



WEEK  
**TWO**  
FEBRUARY 2024

LARGE GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR-OLDS  
STAGE

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus is a friend  
to everyone

**THE UNLOVED WOMAN**  
**JOHN 8:2-11**

### MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving  
to each other."

**EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV**

### KEY QUESTION

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### BOTTOM LINE

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### BASIC TRUTH

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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.*

Heart Toss  
Utensil Match-Up  
Recipe for a Friend

### 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 "Never Be"

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.*

Share the Love  
Story Spoons  
Please Step Forward  
Pull the Hoop  
Sliding Heart  
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" from Week One in Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "I Love You So Much," included in your monthly files; and "Never Be," available on [OrangeKidsMusic.com](http://OrangeKidsMusic.com); Optional: Dance Moves Videos for "I Love You So Much," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from [OrangeKidsMusic.com](http://OrangeKidsMusic.com), and "Never Be," available from [OrangeKidsMusic.com](http://OrangeKidsMusic.com)

*Worship Leader enters.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm so happy to see you. Do you know why we worship God? Because He made us, He loves us, and He sent His Son Jesus to be our friend forever. And guess what? **Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love?"**

**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus loves everyone."**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "When Jesus thinks of us, He thinks: 'I love you, I love you, I love you!' Let's show Him we love Him right back. Stand up and sing with me."

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

"Jesus is our forever friend who loves us all. And because He loves us, we can, 'Be kind and loving (cross hands over chest) to each other' (spread arms out), Ephesians 5:2. (Open hands like a book.) That's what the Bible teaches us. Let's say our Memory Verse together.

*Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.*

"I love that verse. And I love worshipping with you. Let's sing one more song together!"

*Lead children in singing "Never Be."*

"Jesus is our friend for life and we'll never be without Him! What a good, good friend. **Who does Jesus love?"**

**CHILDREN: "Jesus loves everyone."**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "That's right! **[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.*



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### INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** pitcher of lemonade; several lemons for decoration; plastic cup; and food cart (or table with furniture sliders), tablecloth, and apron from Week One

*Preset table in storytelling area and cover with tablecloth. Set all props on table except pitcher of lemonade.*

*HOST enters, carrying pitcher of lemonade, as Worship Leader exits.*

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name]. I've been thinking about how Jesus loves EVERYONE (*arms open wide*), so I can love everyone too. And I had a GREAT idea to make a lemonade truck and sell lemonade!

*Set pitcher of lemonade on table.*

"I wanted to make the lemonade super-duper extra-special, so I even made it with REAL lemons.

"It was SO MUCH work to squeeze out the juice. I poured all that lemon juice into a pitcher of cold water. And I mixed it up so well! I took my lemonade outside to my lemonade truck right away.

"Lemonade for sale! Get your ice-cold lemonade right here! (*Hold up a cup.*) And people actually stopped to buy lemonade! But when they took a drink . . .

*Pretend to take a drink from the empty cup and make a dramatic yucky face.*

". . . they all made yucky faces! That makes me so sad! I worked hard to make something extra yummy—not extra yucky! Well, I'll see you soon, friends."

*Storyteller enters as Host exits.*

### STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible; large cardboard box, such as an appliance box; paper plates; tape; self-adhesive hook and loop dots; permanent marker; and large heart stickers or a thick red, permanent marker; Optional: ruler or wooden dowel and packaging tape; Optional: Story Images and cardstock

*Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and pushing the prepared cardboard box, as Host exits.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends!

*Set box in the center of the storytelling area.*

"I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible about a woman who needed a friend.

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

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with a woman who was very sad.  
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*Point to the sad face plate on the box.*



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"She had made a lot of bad choices and now no one wanted to be her friend. Can you imagine not having any friends to do things with?"

*Remove happy face plates as you talk.*

"Nobody to play blocks with? Nobody to play with at the park? How would it make you feel to do all those things all by yourself with no friends?"

*Point to the sad face plate that is now by itself.*

"It would make me sad. Can you show me your sad face? (Pause.) Yes! This woman (point to sad face plate) was very sad too."

"One day, Jesus was teaching a lot of people. Suddenly . . ."

*Place the angry face plates on the box as you talk, leaving the space for Jesus empty.*

". . . some people who didn't like the woman brought her to Jesus."

(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)

"They said, 'Jesus, this woman has done bad things!'"

"Wow! They were definitely not this woman's friend. And they thought Jesus wouldn't want to be her friend."

"But, wait. We know Jesus is special, and Jesus loves everyone."

"Do you think Jesus loves this woman and wants to be her friend? (Pause.) Yes! Jesus did love her and wanted to be her friend"

*Place the Jesus happy face plate next to the sad face plate.*

"Jesus asked the people, 'Have YOU ever done bad things? Have you ever made bad choices? Step forward if YOU ARE PERFECT and have NEVER done anything wrong.'"

*Act as if you are getting ready to take a BIG step forward, and then put your foot back down.*

"And do you know what? NO ONE stepped forward."

*Remove the angry face plates, leaving just the Jesus happy face plate and the sad face plate.*

"Because NONE of them were PERFECT!"

*Begin putting several heart stickers around the two face plates (or draw hearts) as you speak.*

"Jesus didn't punish the woman like the people wanted. Jesus told her to go and make good choices. Jesus was kind and loving to the woman when no one else was."



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"Do you think Jesus will love us when we make a mistake? (Pause.) Yes!

"Will Jesus love us no matter what? (Pause.) YES! Jesus will always love us, and Jesus wants to be our friend forever because **Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love?**"

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

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, **Jesus loves everyone.** [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 giving us Jesus. Jesus loves us no matter what and wants to be our friend forever. Help us to love others and be their friend. We love you! In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

"Alright friends, that's our true story for today. See you next time!"

*Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.*

### OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Pitcher of lemonade and cup

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** "Wow! People were so mean to that woman. No one loved her! But Jesus loved her and helped her. 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:** (Give two thumbs-up.) "Good!"

*Pour yourself a cup of lemonade and take a big drink. He makes a dramatic, yucky, puckery face.*

"I wonder why everyone made yucky faces. Ooo! Aaaaah! WOW! That is SOOOOOO sour! (Realizes.) Ooooooh. I put in the lemon juice, and I put in the water, but I forgot to put SUGAR in my lemonade! I'm gonna go put sugar in my lemonade RIGHT NOW! Then it will taste yummy!"

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

*Host dismisses small groups and exits.*