



WEEK
TWO
MAY 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

I can pray to God.

HANNAH
1 SAMUEL 1-2

MEMORY VERSE

"I will always love you."

JEREMIAH 31:3, CEV

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you?

BOTTOM LINE

God loves me.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "You Are with Me," included in your monthly files; and "Wherever He Goes," available on OrangeKidsMusic.com; *Optional: Dance Moves Videos for "You Are With Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com; and "Wherever He Goes," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com*

Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO happy to be with you. It's my favorite time of the week—worship time! God is worthy of all our worship and praise because God loves us, no matter what!

"When I ask, '**Who loves you?**' I want you to say, '**God loves me! Who loves you?**'"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God loves me!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, **God loves me** and you, always and forever. Sing this with me."

Lead children in singing "You Are with Me," this month's worship song.

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! **God loves me!** The Bible teaches us that God says, 'I (*point up*) will always (*draw circles with finger pointing up*) love You!' (*cross arms over chest*) Jeremiah 31:3." (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Say it with me, friends.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"Way to go! God loves us and sent Jesus to be our friend forever. We can follow wherever He goes! Let's sing this out.

Lead children in singing "Wherever He Goes."

"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!"

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: plush teddy bear; and red wagon and preschool Bible from Week One

Preset wagon with books, and teddy bear to one side of the storytelling area.

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

HOST: "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name]."

Walk to the wagon.

"And THIS (*point to wagon*) is our little red wagon! We have been having so much fun using our wagon. Today, I have my Bible . . .

Hold up preschool Bible.

". . . AND a cuddly teddy bear!

Replace the book and take out the teddy bear while pulling wagon to the center of the storytelling area.

"Just like I could walk up and down my street to share books with my neighbors, I could take this cuddly teddy bear for a walk to visit my neighbors, too. And I have a GREAT idea! If I fill the wagon with clothes for the teddy bear, then wherever we go, I can have the perfect outfit for him!

"What if it started raining? Can you pat your legs to make some rain sounds?"

Pat legs to make rain sounds.

"Great job! I could bring a raincoat in the wagon to protect my teddy bear from the rain.

"Or we could go to the pool! Can you show me how you swim?"

Pretend to swim.

"If we go to the pool, my teddy bear would need a swimsuit. I could bring that in the wagon, too!

"With everything in this little red wagon, this teddy bear can do anything at any time! One thing I think this teddy bear would like is to hear a story. I'll put him right here so he can listen along with you!"

Storyteller enters as Host puts the teddy bear back in the wagon and exits.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Happy and Sad" Activity Page, cardstock, jumbo craft stick, painter's tape, and a Bible; Optional: two paper plates and thick markers in place of "Happy and Sad" Activity Page and cardstock; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and the prepared Happy and Sad faces, as Host exits.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible."



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

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with a woman named Hannah.

Show the sad face cutout.

"Uh-oh. In our story, Hannah is feeling sad.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)

"Have you ever felt sad? *(Pause.)* Show me your sad face. *(Pause.)* Yes, that's what a sad face looks like.

"Hannah was so sad that she cried!

(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)

"But even though Hannah was so sad, she knew she could pray and talk to God. Hannah could talk to God even when she was crying.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)

"Hannah talked to God about why she was sad. Hannah knew she could pray and talk to God about anything.

"Guess how Hannah is feeling now?

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

Show the happy face cutout.

"Yay! Hannah is smiling. She feels happy! Show me your happy face too.

"Talking to God made Hannah feel so much better! Hannah had joy again because she knew that God loved her and she could pray and talk to God about anything.

"God loves you and **God loves me**. That means we can pray and talk to God about anything, too!

"You can pray and talk to God when you feel happy . . .

Show the happy face cutout.

"Or sad . . .

Show the sad face cutout.

"Or frustrated. No matter how you're feeling, you can talk to God. Say with me, 'I can talk to God.'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can talk to God."



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LEADER: "When you get a new toy at the store and you feel so excited, say it with me, 'I can talk to God!'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can talk to God."

LEADER: "When you lose your favorite teddy bear and you feel worried, what can you do?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can talk to God."

LEADER: "When you go someplace new and you feel nervous or afraid, who can you talk to?"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can talk to God."

LEADER: "You can pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything. Because God . . . Loves . . . YOU!
Who loves you?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "**God loves me!**"

STORYTELLER: "Yes, **God loves me.** [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

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, we're thankful we can talk to You when we are happy, sad, excited, or scared. We can talk to You anytime, anywhere, and about anything. You're the best, God! In Jesus' name, we pray, amen."

"I love that we can talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything, I also love that I get to see your smiling faces again next time. Bye!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: teddy bear and wagon from intro sketch

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! Hannah talked to God when she was sad because she knew she could talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything."

"I think I (*point to self*) got the story. Did you (*point to children*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?" (*Cup one hand behind ear.*)

CHILDREN AND HOST: "Got it!"

HOST: (*Give two thumbs-up.*) "Good!"

"We don't need a special outfit to talk to God. We can talk to God anytime and anywhere and about anything."

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

Host takes the teddy bear from the wagon, dismisses small groups, and exits.



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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, the introductory sketch, and the Bible Story. The Stage Script is written for those who gather their preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible Story. If you are pulling your children to a rug on one side of your preschool space, you may benefit from using the Rug Script.

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 adult or teenager who relates well to preschoolers to tell the Introductory Sketch. If possible, use the same person for an entire month, as the Host role stays the same each month.

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
- "Memory Verse Card" from Week One, placed in Bible at Jeremiah 31:3

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "You Are with Me," included in your monthly files
- "Wherever He Goes," available on the Very Big Things album on OrangeKidsMusic.com

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "You Are with Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com
- Dance Moves Music Video for "Wherever He Goes,"

available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Plush teddy bear
- Items from Week One: red wagon and preschool Bible
- Note: Save the wagon, preschool Bible, and plush bear to use for the rest of the month.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place the preschool Bible and teddy bear in the red wagon.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Happy and Sad" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Jumbo craft stick
- Painter's tape
- Bible
- Optional: two paper plates and thick markers in place of the "Happy and Sad" Activity Page and cardstock
- Optional: Story Images and cardstock

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W2 01
- Story Image W2 02
- Story Image W2 03
- Story Image W2 04

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Happy and Sad" on cardstock and cut one set per Large Group.
- Tape the two cutouts to the top of a craft stick, sandwiching the stick between the plates.
- Option: Draw a smiley face on one paper plate and a sad face on the other paper plate instead of using the Activity Page.
- Option: Copy the Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.



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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_LittleRedWagon