



WEEK
THREE
OCTOBER 2024

LARGE GROUP
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STARTER

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

NOTE: This version of the curriculum is designed especially for churches with fewer leaders and kids. You may want to use it if you have just one or two leaders and if you combine all your kids in both Large and Small Group time.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

You'd Better Think
David Spares Saul's Life
1 Samuel 24

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Think before you act.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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everything we need to lead
a godly life.
2 Peter 1:3a, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Self-control—Choosing to do what's
best even when you don't want to

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice.

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

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways **WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God**

Opener
Worship ("Keep on Waiting" from *My Life for You*, and "You Are" from *This Little Light*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
What's Our Part in the Story?
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Bright Story Headbanz
Application Activity: Bright Idea!
Memory Verse Activity: Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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LARGE GROUP

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

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Leader enters, wearing the same game show host attire as in previous weeks.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME INTRO

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

OPENER

LEADER: "Hellllllooooo! We're back for more game show fun this month at [name of your environment]. All month we're looking at stories and ideas from the Bible to find out how God can help us choose what's best. We're also playing some great game shows together, and I've got another one to kick off our time today. This game is called 'Whose Move Is It Anyway?'

"For each round, I'll challenge you with a prompt that you'll try to act out. The prompt will have an object AND an action that goes with it. For example, the prompt could be: raindrops falling from a cloud. If I got that prompt, I might do something like this.

Do a motion to portray raindrops falling from a cloud. For example, you could reach up high, then drop your hands vertically while making rain sounds. Use big movements and sounds so you can inspire the kids to really go for it!

"Each of us might come up with a slightly different way of acting out the prompt . . . and that's the fun of the game! Once you've chosen your pose and your movement, keep doing that same movement until I tell you to stop. When I see someone who I think is making an incredible impression of the object and movement, I'll declare them the winner. They'll keep going while everyone else stops. That way you can look at the winner and see how they chose to act out the prompt.

"Oh—and whoever wins that round then gets to judge the next round—meaning they get to pick who they think is doing the best job for that next action. Then THAT person gets to be the judge while the original winner goes back to play again. Make sense? Any questions? (Pause for response.)



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"All right, let's play! Here's your first prompt.

Use the printed game sheet to read the prompts for each round. When you see a kid who's doing something clever to act out the prompt—with lots of enthusiasm—declare them the winner and have the other kids stop and look at their moves.

Then invite the winner to come stand beside you and judge the next round while you continue to read the prompts. Continue this way for several rounds of the game—until you run out of time or out of prompts.

"Way to go, everyone! You had to think and use your creativity, then put your ideas into action. Let's keep those moves coming as we sing, dance, and worship God!"



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WORSHIP

LEADER: “So many times in life, we want to plunge ahead and just do things without thinking. But if we do that, it can be tough for us to know what the wise choice would be. That’s why it’s so important that we put our trust in God. With God’s help, we can stop and think and stay in control. Let’s sing: ‘I’m gonna keep on waiting for You.’ Here we go!

AUDIO: “KEEP ON WAITING” / TRACK 4 FROM MY LIFE FOR YOU

“Before we sing this next song, let’s watch this video together.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIVE LOUD VIDEO FROM GET REEL

“When we think about self-control, it can sound like it’s all about us. But the truth is, we can only have self-control because of the way God is working IN us. That’s what our Memory Verse, 2 Peter 1:3a, is about. Read it with me—or if you have it memorized already, close your eyes and say it from memory.

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

LEADER AND KIDS: *God’s power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. (2 Peter 1:3a, NIV)*

LEADER: “That’s right—God’s power is all we need to make the best choices in life, even when it’s hard. God’s way is always better! Let’s sing about that now.

AUDIO: “YOU ARE” / TRACK 1 FROM THIS LITTLE LIGHT

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): “YOU ARE” DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO

“I love that! God’s goodness lights up our lives. So fun! You can have a seat.”



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

SETTING UP THE STORY

LEADER: "I've got a story for you that comes from the book of 1 Samuel in the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) I need your help to explain what happened, so I'll be asking for volunteers to act out the story as we go. Cool? Cool.

"The first king over God's people was King Saul. Unfortunately, Saul didn't follow God . . . and so God told the prophet Samuel to anoint David as the next king. But it would still be a while before David actually BECAME king.

"When David defeated the giant Goliath, Saul welcomed David to the palace to serve him. But as David gained success and popularity, Saul became jealous. Saul tried to get rid of David . . . but David escaped into the wilderness with some of his men. David lived on the run from Saul for years!

