



WEEK
THREE
APRIL 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

Jesus says to love like Him.

EARLY CHURCH
ACTS 2:42-47;
JOHN 15:12,
HEBREWS 10:24

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 "Never Better," 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 "Never Better," 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! We are learning that we 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! **I can do what Jesus says.** Stand up on your feet and sing with me."

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

"It's true! We can do what Jesus says and love others. And when we love others and are patient and kind, we shine like a light! And the Bible teaches us that Jesus said, '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.) Let's say our Memory Verse together.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"Way to go, friends! When we love others and let our light shine, we are being a good friend like Jesus. Sing with me."

Lead children in singing "Never Better."

"Thanks for singing it out with me! **[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, basket, flashlight, Glo Worm® toy, glow stick, and light-up shoes

Preset a small table in the storytelling area.

Host enters, carrying the basket of items and singing "This Little Light of Mine," as Worship Leader exits.

HOST: *(Singing.)* "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine! *(Notices children.)* Oh! Hi there, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name].

Put basket on table.

"Would you like to see what's in my basket? *(Pause.)* Great!

Hold up the flashlight, then place it on the table.

"I have a flashlight . . .

Hold up the Glo Worm™, then place it on the table.

"A Glo Worm® . . .

Hold up the glow stick, then place it on the table.

"A glow stick . . .

Hold up the light-up shoes, then place them on the table.

"And light-up shoes! Do you know what is the same about all of these things? *(Pause.)* I heard you say it! Yes! They all shine light!

Hold up the flashlight and turn it on.

"When I push this button on the flashlight, it shines!

Put down the flashlight, pick up the Glo Worm® and squeeze it so it glows.

"When I squeeze this Glo Worm's™ tummy, it shines!

Put down the Glo Worm®, pick up the glow stick, and bend it, and shake it to activate it.

"When I bend this glow stick, it shines!

Put down the glow stick, pick up the shoes, and tap the soles together to make the lights blink.



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"And when I walk in these shoes, they shine, too!

Put the shoes in the basket and begin putting all props back in the basket.

"I think it's so cool how all of these things shine. But today, you're going to hear a story about something WAY cooler that can shine! [Storyteller's Name] has a Bible Story about how YOU can shine! That's right! YOU can shine!

Point to the children.

"I'll be back after the story. See you later!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits with basket.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; small table from Intro; large paper grocery bag with handles; coat; pillow; toy food; and red marker; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

The table from Intro should already be in the storytelling area.

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and a large grocery bag with props in it, as Host exits.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm here 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 begins with Jesus and some of the people who followed Him. One day, Jesus told the people to love others the way He loves them. So do you know what they did? They loved like Jesus!

"Do you know how they loved like Jesus? Well, if someone needed a coat . . .

(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)

Wrap your arms around your shoulders and pretend to shiver.

". . . someone gave them a coat!

Pull coat from the bag and put it on.

"Ahh . . . that's better! The people who shared the coat did what Jesus said and loved like Jesus. And when we do what Jesus says, we shine our light!

"If someone needed a place to sleep . . .

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

Pull pillow from the bag and lay your head on it.



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"... someone shared their home! The people who shared their homes did what Jesus said and loved like Jesus. And when we do what Jesus says, we shine our light!

Set pillow on the table.

"If someone didn't have any food to eat . . .

(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)

Rub your belly like you're hungry, then pull toy food out of the bag and pretend to take a bite.

"... someone gave them food to eat! The people who shared their food did what Jesus said and loved like Jesus. And when we do what Jesus says, we shine our light!

"And do you know what else Jesus' friends did?

(Option: Display Story Image W3 04)

"They sang and praised God together. This showed everyone that they were friends with Jesus. When they praised God, they were shining their light.

"They loved each other the way Jesus loved them. And every time they loved like Jesus, they were shining their light for everyone to see that Jesus loves them!

"Do you know what that means!?!? *(Pause with excitement.)* When we do what Jesus says, and love like Jesus, we shine our light for everyone to see that Jesus loves them too! Wow! That's amazing! We can do what Jesus says, right? Let me hear you say it! **Who can do what Jesus says?"**

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

STORYTELLER: "Turn to a friend and say it. **Who can do what Jesus says?"**

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

STORYTELLER: "Yes, we can! **[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 love people the way Jesus loves us. Help us to be kind and share with others, so we can shine and show the world that Jesus loves them. Thank You, God. We love You! In Jesus' name. Amen."

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

Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible and bag of props.



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OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Light-up shoes from Intro

Host enters, carrying light-up shoes, as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! We can do what Jesus says and love like Jesus!"

"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!"

"These light-up shoes are really fun, but I don't need special shoes to shine. When I love like Jesus, I can shine wherever I go! 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.