

# 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. Land or Water
2. Apple Picking
3. Plant and Pick

## Large Group (20 minutes)

### Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

### Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- "What God Made" and "All Good"
- Bible Story
- Prayer

## SMALL GROUP (25 minutes)

### Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. It's Good!
2. Day Three Creations ⓘ ALLERGY
3. Color-Changing Leaves ⓘ ALLERGY
4. Move the Seas
5. Cherry Blossoms
6. Journal and Prayer

### Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Going Home
- Memory Verse Card
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- Parent Cue App

THIS MONTH



## Today's Bible Story

## Land, Plants, and Sea Genesis 1:9-13

On day three, God made the land, plants, and sea.

## Key Question

## Who made everything?

## Bottom Line

## God made everything.

## Memory Verse

**"God saw everything he had made. And it was very good."**  
**Genesis 1:31 NIV**



## Inclusive Pro 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

## ① Worship

→ *Worship Leader enters.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO excited to see you! Oh, I see some friends wearing the color red.

→ *Hold circle hands up to your eyes as if you're looking through binoculars.*

"Can you use your pretend binoculars to see our friends wearing red?

→ *Look around the room.*

"Stand up if you are wearing something red. God made all our friends wearing red.

"Okay, stay standing if you're wearing red, and let's look for another color from the rainbow. Hmm, what color from the rainbow can we look for next? What about the color blue? Is there anybody wearing something blue?

→ *Look through your pretend binoculars.*

"Use your pretend binoculars to see our friends wearing blue!

→ *Look around the room.*

"Stand up if you are wearing something blue. God made all our friends wearing blue.

→ *Continue looking for friends wearing other colors until all children and adults are standing.*

"Wow, look around, friends! Everyone is standing now, and God made everyone! God made you **(POINT)** and **[BASIC TRUTH]** God made me.  
**(POINT TO SELF.)**

"Let's celebrate God and sing about everything God made.

→ *Lead children in singing "What God Made," this month's worship song.*

"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 it and do the motions, and then you can do it with me!

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

"God **(FLAT HAND WITH THUMB TO FOREHEAD, PULL DOWN)** saw everything he had made. **(BINOCULAR EYES.)** And it was very good,' **(TWO THUMBS-UP)** Genesis 1:31. **(OPEN HANDS LIKE A BOOK.)**

"Can you do that with me?

10 MINUTES

# Worship

10 MINUTES

# Story

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

"Great job, friends! 'God (FLAT HAND WITH THUMB TO FOREHEAD, PULL DOWN) saw everything he had made,' (BINOCULAR EYES) and it was what?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** (TWO THUMBS-UP.) "Very good!"

**LEADER:** "Yes! God saw that it was very good! Let's sing some more.

→ Lead children in singing "All Good."

"Oh, friends, thanks for 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!"

## 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.

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with God. Can you hold up one finger?

→ Hold up one finger.

**SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 1**

"On Day 1, God made the light. Now can you hold up two fingers?

→ Hold up two fingers.

**SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 2**

"On Day 2, God made sky above the water, but God was not done! [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything! Can you hold up three fingers?

→ Hold up three fingers.

**SLIDE → Story Image W2 01**

"On Day 3, God made the land, plants, and seas. God gathered the waters together and called them 'seas.' The seas, lakes, and ponds that we like to swim and splash in! Can you pretend to swim with me?

10 MINUTES

# Story

→ *Pretend to swim.*

"Great swimming!"

"Then, guess what else happened when God gathered all the water together? The land appeared! God made the land! The big land that we like to run and jump and dance on!"

"Can you stand up and jump with me?"

→ *Jump up and down.*

"Whew! You can jump really high! Now sit down so I can tell you what else God made on Day 3."

"God made things start growing on all that land!"

**SLIDE** → Story Image W2 02

"God grew trees. Do you like to climb trees? Let's all pretend to climb a big tree."

→ *Pretend to climb up a tree.*

"Climb! Climb! Oh, just a little higher! (**CONTINUE CLIMBING.**) Okay, let's climb down now."

→ *Pretend to climb down a tree.*

"We made it! Great climbing, friends! Have a seat."

"God made trees, but not just one kind of tree. God made trees with big (**ARMS WIDE**) leaves and trees with teeny tiny (**BRING HANDS CLOSE TOGETHER**) leaves. God is so creative!"

"On Day 3, God also made grass!"

"Do you like to play on the grass? (**LISTEN.**) What do you like to play outside on the grass?"

"Playing outside on the grass is so fun. I love to play soccer on the grass outside!"

"Do you know what else God made on Day 3? Now, this is my favorite part."

"God made the flowers! And God didn't just make one kind of flower. No! God made purple flowers and yellow flowers and orange flowers and pink flowers and red flowers!"

"God made all different kinds of plants. God made plants that are prickly like a cactus, and God even made a plant that can eat a fly! God is so creative!"

10 MINUTES

# Story

"Can you hold up three fingers? On Day 3, God made the land, plants, and seas!

"God looked at what He had made, and God saw that it was good! **(TWO THUMBS-UP.)** Everyone, say: 'That's good!'"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** **(TWO THUMBS-UP.)** "That's good!"

→ *Hold up one finger.*

**LEADER:** "On Day 1, God made light.

→ *Hold up two fingers.*

"On Day 2, God made the sky over the water.

→ *Hold up three fingers.*

"On Day 3, God made land, plants, and sea.

"But God wasn't done yet . . . because **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything!

"Now, let's see what you know!"

**SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 1**

"What did God make on Day 1? **(PAUSE.)** That's right! God made light on Day 1.

**SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 2**

"Can you tell me what God made on Day 2? **(PAUSE.)** That's right! God made the sky above the water on Day 2.

**SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 3**

"Now what did God make on Day 3? **(PAUSE.)** That's right! God made the land, plants, and seas on Day 3. You are so smart!

"Now when you look around at the great big world and see trees and grass and flowers, you can say, 'Wow! **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything!' Who made everything?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** **[BOTTOM LINE]** "God made everything!"

**LEADER:** "Yes, **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything. **[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!"

10 MINUTES

# Story

## ③ Prayer

**LEADER:** "Dear God, thank You so much for this beautiful world You have created for us. We get to enjoy the light and the dark, the sky and water, and we get to enjoy the land, all the different kinds of plants, and the seas. We love You and are so thankful for this world. In Jesus' name. Amen."

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

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

# Getting Ready: Worship

## Note

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!

## What You Need

- ☐ "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible
- ☐ Instruments or music player

## Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ This month's worship song, "What God Made," available on [Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- ☐ "All Good," available on the *All Good* album from [Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://Store.ThinkOrange.com)

## Optional Videos (available for purchase)

- ☐ Dance Moves Music Video for "What God Made," available on [Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- ☐ Dance Moves Music Video for "All Good," available from [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.

## 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.

# Getting Ready: Story

## What You Need

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ *Option: Cardstock*

## Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Story Image W2 01
- ☐ Story Image W2 02
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 1
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 2
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 3

## 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 the First Look Media Package or can also be purchased monthly at the Orange Store.

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