



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy when I see what God has made.

JOY IN THE PSALMS PSALMS 8 AND 19

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.

Dancing Star
God Made Memory Match
Sounds

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.

Musical Joy!
Look!
Joyful Tunnel
Joy Tambourine 

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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LARGE GROUP
2 YEAR
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PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

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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 you're here today! My name is [your name] and I love to worship with God because God can give us joy!

"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: "You've got it. We can have joy all the time because God loves us no matter what! Let's sing together.

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

LEADER: "One more time: **Who can have joy all the time?**"

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

LEADER: "You've got it, friends. 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: Bible, wrist bells or shakers, gift bag, plush sun, plush star, and Little People® figures; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LEADER: "It's story time! Come sit with me!"

Wait for the children to gather around.

"Seeing YOU gives me so much joy, because God made YOU! That is what our Bible Story is about today—having joy when we see what God has made!"

"Now before I start the story, I need to give you something."

Give each child wrist bells/shakers, and keep one for yourself.

"There! If you're ready to hear a true story from the Bible, make some music, like this!"

Shake your wrist bells/shaker.

"It sounds like you're ready for a story! Now keep your bells/shakers very still and quiet until I tell you to play them."

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

"Our true story from the Bible is about a man named King David. King David loved God with all of his heart. When King David saw all of the wonderful things God had made, he had so much joy that he wrote songs to praise God!"

Pull the plush sun out of the bag and hold it up for the children to see.

"When King David saw the sun God made, he had joy and praised God! Make music with me, like King David, and say, 'Thank You, God!'"

Shake bells.

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Thank You, God!"

Stop shaking the bells and put the sun in the bag.

Pull the star out of the bag and hold it up for the children to see.

LEADER: "When King David saw the stars God made, he had joy and praised God! Make music with me, like King David, and say, 'Thank You, God!'"

Shake bells.

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Thank You, God!"

Stop shaking the bells and put the star in the bag.



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Pull the Little People® toys out of the bag and line them up for the children to see.

LEADER: "When King David saw all the different people God made, he had joy and praised God! Make music with me, like King David, and say, 'Thank You, God!'"

Shake bells.

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Thank You, God!"

Stop shaking the bells and put the Little People® toys in the bag.

LEADER: "King David had joy when he saw all of the things God had made. We can have joy when we see all of the things God made too!"

"We can have joy when we see the animals God made! We can have joy when we see the flowers God made! And we can have joy when we see each other, because God made you and you and you and you (*point to each child*) . . . We can have joy all the time! Make music and tell me: **Who can have joy all the time?**"

Continue shaking the bells as you repeat the bottom line.

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!**"

LEADER: "Yes, **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, we can have joy all the time just by looking at the wonderful world You made. Thank You, God! You are AMAZING! 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:

- Bible
- Wrist bells or shakers, one per leader and child
- Gift bag
- Plush sun
- Plush star
- Little People® figures
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03

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