



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves everyone.

THE MAN WITH LEPROSY
MATTHEW 8:1-3;
MARK 1:40-45

MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving
to each other."

EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV

KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.

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

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

Serving Hearts
Design Your Bandage
Surrounded by Love

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"I Love You So Much" and "Important Things"

Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Memory Verse with Motions
Bye-Bye, Boo-Boos!
Removing Boo-Boos
Spot Removal
My Food Truck
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Memory Verse Card
Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)
Parent Cue App



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PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

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ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "I Love You So Much," included in your monthly files; and "Important Things," available on OrangeKidsMusic.com; Optional: Dance Moves Videos for "I Love You So Much," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com, and "Important Things," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm SO excited to see you today! My name is [your name]. It's time to sing and dance and worship God. God loves us so much that God sent Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus loves you and me. When I ask, **'Who does Jesus love?'** I want you to say, **'Jesus loves everyone.'** **Who does Jesus love?"**

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus loves everyone."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, **Jesus loves everyone.** Let's stand up and sing to show Jesus we love Him too!"

Lead children in singing "I Love You So Much," this month's worship song.

"What an awesome song! Tell me: **Who does Jesus love?"**

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus loves everyone."

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! And the Bible teaches us to: 'Be kind and loving (*cross hands over chest*) to each other,' (*spread arms out*) Ephesians 4:32. Let's learn our Memory Verse together. Are you ready? Watch me say it and do the motions, and then you can do it with me!

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"Great job! We can be kind and loving to each other because Jesus is kind and loving to us! That's an important thing that Jesus teaches us. Sing this with me.

Lead children in singing "Important Things."

"Jesus is such a good friend. One more time: **Who does Jesus love?"**



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CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus loves everyone."

WORSHIP LEADER: "You've got it! Thanks for worshipping with me today, friends. **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around, sit down, shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*), so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Food cart or table; tablecloth; food tray; items like salt/pepper shakers, condiment bottles, plates, napkins, etc.; and apron; *Optional: furniture sliders; Optional: "Food Truck Iron-on Transfers" Activity Page, Avery #3279 Dark Fabric Transfers or equivalent, apron, and iron*

Host enters, pushing a food cart and wearing apron, as Worship Leader exits.

HOST: "Hi, friends! I'm [your name here], and welcome to [your environment name here]! Look at my AMAZING food truck!

Make an elaborate gesture to the cart.

"This is the BEST food truck in the whole WORLD! There's just one teeny weeny problem . . .

Hold up empty serving tray.

"I can't decide what to serve at my food truck! See, all my friends and family like different foods.

"My friend [friend's name] loves noodles! They are so fun to slurp! And [second friend's name]'s favorite food is pizza with ALL the toppings! And [third friend's name] likes chicken!

"I love all of my friends. How do I pick what food to make? I'll be back!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Red sticky notes or dot stickers, and Bible; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible, as Host exits.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Open Bible for children to see, then set it down.

"Today's true story from the Bible is about someone who had A LOT of boo-boos. Raise your hand if you've ever had a boo-boo. (Pause.) Yes, that's a lot of you. I have too!

(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)

"This man was sick with something called leprosy.



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Place four sticky notes on each arm.

"He had spots all over his body and there were no doctors or medicine that could help him get better. People couldn't be near the man because he was sick.

Step back.

"This man had to live all by himself without any family or friends.

Shrink posture.

"Having all these boo-boos made this man very sad. Can you show me your sad face?"

Make a sad face.

"Oh, those are some very sad faces. Just like the sick man.

"One day, a very special man came to town.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)

(Excited) "It was Jesus! Jesus is God's Son, and Jesus can do amazing things.

"The sick man knelt in front of Jesus . . .

(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)

Kneel if you can do so and still be seen by all children.

". . . and said that he knew Jesus could make him all better if He wanted to. And, do you think Jesus helped the man and made him all better? *(Pause and listen.)*

"Yes! He did!

Stand up.

"Jesus reached out and touched the man. At once, the man was all better.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 04)

Remove sticky notes.

"No more boo-boos! They were all gone! He was healed! Hooray!

"Can you all throw your arms in the air and shout 'hooray' with me on the count of three? One . . . two . . . three . . ."
(Throw arms in air.)



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CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Hooray!"

STORYTELLER: "Wow! Jesus was kind and loving to the man even though nobody else was. Jesus touched the man even though nobody else would. Jesus made the man all better when nobody else could.

"And, when we're sad or sick or tired, we can know that Jesus loves us too. Jesus loves you, and me, and everyone in the world! **Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love?"**

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "**Jesus loves everyone!**"

STORYTELLER: "Yes, **Jesus loves everyone.** That's the truth! **[Transition]** Our story time is over (*pick up and close Bible*), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Jesus was kind and loving to the sick man even though nobody else was. Help us to love everyone the way Jesus loves them. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

"I'll see you next time. Bye!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Play food in bin

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! The man was so sick, and nobody wanted to be around him. But Jesus loved him and made him all better. Jesus loves EVERYONE!"

"I think I (*point to self*) got the story. Did you (*point to children*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?" (*Cup one hand behind ear.*)

CHILDREN AND HOST: "Got it!"

HOST: "Good! (*Thumbs-up.*) Because Jesus loves everyone, I'm going to make food that EVERYONE likes!"

Hold up piece of toy food from the bin.

"I can even take my food truck outside for everyone in my neighborhood to enjoy. See you next time!"

[Transition] "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Host dismisses small groups and exits.