

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. Tossing Bread
2. Find the Food
3. Picnic Food  ALLERGY

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. Memory Verse Hop
2. Sandy Story
3. Pass the Food
4. Thankful Heart
5. Picnic Story
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](#)



Today's Bible Story

Manna and Quail

Exodus 16

I can thank God for food.

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."

Psalms 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

10 MINUTES

Bible Study Prayer

① Worship

→ **Worship Leader enters.**

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

→ **As you continue, do the ASL sign for 'thank you': Move flat hand forward from chin.**

"I have a question for you: Who do you say 'thank you' to?"

→ **Listen and respond to children's responses.**

"Oh, those are good answers!"

"We can say thank you to a parent or someone who takes care of us because they help us brush our teeth and tie our shoes."

"We can say thank you to our teachers because they help us learn so many things."

"We can say thank you to our soccer coaches because they help us play soccer."

"All of these people love us and help us do so many things. Who else loves you?"

→ **Point up.**

"Friends, God loves you, and [BASIC TRUTH] God loves me. And God is SO good to us. 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!"

10 MINUTES

Worship

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Bible Study Prayer

→ 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!"

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's people, the Israelites.

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"The Israelites were walking in a hot desert. There are no trees to sit under in a desert. There is no cool water to swim in. There are no grocery stores or restaurants for food.

"Everybody, stand up, and let's pretend to walk in a hot desert like the Israelites.

→ Lead children to walk in place (OR AROUND YOUR STORYTELLING AREA). Fan yourself with your hand as you continue talking.

"Oh, it's SO hot! And the Israelites had been walking in a hot desert for a long time. They walked ... and they walked ... and they walked. And the Israelites were VERY hungry because they didn't have any food!

"Friends, thank you for walking with me! Let's have seat now and find out what happens next."

→ Sit down with the children.

"Now, God knew that the Israelites needed food. God loved His people and wanted to take care of them.

"So, God told their leader, Moses, that He would send meat at night and bread in the morning. And guess what? He did!

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10 MINUTES

Worship

10 MINUTES

Bible Study Prayer

"That night, the people went outside and saw all of the meat God sent. Everyone picked up enough for their family.

"Stand up and let's pretend to pick up the meat God gave the Israelites.

→ **Lead children to pretend to pick up pieces of meat from the ground.**

"Great job! At night, God gave His people meat to eat. There was more than enough food for everyone. God is so good! Say that with me.

CHILDREN and LEADER: "God is so good!"

SLIDE → Story Image W3 03

LEADER: "Then in the morning, there were small pieces of bread all over the ground for the people to eat! So, they picked that up too!

"Okay, let's pretend to pick up the bread!

→ **Lead children to pretend to pick up pieces of bread from the ground.**

"God gave His people bread to eat. There was more than enough food for everyone. God is so good! Say that with me again.

CHILDREN and LEADER: "God is so good!"

LEADER: "Yes, God is so good! Let's sit back down now.

"Six days a week, God gave His people meat to eat at night and bread to eat in the morning. Wow, God gave the Israelites food to eat! And on the sixth day, they would have extra food so they didn't have to gather it on the seventh day.

"We can thank God for all kinds of food! We can thank God for meatballs on Monday. We can thank God for tacos on Tuesday. We can thank God for French fries on Friday! We can thank God for everything!

→ **Do the ASL sign for 'thank you': Move flat hand forward from chin.**

"Thank You, God! Let's say that together.

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Thank You, God!"

LEADER: [BOTTOM LINE] "I 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.

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Worship

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Bible Study Prayer

→ **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!"

③ Prayer

LEADER: "Dear God, You are so good! Thank You for everything you do for us. Thank You for the food we eat. Help us share what we have with others. 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 W3 01
- ☐ Story Image W3 02
- ☐ Story Image W3 03

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

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies.

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