"Okay. To start us off, I need two volunteers to play David and King Saul. Raise your hand if you'd like to do some acting.

Bring up two kid volunteers. Give David a toy sword and head covering. Give Saul the king's crown and robe.

Note: Be sure to pick an older kid to play King Saul who's comfortable up in front of everyone and who won't get embarrassed about the bathroom storyline. (Or you could pick an adult volunteer to play King Saul instead.)

"I also need three of you to be David's men.

Bring up three more kids and give them toy swords. Have them stand behind the kid playing David.

REST STOP

LEADER: "Even though David had done nothing wrong, King Saul was still out to get him. (*To Saul*) Saul, let's see you search for David. (*The kid reacts.*)

"Saul heard that David was in the desert of En Gedi . . .

Point to the sign on the wall that says "EN GEDI" and send David and his friends over to that part of the room.

". . . so he took 3,000 of his best soldiers and led them on the chase.

(*To the remaining kids in the audience*) "How about the rest of you play the 3,000 soldiers? Let me hear you say, 'Yes, king!'"

AUDIENCE: "Yes, king!"

LEADER: "Very good. Saul and his men (*reference the audience*) arrived at a place called the Rocky Cliffs of the Wild Goats. And there, Saul needed a rest stop.



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Walk over to the tent and tape the restroom symbol sign on it.

“So he went into a cave for a little privacy.

Hand Saul the roll of toilet paper and point to the tent. Zip up the tent after him.

Note: If you don't have a tent, you could have Saul go behind a simple pipe-and-drape curtain instead.

“But get this—this was the very same cave where David and his friends were hiding!

Have David and his friends come around the side of the tent.

“From the darkness of the cave, David could see Saul . . . but Saul couldn't see him.

DAVID'S BIG CHANCE

LEADER: “Check out what David's men said to him:

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 24:4 (NirV) and read.

“This is the day the LORD told you about. He said to you, ‘I will hand your enemy over to you. Then you can deal with him as you want to.’” (NirV)

“In other words, they were telling David, ‘This is your big chance! Now you can get Saul so he can't get you!’

“And that made a lot sense. I mean, David already knew he was supposed to be the next king. And he had never done anything to hurt Saul, and yet Saul was determined to hurt HIM.

“Ever so slowly, David crawled toward Saul. He was careful not to make a sound. He inched closer and closer.

Nod to David to cue him to make exaggerated steps toward the tent opening.

“Saul had no idea that his enemy was right behind him!

“But David chose NOT to hurt Saul. Instead, he simply cut off a piece of Saul's robe. It was his way of proving that he could have hurt Saul . . . but didn't.

Hand the piece of fabric to David. (Make sure the fabric matches Saul's robe.)

SAY YOU'RE SORRY

LEADER: “King Saul left the cave.

Unzip the tent and cue Saul to come out.

“But David couldn't help but feels sorry for what he had done. Sure, he hadn't hurt Saul when he had the chance. But he felt like it was still wrong for him to do anything to Saul since God had put Saul in place as king.



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“David followed Saul out of the cave. He called out:

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 24:8 (NirV) and read.

“King Saul! My master!” (NirV)

“Then he bowed down. (Cue David to bow down.) And he continued:

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 24:9 (NirV) and read.

“Why do you listen when men say, ‘David is trying to harm you?’” (NirV)

“King Saul must have been completely shocked. (Saul reacts.)

(Clear your throat.) “King Saul must have been completely SHOCKED. (Saul reacts, more dramatically.)

“I imagine Saul’s men were shocked too! (Cue the audience to gasp/react.)

“David showed Saul the piece of robe in his hand. He told Saul how he had cut off the corner of his robe, but he didn’t harm him—even though he had the chance.

“Saul realized that everything David said was true.

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 24:17-18 (NirV) and read.

“You are a better person than I am,” he said. “You have treated me well. But I’ve treated you badly. You have just now told me about the good things you did to me. The LORD handed me over to you. But you didn’t kill me.” (NirV)

“Saul said that he knew that David would be king . . . and he asked David to promise not to hurt his family. David agreed!

(To David and Saul) “Let’s see you two high-five. (They do.)

“This didn’t mean that David and Saul were best friends from that point on, though. Saul returned home to the palace, while David and his men went to a safe hiding place.

“Can everyone give David, Saul, and our other volunteers a big hand? (To the kid volunteers) You can drop your props here and return to your seats.

Kids go back to their seats.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

LEADER: “David was still on the run from Saul. But he had shown amazing self-control. And he had peace knowing that he had chosen to stop and trust God instead of trying to get even with Saul.

