



WEEK
TWO
APRIL 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

Jesus says to tell others about Him.

GREAT COMMISSION
MATTHEW 28:18-20

MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine."

MATTHEW 5:16, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can do what Jesus says?

BOTTOM LINE

I can do what Jesus says.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

LARGE GROUP

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, "You Love Me," included in your monthly files; and "Follow On," available on OrangeKidsMusic.com; *Optional: Dance Moves Videos for "You Love Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com, and "Follow On," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com*

Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO excited to see you today! All month long we're talking about how we can do what Jesus says!

"When I ask, '**Who can do what Jesus says?**' I want you to say, '**I can do what Jesus says!**' **Who can do what Jesus says?**'"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "I can do what Jesus says."

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! Jesus shows us how to be patient and kind. We can do what Jesus says. Sing this out with me."

Lead children in singing "You Love Me," this month's worship song.

"That's right! **I can do what Jesus says!** And the Bible teaches us to: 'Let (move flat hands forward from your hip) your light (palms facing forward) shine.' (twinkling hands moving out). Matthew 5:16 (Open hands like a book.) Jesus said that! Let's say our Memory Verse together.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"You've got it! You can do what Jesus says and shine your light every day. Sing this out with me.

Lead children in singing "Follow On."

"Thanks for worshipping with me today! [**Transition**] And now it's time to turn around, sit down, and 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: Small table, star night light, fish night light, frog night light, and a bag

Preset a small table in the storytelling area.

Host enters, carrying a bag of night lights, as Worship Leader exits.

HOST: "Hello, friends! Welcome to [your environment or story time]! My name is [your name], and I have a bag of night lights!

Hold up the bag.

"A night light is a little light you can put in your bedroom to shine while you sleep. Would you like to see my night lights? (Pause.) Awesome! Now these night lights are not shining yet, but when I plug one into the wall in my bedroom, it will shine and help me see in the dark. Only, I like all of them, and I can't decide which night light to put in my bedroom.

"Will you help me pick a night light for my bedroom? (Pause.) Great!

Hold up the star night light.

"What shape is this night light? (Pause.) Yes! This is a star night light. If I put this one in my bedroom, it would be like I'm in outer space every night!

Lay the star night light on the table and hold up the fish night light.

"Ooo . . . what is this night light? (Pause.) You got it! This is a fish night light. If I put this one in my bedroom, it would be like going on a deep-sea adventure every night!

Lay the fish night light on the table and hold up the frog night light.

"This is a fun one! What is this? (Pause.) "Yes, this is a frog night light. If I put this one in my bedroom, I might want to hop like a frog all night!

Lay the frog night light on the table.

"Hmm . . . star, fish, and frog. These are all great night lights. I just don't know which one to shine in my bedroom. When I count to three, say the name of the night light you would choose. One, two, three! (Cup hand behind ear.)

"Wow! Those are all great choices! Thanks for your help!

Put night lights back in bag.

"It's time for me to go, but I'm really glad I got to show you my night lights. Hey, that reminds me! [Storyteller's name] has a Bible Story for you about how YOU can be a light! I'll be back after the story. Bye!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits, with the bag of night lights.



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WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, small table, basket, firefighter hat, firefighter coat, lab coat, toy stethoscope, construction hard hat, and toy hammer; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

Preset the props in a basket near the table.

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible, as Host exits.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! My name is [your name], and [Host's name] is right! I do have a true story from the Bible . . .

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

" . . . about how YOU can be a light!

(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)

"Our story begins on a mountain with Jesus and His friends, the disciples. While they were on a mountain, Jesus gave them a very important job to do.

"What do you think the important job was? *(Pause.)* Do you think Jesus told them to be a firefighter?

Put on firefighter hat and coat and pose.

"Do you think Jesus told them to be a doctor?

Put on lab coat and stethoscope and pose.

"Do you think Jesus told them to be carpenters?

Put on construction hard hat, hold up a hammer, and pose.

"All of those are very important jobs . . .

Put hard hat and hammer in basket.

" . . . but Jesus had one important job that was for EVERYONE who follows Him. Raise your hand if you're ready to hear what this important job is. *(Pause.)* Okay. Here it is . . . the important job Jesus told EVERYONE who follows Him to do is . . . GO and TELL!

Freeze in place.

"Wait. Go and tell what?

Smile and continue with story.



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"I'm glad you asked! Jesus told them to go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive AND Jesus wants to be their friend forever!

"Wow! That IS a very important job! And that job is for you and me too.

"When we do what Jesus says and go and tell people that Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be their friend forever, we shine our light!

Hold up one finger, like a candle.

"Hold your finger, like this, and shine your light with me. (Pause.) Great job! Now, let's practice. When I count to three, I want you to hold up your light and say, 'Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!' One, two, three!"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

STORYTELLER: "Wow! You sound wonderful! Now, let's think about some people we can go and tell about Jesus.

"When I call out a person, I want you to hold up your finger . . .

Hold up one finger, like a candle.

". . . like a light, and say, 'Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!' Here we go!

(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)

"A friend on your soccer team!"

Hold up one finger, like a candle.

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)

STORYTELLER: "A friend at the playground!"

Hold up one finger, like a candle.

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

STORYTELLER: "Your grandparents!"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

STORYTELLER: "When we go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and Jesus wants to be their friend forever, we're doing what Jesus says. And when we do what Jesus says, we shine our light!"



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"Now when I ask you, '**Who can do what Jesus says?**' I want you to say **I can do what Jesus says! Who can do what Jesus says?**"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "I can do what Jesus says!"

STORYTELLER: "Louder! **Who can do what Jesus says?**"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "I can do what Jesus says!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes, **I can do what Jesus says.** [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, we want to do what Jesus says and go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."

"Keep shining your light, and I'll see you next time! Bye!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Bag of night lights from Intro Sketch

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! Jesus said to go and tell others about Him! We shine our light when we do what Jesus says, so let's go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and Jesus wants to be their friend forever!"

"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 holds up the bag of night lights.

"You know, no matter which night light I choose, I can use it to remind me to do what Jesus says and go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and Jesus wants to be their friend forever. Then I will shine!"

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

Host dismisses small groups and exits.