



WEEK
FIVE
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP

2 YEAR
-OLDS

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy
no matter what.

GOD WILL GIVE US JOY
HABAKKUK 3:17-18

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.

Fruit on the Tree
Shape Sorting
Parts of the Story

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.

Bookmark Verse
Nothing but Joy
I Have JOY!
JOY!

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 excited to see you today! My name is [your name], and I'm here to worship God with you! **God loves me**, and God loves you—all the time! That means we can have joy 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: "That's right! We're singing an awesome song this month. Stand up on your feet and let's celebrate!"

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

"Isn't that an awesome song? I love singing it with you. Tell me again: **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, "Grapes, Garden, and Animals" Activity Page, cardstock, three small gift boxes with removable lids, scissors, and tape; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

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

Wait for the children to gather around.

"I'm glad you're here today! Give yourself a hug if you're ready to hear a Bible story.

Give yourself a hug.

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

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

"Our Bible Story is about a man named Habakkuk. One day Habakkuk prayed to God and said,

Point to the grapes cutout on the grapes box.

"Even if I don't have any grapes to eat . . .

Remove the lid from the grape box, and shake it upside down to show the children that it's empty. Then put the lid back on the box.

" . . . I can have joy, because God loves me!"

Give yourself a hug.

"Give yourself a big hug, like this, because God loves you! (Pause.) Good job!"

"Then, Habakkuk prayed to God and said,

Point to the carrots cutout on the carrots box.

"Even if my garden doesn't grow any food to eat . . .

Remove the lid from the carrots box, and shake it upside down to show the children that it's empty. Then put the lid back on the box.

" . . . I can have joy, because God loves me!"

Give yourself a hug.

"Give yourself another big hug, like this, because God loves you! (Pause.) Good job!"



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"Then, Habakkuk prayed to God and said,

Point to the chicken cutout on the chicken box.

"Even if I don't have any animals . . .

Remove the lid from the chicken box, and shake it upside down to show the children that it's empty. Then put the lid back on the box.

". . . I can have joy, because God loves me!

Give yourself a hug.

"Give yourself one more big hug, like this, because God loves you! (Pause.) Good job!

"Habakkuk had joy all the time, because he knew that God loved him all the time. YOU can have joy all the time, because God loves YOU all the time too! **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!"

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, sometimes we don't get what we want, but we can still have joy, because You love us. 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 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
- "Grapes, Garden, & Animals" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Gift boxes with removable lids, three per Large Group
- Scissors
- Tape
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W5 01
- Story Image W5 02
- Story Image W5 03
- Story Image W5 04
- Story Image W5 05
- Story Image W5 06

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Grapes, Garden, & Animals" on cardstock and cut, one set per Large Group.
- Tape each cutout to the front of a separate gift box with a removable lid.
- *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