



WEEK
ONE
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP

2 YEAR
-OLDS

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy
because God loves me.

STORY OF THE LOST SHEEP
LUKE 15:1-7

MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart
is good medicine."

PROVERBS 17:22, ESV

KEY QUESTION

Who can have joy all the time?

BOTTOM LINE

I can have joy all the time.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

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.

Let's Celebrate!
Lost Sheep
Sheep Care

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Start the Party"
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
Where's the Sheep?
Hide and Seek Sheep
Sheep Puppet

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



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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: Instruments or music player and this month's worship song, "Start the Party," included in your monthly files; *Optional: Dance Moves Video for "Start the Party," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com*

LEADER: "Friends, I'm SO excited to see you today! My name is [your name] and it's time to worship. We can sing and dance because God loves us no matter what. That's a big reason to have joy.

"When I ask, '**Who can have joy all the time?**' I want you to say, '**I can have joy all the time!**' **Who can have joy all the time?**'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**I can have joy all the time.**"

LEADER: "Yes, **I can have joy all the time.** So let's start the party! Let's stand up and sing it out!"

Lead children in singing "Start the Party," this month's worship song.

"Great job, friends! **I can have joy all the time!**

"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!"



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STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: cotton balls or jumbo white pom-poms, and Bible; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LEADER: "It's story time! I want everyone to come sit with me!

Wait for the children to gather around.

"My name is [your name], and I'm so happy to see you today! Show me a big smile if you're ready to hear a Bible story!

Smile big.

"I see lots of smiles! That means you're ready for a true story from the Bible!

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

"Jesus told a story about a shepherd and his sheep. Let's pretend these are sheep.

Hold up a cotton ball/pom-pom.

"I have a sheep for you . . . and a sheep for you . . . and a sheep for you . . .

Give each child a cotton ball/pom-pom. Keep one for yourself.

"There! Now we can pretend to be the shepherd in the story Jesus told.

"A good shepherd gives their sheep food. Pretend to feed your sheep.

Pretend to feed your sheep.

"A good shepherd gives their sheep water. Pretend to give your sheep water.

Pretend to give your sheep water.

"A good shepherd loves their sheep and keeps them from getting hurt or lost. Give your sheep a hug.

Hug your sheep.

"One day, the shepherd was counting his sheep, and one was missing! Oh, no! Hide your sheep because it's missing.

Hide your sheep behind your back.

"Jesus said the shepherd went to look for his lost sheep. The shepherd looked this way . . .

Hold your hand over your eyes and look to the right.

"Look with me! (Pause.) And the shepherd looked that way . . .



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Hold your hand over your eyes and look to the left.

"Look with me! (Pause.) The shepherd looked and looked and looked . . . until he finally found his lost sheep!

Hold your cotton ball up in the air with a big smile.

"Hold your sheep in the air! The shepherd found his sheep! Yay!

"Jesus said the shepherd was so full of joy that he ran home and told all of his friends to come and celebrate the good news that he had found his lost sheep! Let's stand up and celebrate the good news together!

Encourage the children to stand up, jump up and down, and cheer with you.

"Yay! We found the lost sheep! Yay! We found the lost sheep! Okay, let's sit back down now.

"Jesus told the story about the shepherd and his lost sheep because Jesus wants us to know that God loves us like the shepherd loved his sheep. That's why we can have joy all the time. Because God loves us all the time!

"So when I ask you, **'Who can have joy all the time?'** I want you to say, **'I can have joy all the time!'** Ready?
Who can have joy all the time?'

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can have joy all the time!"

LEADER: "Again! Who can have joy all the time?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can have joy all the time!"

Clap with the children.

LEADER: "Yay! I can have joy all the time! [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

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to teach us how much You love us. Thank You that we can have joy all the time, because You love us all the time. You're the best, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."

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

Leader dismisses small groups or leads a small group to the first activity.



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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

Gather children for a **Large Group** time that includes interactive worship and the Bible Story. Some children (*especially the younger ones*) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

A *Worship Leader* and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible Story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

1. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Instruments or music player

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Start the Party," included in your monthly files

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "Start the Party," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download the song and have it ready to use.

2. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Cotton balls or jumbo white pom-poms, one per child
- Bible
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W1 01
- Story Image W1 02
- Story Image W1 03
- Story Image W1 04

WHAT YOU DO:

- *Optional: Copy Story Images on cardstock or download to display on a device or screen.*

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

WONDER, LOOK AT GOD'S STORY: First Look offers weekly introductory sketches and Bible stories on the DVD titled "Wonder, Look at God's Story." This DVD is available for purchase at OrangeStore.org or as part of your monthly Media Package.

FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. bit.ly/FL_StartTheParty_June