



WEEK
THREE
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
2 YEAR
-OLDS

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy
when I do hard things.

**EZRA AND THE REBUILDING
OF THE TEMPLE**
EZRA 3:10-13

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.

JOY! JOY! JOY!

Hammer Together!

Build It

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.

Pin the Heart

Blocks and Bells

Construction Relay

Hard Hat

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)

Parent Cue App



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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: 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 happy to see you today! My name is [your name] and it's time to worship. We're talking about joy this month! Tell me: **Who can have joy all the time?**"

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

"Yes, **I can have joy all the time** because God loves me and you! Let's get this party started! Sing with me.

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

"I love that song! It reminds me that **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: blocks, painter's tape, and Bible; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name]. It's story time! I want everyone to come sit with me!"

Wait for the children to gather around.

"I'm so happy you're here today! Clap your hands if you're ready to hear a Bible story.

Clap your hands.

"You're clapping, so that means you're ready for a true story from the Bible!"

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

As you begin the story, quickly stack blocks around the tape rectangle to make a simple building.

"A long time ago, God's people went to a place called the temple to learn about God and worship Him. It was a big, beautiful place, and God's people were very happy it was their temple.

The building should be complete.

"But then, something bad happened. The temple was destroyed!"

Make the blocks fall down and push them to the side.

"Say, 'Oh no!'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Oh, no!"

LEADER: "God's people decided they would rebuild the temple! It was a very hard job, but they did it anyway.

"Let's pretend we are helping rebuild the temple. When I say your name, put one block on the tape.

Call each child by name until every child has put a block on the tape. The building does not need to be finished, just the foundation.

"Everyone, look! We finished the first part of the temple! Yay!!!

"When God's people saw that they had finished the first part of the temple, some of God's people celebrated because the temple was being rebuilt!

"The people sang songs and made music! Play your pretend trumpets with me!"

Pretend to play a trumpet.



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"They had so much JOY even when they did hard things!

"We can have joy when we do hard things too, because God loves us! And God loves us all the time, so we can have joy all the time! **Who can have joy all the time?"**

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

LEADER: "One more time! 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, today we celebrate You! No matter what happens, we can always have joy and celebrate because You love us. 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:

- Blocks
- Painter's tape
- Bible
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W3 01
- Story Image W3 02
- Story Image W3 03
- Story Image W3 04

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use the painter's tape to make a small rectangle on the floor between you and the children.
- Place the blocks next to the rectangle.
- *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