

# Large Group Leader Guide

## Today's Suggested Schedule

### 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 minutes)

#### Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Match the Helpers
2. Sandwich Builders
3. Build a Room

### Large Group (20 minutes)

#### Worship: Inviting people to respond to God Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- Worship ("I Wanna Thank You" and "Just Wanna Thank You" from All Good)
- Bible Story
- Prayer

### Small Group (25 minutes)

#### Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. Nest of Noodles
2. Bible Story Hopscotch
3. Guess Who?
4. Make a Room for Elisha
5. A Room for Elisha
6. Journal and Prayer

#### Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Memory Verse Card
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- [Parent Cue App](#) and [ParentCue.org](http://ParentCue.org)

THIS MONTH



### Today's Bible Story

## Elisha's Room

2 Kings 4:8-17

I can thank God for people who help me.

### Key Question

**Who can thank God for everything?**

### Bottom Line

**I can thank God for everything.**

### Memory Verse

**"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart."**

Psalm 111:1 ESV



### EveryChild Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

10 MINUTES

# Worship

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# Bible Study Prayer

## ① Worship

→ **Worship Leader enters.**

**LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [YOUR NAME]. I am SO happy to see you today!

"It's time to worship God because..."

→ **Point to yourself.**

**[BASIC TRUTH]** "God loves me..."

→ **Point to the children**

"And God loves you—every single one of you!

→ **Spread arms out wide to indicate everyone.**

"God doesn't love just ONE person. God loves ALL of us!

"I want you to stand up if you have brown hair like [NAME OF PERSON WITH BROWN HAIR].

→ **Encourage children with brown hair to stand up.**

**(TO THOSE STANDING.)** "Okay, friends, stay standing.

"Now, stand up if you have red hair like [NAME OF PERSON WITH RED HAIR].

→ **Encourage children with red hair to stand up.**

**(TO THOSE STANDING.)** "Okay, friends, I need you to keep standing up.

"Now, stand up if you have hair that is black like [NAME OF PERSON WITH HAIR THAT IS BLACK].

→ **Encourage children with hair that is black to stand up.**

**(TO THOSE STANDING.)** "Okay, friends, I need you to keep standing up.

"Now, stand up if you have blond hair like [NAME OF PERSON WITH BLOND HAIR].

→ **Encourage children with blond hair to stand up. If you have children with other hair colors, mention them as well before moving on to our final one.**

"And stand up if you have no hair!

→ **Encourage children and adults with no hair to stand up.**

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"That should be everyone in the WHOLE room! Everyone should be standing because God loves everyone!"

"Friends, God loves us SO much! So, let's sing and celebrate our God."

→ **Lead children in singing "I Wanna Thank You."**

"Great singing, friends! Now let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (OPEN HANDS LIKE A BOOK.) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!"

→ **Note: A video of the Memory Verse Motions is available in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.**

'I will give thanks (MOVE FLAT HAND FORWARD FROM CHIN) to the LORD (POINT UP) with my whole heart,' (TAP HEART TWICE) Psalm 111:1. (OPEN HANDS LIKE A BOOK.)

"Can you do that with me?"

→ **Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.**

"Great job, friends! We can thank God (POINT UP) with our whole heart. (TAP HEART TWICE.) And we can thank God by singing this song!"

→ **Lead children in singing "Just Wanna Thank You."**

"Thanks for worshipping and celebrating God with me! [TRANSITION] And now it's time to turn around (SPIN AROUND) ... sit down (SIT DOWN) ... shake the wiggles out (WIGGLE HANDS) ... so we can hear (CUP HANDS BEHIND EARS) what the story's all about!"

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## ② Bible Story

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [YOUR NAME], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

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

**SLIDE** → Story Image W4 01

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with a man named Elisha.

"Everyone, say, "Hi, Elisha!"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Hi, Elisha!"

**LEADER:** "Elisha loved God, and Elisha was a prophet. That means Elisha would tell people messages from God. That's a really important job!

"Elisha would walk and travel from town to town, doing his job and telling people about God. When Elisha was traveling, where would he sleep? Where would he eat?

**SLIDE** → Story Image W4 02

"Well, in one town, there was a woman who wanted to help Elisha. When Elisha was in her town, the woman and her husband would have Elisha eat at their house.

