel and his friends were born, God's people had seasons when they were led by good kings who encouraged them to follow God and His ways. But there were also times when bad kings led the Israelites to do terrible, wrong things. God warned His people over and over of what would happen if they kept turning their backs on Him. But they kept worshipping other gods, which meant they chose to follow other gods besides Him!

"Eventually God let His people be conquered. They had shown that they didn't want Him. At the time of our story, God's people had been conquered by the king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar.

Communicator pulls out a can of Pringles Scorchin' Buffalo Crisps to represent King Nebuchadnezzar. Reference this can when referring to the Babylonian King.

"This can of Pringles will represent King Nebuchadnezzar. Many of you are likely scared to try any chip that claims to be scorchin'. Likewise, the world feared King Nebuchadnezzar because when he invaded a country, scorchin' defeat was inevitable. Once an area was conquered, the Babylonians rounded up the most talented, smartest, and useful individuals and brought them back to Babylon.

"When Nebuchadnezzar defeated Jerusalem, the king carried off treasures from the temple of God as well as most of the people there.

Open the Bible to Daniel 1:3b-4a (NIRV) and read.

"Ashpenaz was the chief of Nebuchadnezzar's court officials. The king told him to bring him some of the Israelites. The king wanted them to serve him in his court. He wanted nobles and men from the royal family. He was looking for young men who were healthy and handsome. They had to be able to learn anything. They had to be well educated. They had to have the ability to understand new things quickly and easily. The king wanted men who could serve in his palace."

Communicator pulls out a can of Pringles Minecraft Suspicious Stew Crisps to represent Ashpenaz. Reference this can when referring to the chief of the king's court.

"The chief of the king's court would teach these men to speak and read the Babylonian language. This can of Pringles Minecraft Suspicious Stew Crisps will represent Ashpenaz. This strategy meant a steady supply of wise council to serve the king.

Communicator pulls out four bags of veggie straws or four Sensible Portions Garden Veggie Chips to represent Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Reference this can when referring to the four.



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“Four of these captured young men were named Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. These cans of veggie chips will represent Daniel and his three friends. Each of these men were to go through a strict training lasting three years before entering the king’s service under the supervision of Ashpenaz. Part of the process was helping them assimilate to the Babylonian culture starting with their names. Each of the four were given new names—Daniel to Belteshazzar, Hananiah to Shadrach, Mishael to Meshach, and Azariah to Abednego.

“The four young men faced their next challenge at mealtime. All of the captives were required to eat from the king’s luxurious table. Any food or drink the king consumed would be offered to these Israelite men. For some reason, God had made it clear that Daniel and his friends were not supposed to eat off the king’s table. But Daniel had an idea. Check it out.

Open the Bible to Daniel 1:8b (NIRV) and read.

“So he asked the chief official for a favor. He wanted permission not to make himself “unclean” with the king’s food and wine.’

“The request sounds reasonable to us, but this food was the finest one could find. Ashpenaz assumed the men would start to look unhealthy if they refused to eat from the king’s table. In addition, Ashpenaz knew anything short of complete obedience towards the king could mean bad news for himself.”

“Daniel was seeing his plan unravel. This is when Daniel spoke up again.

Open the Bible to Daniel 1:12-13 (NIRV) and read.

“Please test us for ten days. Give us nothing but vegetables to eat. And give us only water to drink. Then compare us with the young men who eat the king’s food. See how we look. After that, do what you want to.’

“The chief of the king’s court agreed to the ten-day deal.

“For a week and a half, Daniel and his pals ate vegetables and drank water exclusively! This was an incredible feat considering it was before ranch dressing! And at the end of the ten days, Daniel and his friends shocked Ashpenaz. The men looked healthier than the other men who were eating food off the royal table!

“In addition to physical health, God gave the four men the ability to understand many subjects, including literature. God even gave Daniel the gift of understanding dreams of all kinds!

“At the end of their three years, the king found no one equal to Daniel and the others, and they entered the king’s service! When Nebuchadnezzar asked them for advice, the king found it to be ten times better than that of his other advisors.”

APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: “This is such a good story, right? The Babylonians had overtaken God’s people, they even took people like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to serve them and become like them. These men were in a foreign land serving an intimidating king and told to do something they knew wasn’t right. It would have been easier and safer to go with the flow. I’ve got no doubt the food on the royal table was some of the best food Babylon had to offer! Although many obeyed, these four men made the choice to do what was right and honor God instead of eating from the king’s table.



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“Like Daniel and his friends, every day we’re faced with choices. Maybe we’re not having to choose food off a royal table, but we will have to make a choice between what’s easy and what’s right. With our words and actions, we can choose to honor God or not!”

“You might be at your friend’s house and they want to hop on a website you know isn’t safe. It might be super easy to just ‘go with the flow,’ or you can make the wise choice and suggest another activity. Your group of friends might be talking badly about someone behind their backs. And you can choose to nod in agreement, which would be easy. Or you could choose to stand up for the person they’re hating on, which would be so much harder. Decisions like this can be SO difficult—to choose not to do what others are doing when we know it’s not right! Sometimes the hardest things, the most difficult choices in life, are really what’s best for us.

“Doing what’s right is not always easy. But do you know what’s awesome about God? When you follow Jesus, you don’t make tough decisions alone. You have God’s Holy Spirit with you! If you are struggling to do what’s right or even to know what’s right, you can always call on God for help! God doesn’t abandon us when life gets hard. God can help you make a wise choice!”

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: “I love the fact that Daniel and his buddies didn’t try to FIT IN. Rather, they did what was right and FIT OUT! In the process, they demonstrated a better way—God’s way. As we get ready to head to groups today, think about this question.

SLIDE: KEY QUESTION

“When is it hard to do what’s right?” Is it hard when you’re alone in your room? Is it difficult when you’re surrounded by friends? What about when you step into a new space surrounded by new people? Today in our small groups we’ll talk more about doing what’s right, and I’m really glad you’re here for the discussions. Before we head to groups, let’s pray to God and ask for help to make the wise choice and do what’s right!”

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.

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

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

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. WELCOME/OPENER

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Host
- "Teeny Tiny Car Quiz Answer Sheet" (printed from the LG Assets PDF)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- High-energy music to use as kids enter the room
- Fun, upbeat music for the game

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- "Teeny Tiny Car Quiz" Title Slide
- "Teeny Tiny Car Quiz" Slides 1-6
- "Teeny Tiny Car Quiz Answers Sheet" (Printable)

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH THE 252 MEDIA PACKAGE):

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- 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® 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.

- Teeny Tiny Car Quiz: Download the Quiz slides and have them ready in your presentation software. Download the Answer Sheet from the Week 3 Large Group Assets PDF, print it out, and have it available for the Host to bring with them on stage.

2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Worship Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Ready, Set, Move!" from *Ready, Set, Move!*
- "Every Beat" from *Every Beat*
- "We Believe" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 4*

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- "Ready, Set, Move!" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- "Every Beat" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- "We Believe" Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

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. COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT (STORY)

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Communicator
- Bible
- Large dry erase board
- Dry erase marker



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- Dry erase eraser
- Prop Box Containing:
 - One can of Pringles Scorchin' Buffalo Crisps
 - One can of Pringles Minecraft Suspicious Stew Crisps
 - Four cans of Sensible Portions Garden Veggie Crisps or four bags of Veggie Straws
- Stick-on Googly Eyes (See *What You Do*)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- High-energy music to use as kids exit the room

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Background Slide
- Key Question 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.
- 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.
- Preset the large dry-erase board as the worship leaders are leaving the stage area.
- Bible Story: Use the snack containers and packages to represent the different characters in the story. Attach googly eyes to make faces on the containers. As the Communicator shares the story from Daniel 1, they should refer to the corresponding chip container whenever a specific character is mentioned. If helpful, consider picking up the chip container to emphasize the character even more. As Communicator enters, they should bring the prop box containing the dry erase supplies along with all the needed chips inside.

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