“David’s actions in this story show us something important. It’s an idea that will help us stay in control. Here it is.



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SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Think before you act. Say that with me.”

LEADER AND KIDS: “Think before you act.”

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WHAT’S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

LEADER: “I doubt any of us will ever be in a situation quite like David was in that day. I mean, you’re probably not going to run into someone who’s chasing after you while you’re hiding in the back of a cave.

“But we can learn a lot from the way David acted. We can show self-control when we stop to think first—and ask God to help us do what’s best.

“Remember what self-control is about.

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

“It means **choosing to do what’s best even when you don’t want to.**”

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

“There are lots of times in life when you could just act without even thinking.

“Like when you’re in a disagreement with your friend, and you want to just storm out of the room instead of trying to make things better.

“Or maybe you’re feeling so angry that you feel like throwing something . . . or maybe saying something unkind that you’d later regret.

“Or maybe you get so overwhelmed while taking a test that you’re tempted to look at your neighbor’s answers.

“If you don’t stop and think, you could really make those tough situations much worse. But if you stop and consider what’s wise . . . and if you ask God to help you . . . you can choose to stay in control. With God’s help, you can **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice.**

“Not only that, you can think about the way Jesus showed self-control. He had all the power in the world! But He chose to show love instead of trying to get back at the people who were trying to stop Him.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us think before we act.”



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PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for this story that shows us what it looks like to stay in control. David chose to do what was best, even when it was hard . . . and even when everyone else was trying to get him to act without thinking. Please give each of us in here Your power to choose self-control in whatever situations we might face. Show us how to slow down, so we can find Your wisdom and then put it into practice. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (25 MINUTES)

WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

1. OPENER/CLOSER

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader
- Snazzy jacket from previous weeks
- Vintage/fun microphone from previous weeks
- "Whose Move Is It Anyway?" Game Sheet, printed from the LG Assets PDF

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- "Whose Move Is It Anyway?" Game Sheet (printable)

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH THE 252 MEDIA PACKAGE):

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download and print this week's tech sheet for everyone helping with Large Group.
- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. These graphic motion loops are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Keep on Waiting" from *My Life for You*
- "You Are" from *This Little Light*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Memory Verse Slide

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- *Live Loud* video from *Get Reel* (available through the 252 Media Package)
- "You Are" Dance Moves Music Video (available through the 252 Media Package)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.
- Dance Moves Music Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. The *Live Loud* faith skills video and the Dance Moves Music Video for the monthly worship song are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader
- Five kid volunteers (possibly with an adult volunteer to play King Saul)
- Bible
- Poster board sign that says "EN GEDI"
- Prop box containing:
 - Head covering and toy sword (for David)
 - King's crown and robe (for Saul)
 - Three more toy swords (for David's men)
 - Sign with a hand-drawn restroom symbol on it
 - Roll of toilet paper



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

GETTING READY

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- Small piece of fabric that's the same color as Saul's robe
- Small tent (can be a camping or simple play tent), or a simple pipe-and-drape curtain

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH THE 252 MEDIA PACKAGE):

- Theme Loop
- Theme Transition to Virtue
- Virtue Transition to Theme

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- Set up the tent on one side of the room, and put the "EN GEDI" sign on the wall somewhere nearby.

VIDEO ENHANCEMENTS FOR YOUR ENVIRONMENT

AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL PURCHASE AT STORE.THINKORANGE.COM.

FEATURE PRESENTATION: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic video storytelling experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum.

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (kindergarten through 3rd grade):

- In *StoryLab*, two inquisitive young Hosts invite kids to engage with the month's Virtue, setting up a simple and direct telling of the Bible story by a professional Storyteller.

For 252 Preteen (4th and 5th grade):

- In *The So & So Show*, two Hosts and a Communicator walk you through a contemporary and comedic presentation of the Bible story. This YouTube-style show sets up the story and also connects it to the weekly Key Question for preteens.

GET REEL: Videos and graphics to enhance your 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum environments. Four videos each month that will help kids learn basic faith skills. Use these videos in your FX (Family Experience), Large Group, or midweek programming, or share them with families in your church according to the terms of the 252 Enhanced Licensing Agreement.

Discovery—Listen to God's words (HEAR)
Dear God—Dialogue with God (PRAY)
One Thing—Articulate your faith (TALK)
Live Loud—Worship with your life (LIVE)

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENTS INCLUDING:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Themed audio transitions
- Virtue and monthly widget promo videos (Melv and Greg)
- Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)
- Dance moves music video for an additional worship song related to the monthly virtue
- Retro Reel video to play on your fifth Sunday