"Let's all pretend to eat a yummy dinner.

→ **Pretend to eat.**

"Yum, yum, yum! Good job!

"The woman and her husband fed Elisha. That's a great way to help!

**SLIDE** → Story Image W4 03

"One day, the woman told her husband she wanted to help Elisha even more. So, they built a room on the roof of their house so Elisha would have a place to rest when he came to their town.

"Let's help them build the room for Elisha. Take out your pretend saw and let's pretend to saw some wood.

→ **Pretend to saw some wood.**

"Saw, saw, saw... Good job! Now let's hammer all that wood into place. Ready?

→ **Pretend to hammer and build a wall.**

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"Hammer, hammer, hammer... All done! You can put away those hammers now.

**SLIDE** → Story Image W4 04

"When they finished building the room, the woman put things in Elisha's room that she thought he would need, like a chair.

"What would Elisha do with a chair? **(LISTEN.)** Yes, he could sit in the chair.

"The woman also wanted Elisha to have a table in his room. What would Elisha need a table for? **(LISTEN.)** Yes, maybe Elisha could sit at a table and write.

"She also wanted to give Elisha a lamp in his room. Why would he need a lamp? **(LISTEN.)** Yes! To see things when it was dark.

"The woman also put a bed in the room. Now, why would Elisha need a bed? **(LISTEN.)** That's right! To sleep!

"When Elisha saw the room they had made for him, Elisha was so thankful!

"Whenever Elisha needed a place to rest, Elisha would come to the room just for him at their house.

"Elisha was so thankful God gave him people to help him. God gives us people to help us too!

"Let's all think for a minute. Who helps you?

→ **Tap your forehead.**

"Think, think, think.

"Do you have a coach or a teacher?

"A babysitter?

"Do you have a big brother or a big sister?

"We can thank God for the people who help us because we can thank God for everything! Who can thank God for everything?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** **[BOTTOM LINE]** "I can thank God for everything!"

**LEADER:** "Yes, **[BOTTOM LINE]** I can thank God for everything.

→ **Pick up and close Bible.**

**[TRANSITION]** Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

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## ③ Prayer

**LEADER:** "Dear God, thank You for giving us people who help us. You love us and take care of us. We love you, God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

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

→ **Lead your small group to the first activity.**

## PLANNING

# Getting Ready: Worship

## What You Need

- Worship Leader(s)

## Music and Sound Effects

- "I Wanna Thank You" (available through [Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://store.thinkorange.com))
- "Just Wanna Thank You" (available through [Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://store.thinkorange.com))

## Optional Videos

*Available for purchase.*

- "I Wanna Thank You" Dance Moves Music Video (available through [Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://store.thinkorange.com))
- "Just Wanna Thank You" Dance Moves Music Video (available through [Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://store.thinkorange.com))

## Worship

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.

### What You Do

1. Prepare all songs and have them ready to use.
2. Visit <https://store.thinkorange.com/collections/music-first-look-scope-cycle-2025-2026> for Music Scope and Cycle purchases.
3. Check out the Ministry Leader Guide for more information.

## APlay

Get the most out of your curriculum with **APlay!** [JoinAPlay.com](https://joinaplay.com) is an all-in-one media organization and presentation tool. Experience all of your Orange Curriculum media assets, now pre-built and fully customizable. No more sorting through multiple download folders.

**APlay is free** with your curriculum subscription and packed with features to help your weekly experience run smoother. APlay gives you more time to focus on what truly matters - more ministry, less media management with Apple TV-based media solutions.

## PLANNING

# Getting Ready: Bible Story

**What You Need**

- Bible
  - *Option: Cardstock*

**Large Group Visuals**

- Story Image W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03
- Story Image W4 04

## Story

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.” Advance preparation is necessary.

**What You Do**

1. Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

## Supplemental Resources

**WONDER! LOOK AT GOD’S STORY**

First Look offers weekly videos to engage preschoolers with the Bible Story. Join our Bible storytellers, Clubhouse friends, and, of course, Ollie the Owl to discover the wonder in God’s story. Available in your media files and APlay.

**First Look Pinterest Page**

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