



WEEK  
**TWO**  
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP  
**2** YEAR  
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## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

I can have joy  
because God helps me.

**FEAST OF BOOTHS**  
**DEUTERONOMY 16:13-17**

### 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.

- Count and Shake
- Making Veggies 
- Planting Seeds 

### 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.

- Find the Food Memory Verse
- Rain, Sun, and Grow
- Thankful Game
- Veggie Printing 

### 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.



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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 glad to see you today! My name is [your name] and it's time to worship. Are you ready to start the party? (Pause.) Yay!"

"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:** "Yes, **I can have joy all the time.** Sing with me!"

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

"What a great song! **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:** "Sun" Activity Page, cardstock, fine-mist spray bottle filled with water, an assortment of toy fruits and vegetables, basket, scissors, 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]. I'm so happy to see you today because I need you to help me tell today's true story from the Bible.

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

"Raise your hand if you can help me.

*Raise your hand.*

"Oh, thank you!"

*Place the basket of items in front of you.*

"Our Bible story begins with God's people, the Israelites. They had worked hard in their gardens. They planted seeds. They took care of their gardens, and they grew lots of food. But it was God who helped them.

"God wanted His people to take time to thank Him for all He had done to help them. So everyone got together for a big celebration to tell God 'thank You' for helping them!"

*Hold up the sun cutout.*

"God helped them by making the sun shine so the food would grow. Say, 'God, thank You for the sun!'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "God, thank You for the sun!"

*Spray a fine mist of water into the air or onto the hands of children.*

**LEADER:** "God helped them by giving them rain so the food would grow. Say, 'God, thank You for the rain!'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "God, thank You for the rain!"

*Hold up one of the toy food items.*

**LEADER:** "God helped them by making the [name of toy food] grow. Say, 'God, thank You for the [name of toy food]!'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "God, thank You for the [name of toy food]!"

*Repeat this with each toy food item on your basket and then continue with the story.*



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**LEADER:** "The people celebrated and had joy, because God helped them. And we can celebrate and have joy, because God helps us too!"

"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:** "Louder! **Who can have joy all the time?**"

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

*Clap with the children.*

**LEADER:** "Yay! We can have joy all the time, because God is helping us 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 the warm sun. Thank You for good food. Thank You for our families and friends. Thank You for helping us all the time! You give us so much joy! We love You, 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 small group to 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:

- "Sun" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Fine-mist spray bottle filled with water
- Assortment of toy fruits and vegetables
- Basket
- Scissors
- Bible
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

##### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W2 01
- Story Image W2 02

##### WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Sun" on cardstock and cut out.
- Place the sun cutout, the filled spray bottle, and the assortment of toy fruits and vegetables in the basket.
- *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](https://bit.ly/FL_StartTheParty_June)