



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

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

BIBLE STORY

Jesus said to love one another.

**JESUS GIVES
A NEW COMMAND**
JOHN 4:1-30, 13:34-35;
LUKE 18:15-16, 19:1-10

MEMORY VERSE

"You are the light of the world."

MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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

Silly Sayings

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Be a Light"

Bible Story

Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Wax Paper Painting

Through the Viewfinder

Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)

Parent Cue App



10 MINUTES

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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, "Be a Light," included in your monthly files; *Optional: Dance Moves Video for "Be a Light," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com*

LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO glad to see you today! Do you know what time it is? It's my FAVORITE time because it's worship time! We can sing and dance because God gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. And Jesus loves everyone! We can love like Jesus too. **Who can love like Jesus?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can love like Jesus."

LEADER: "Yes, I can be a light because **I can love like Jesus."**

Lead children in singing "Be a Light," this month's worship song.

"What a great song! And it's true. Because you can love and **I can love like Jesus!** The Bible teaches us that Jesus said: 'You (point to others) are the light (twinkle fingers) of the world,' (make a circle with your arms) Matthew 5:14. (Open hands like a book.) Say it with me.

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

"What a great verse! We are bright lights when we love like Jesus. One more time: **Who can love like Jesus?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can love like Jesus."

LEADER: "That's right! Thanks for worshipping with me today! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (wobble hands), so we can hear (cup hands behind ears) what the story's all about!"



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LARGE GROUP
PRE-K
STARTER

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

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HOME

10 MINUTES

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

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.

"Our story begins with Jesus, God's Son.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)

"One day, Jesus was teaching, and He said something very important.

"Put your hands behind your ears so you can hear the important thing Jesus taught. Are you ready? *(Pause.)* Great!

"Jesus said the most important thing He wants us to do is to love each other the way that He loves us. And Jesus showed us how to love like Him! We can read about it in the Bible.

Gesture to Bible.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

"One day, Jesus was teaching some people.

"Some grown-ups brought their children to see Jesus, but Jesus' friends, the disciples, told the children to go away.

"When Jesus heard this, He said, 'Let the little children come to me' *(Luke 18:16, NIV)*. Jesus loved the children!

"Jesus loves everyone—children, grown-ups, grandparents. We can love like Jesus and love everyone too!

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"Jesus loves everyone, even if they've made a bad choice.

"One day, Jesus met a man named Zacchaeus *(gesture to cutout)* who had made bad choices. Zacchaeus didn't have any friends because everyone was mad at him.

"But Jesus was Zacchaeus' friend. Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house because He loved Zacchaeus and wanted to help Zacchaeus love others.

"Jesus loves everyone—even when they make bad choices. We can love like Jesus and love everyone too!

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"Then, there was a time when Jesus saw a woman at the well and He asked her for a drink of water. The woman was surprised when Jesus spoke to her because she was from a different town than Him.



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"But Jesus loved the woman even though she was from a different town!"

"Jesus loves everyone—no matter where they live. We can love like Jesus and love everyone too!"

"When we love everyone the way Jesus loves us, we are doing the most important thing Jesus taught us to do: Love like Jesus! You can love like Jesus, and **I can love like Jesus. Who can love like Jesus?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can love like Jesus!"

LEADER: "One more time: **Who can love like Jesus?**"

Prompt the children to make a heart with their hands.

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I can love like Jesus!"

LEADER: "It's true. **I can love like Jesus** and so can you! **[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

LEADER: "God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to love others! This week, help us to love others like Jesus because Jesus loves us! Jesus is our friend forever. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

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

Lead small group to the first activity.



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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 and the Bible Story. The Starter Script is written for those who pull their children to a rug (or area) on one side of their preschool space to tell the Bible Story. If you gather your preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible Story, you may benefit from using the Stage Script.

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

A 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 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.

1. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Instruments or music player
- "Memory Verse Card" from Week One, placed in Bible at Matthew 5:14

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Be a Light," included in your monthly files

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "Be a Light," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store. ThinkOrange.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download the song and have it ready to use.

2. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W3 01
- Story Image W3 02
- Story Image W3 03
- Story Image W3 04

WHAT YOU DO:

- *Option: Copy the Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.*

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 Store.ThinkOrange.com.

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