



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves me.

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN
LUKE 18:15-16

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.

- Catching Popcorn
- Heart Match-Up
- Hearts and Cupcakes 

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.

- Heart Track 
- Jesus and the Children
- Special Things Brainstorm
- Love Run
- My Heart on a String 
- Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



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; Optional Dance Moves Videos for “I Love You So Much,” available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com, and “Never Be,” available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP LEADER: “What an awesome month it’s been learning all about Jesus and His great, big love for all of us! No one loves like Jesus because **Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love?**”

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: “**Jesus loves everyone.**”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes! Jesus loves you so, so much! Sing this with me.”

Lead children in singing “I Love You So Much,” this month’s worship song.

“When Jesus thinks of us, He thinks: ‘I love you so much!’ That’s because **Jesus loves everyone!**”

“The Bible teaches us to: ‘Be kind and loving (*cross hands over chest*) to each other;’ (*spread arms out*) Ephesians 4:32. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let’s say that verse again together and do the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do!”

Lead children to say the memory verse with the motions.

“I’m so glad Jesus teaches us how to be kind and loving by being kind and loving to us! We will never be without Him.”

Lead children in singing “Never Be.”

“How deep and wide and strong is the love of Jesus! He loves you and me and everyone you see. Tell me: **Who does Jesus love?**”

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: “**Jesus loves everyone.**”



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WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus loves us so! **[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 enters.

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Small table; two large cardboard boxes; kraft paper; five boxes of cereal boxes, including Cheerios® or equivalent, Froot Loops® or equivalent, Kellogg's Raisin Bran® or equivalent, Chex™ or equivalent, and oatmeal; hot glue gun; scissors; paper plates; markers; glue; tape; and materials to decorate food truck box

Preset the boxes of cereal on the table.

Host enters, pushing cardboard food truck box, as Worship Leader exits.

HOST: "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name]."

"Do you like my special box? I tried to make it look like a food truck. Hey, can you help me make it go 'beep beep?' When I press my pretend horn like this (*press a pretend steering wheel car horn*), I want you to say, 'Beep, beep! Ready?'"

Press a pretend steering wheel car horn.

HOST AND CHILDREN: "Beep, beep! Beep, beep!"

HOST: "Great job! This is a super special food truck for . . ."

Slide the food truck box over to the boxes of cereal.

". . . cereal! My friends and I have been collecting cereal. We'll take it somewhere and make sure everyone has cereal to eat!"

Pick up a box of Cheerios® or equivalent.

"What's your favorite kind of cereal? Shout it out! (*Pause.*)"

Put cereal box in the food truck and pick up a box of fruity cereal.

"Oh, wow. You all like SO many kinds of cereal. This is my favorite, but my mom only lets me have it for a special treat."

Put the fruity cereal in the food truck box, and pick up a box of Kellogg's Raisin Bran® or other cereal with raisins.

"Oh, and we also have cereal with raisins in it!"

Put cereal box in the food truck box, and pick up a box of Chex® cereal or other square-shaped cereal.

"And square cereal . . ."

Put cereal box in the food truck box, and pick up a box of oatmeal.

"And . . . oatmeal? That counts as cereal too."

Put oatmeal in food truck box.



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"Who knew there were SO many kinds of cereal?! I am so excited about my food truck! I'll see you all soon!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Jesus and Arms" Activity Page, cardstock or wide-format paper, trifold presentation board, dolls or plush animals, wagon, glue, and Bible; *Optional Story Images* and cardstock

Preset the trifold presentation board in the center of your storytelling area, facing away from the audience.

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and pulling wagon of dolls/plush animals, 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.

"Are you a kid? Wave your hands up in the air if you're a kid! (Pause.) Yes! That's all of you! Put your hands down now. Today, I've got a story about some kids (*gesture to dolls/stuffed animals*) who wanted to meet someone very special.

"This true story from the Bible begins with Jesus. We know that Jesus is very special. Jesus is God's Son, and He came to do AMAZING things.

"Jesus and His friends, the disciples, did lots of important work. They taught people about God, and they helped people. Wherever they went, there was always a crowd of people who wanted to learn things from Jesus and get help from Jesus. EVERYONE wanted to be near Jesus.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

"One day when Jesus was teaching, many, many people were around Him wanting to meet Him and get close to Him.

"There were lots of adults. Moms and dads and aunts and uncles. There were farmers and doctors and carpenters and fishermen. And . . .

Kneel next to small plush dolls/stuffed animals.

". . . there were children!

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

"The children knew Jesus was special and they wanted to see Jesus too! But Jesus' disciples stopped . . .

Stand and hold out flat palms to gesture "Stop."

". . . the children from getting near Jesus.

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"Maybe the disciples thought Jesus was too busy to talk to the children. Maybe the disciples thought Jesus was too important to talk to the children.

"The disciples told the children to stop and go away. But Jesus was kind and loving to the children. He called them to Him and said:

Close the trifold presentation board as you turn it around, and then open it to reveal Jesus.

"Let the little children come to me!"

(Option: Display Story Image W4 04)

"So they did!"

Move dolls/plush animals from wagon to Jesus.

"Jesus opened His arms wide and the children came. Jesus told the crowd to never stop children from coming to see Him because children are VERY important to Him.

"Did you hear that, friends? YOU (*gesture to audience*) are important to Jesus. Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever. Can you give yourself a hug?"

Give yourself a hug with a big smile.

"Yes, Jesus loves you. **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: "God, thank You for Jesus! Thank You that Jesus loves everyone, including all the children in the world. Help us to remember that we are ALL special to You. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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

Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.



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OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Cardboard food truck box and cereal (*from Intro*)

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! Some people tried to keep kids from going to Jesus. But Jesus wanted to spend time with the children because Jesus loves kids so much. 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!"

Host checks out his food truck box and boxes of cereal.

"You know, I'm going to make sure there's lots of cereal in here that kids like because Jesus loves children SO much! 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.