

# 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. Creation Space Walk
2. Blast Off Through Creation
3. Guess the Animal

## 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. Remembering What God Made!
2. God Made Match
3. Creation Bingo
4. Creation Bowling
5. Creation Rocket
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 Animals and People; God Rested Genesis 1:24–2:3

On days six and seven, God made the land animals and people, and then God rested.

## 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

**LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [Your Name], and I'm SO excited to see you today! Does anyone want to play a game with me? **(LISTEN.)** Okay, here's what we're going to do. I'm going to make a sound, and I want you to guess what animal makes that sound. Ready?"

"Woof! Woof! What animal makes that sound? **(LISTEN.)** Yes, a dog! Can you bark like a dog with me?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Woof! Woof!"

**LEADER:** "Now what animal makes this sound? Meow! Meow! **(LISTEN.)** Yes, a cat! Can you meow like a cat with me?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Meow! Meow!"

**LEADER:** "Let's do one more. What animal makes this sound? Moo! Moo! **(LISTEN.)** Yes, a cow! Can you moo like a cow with me?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Moo! Moo!"

**LEADER:** "We can use our voice to make some fun animal sounds, but now it's time to use our voice to SING! It's time to worship and celebrate God because God made you **(POINT)**, and **[BASIC TRUTH]** God made me! **(POINT TO SELF.)** So, stand up and sing with me!

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

"The Bible teaches us that: '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.)**

"Let's learn our Memory Verse together. Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

→ *Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.*

"Great job, friends! Let's sing one more song together.

→ *Lead children in singing "All Good."*

"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!"

10 MINUTES

# Story

## 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 in the very beginning. In the beginning, there was nothing. Nothing but God was there! Then God made the heavens and the whole, wide world!

"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 the sky above the water. Can you hold up three fingers?

→ *Hold up three fingers.*

**SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 3**

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

→ *Hold up four fingers.*

**SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 4**

"On Day 4, God made the sun, moon, and stars. Can you hold up five fingers?

→ *Hold up five fingers.*

**SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 5**

"On Day 5, God made the sea animals and birds, but God wasn't done yet! On Day 6 . . .

10 MINUTES

# Story

## SLIDE → Story Image W5 01

→ "God made the animals! And God didn't just make one kind of animal. God made giraffes and cows and llamas and elephants and even little mice!

"What's your favorite animal? (LISTEN.) Yes, God made all of those animals!

"Can you name an animal that's small?

→ Bring your hands close together to indicate something small. Then listen to the children's responses.

"Can you name an animal that's BIG?

→ Spread your arms far apart to indicate something big. Then listen to the children's responses.

"God made so many amazing animals!

"Did you know that God made frogs with really long tongues (POINT TO YOUR MOUTH) so they can catch flies?

→ Extend the hand from your mouth to the air like you're catching a fly.

"And God even made flying squirrels!

→ Extend your arms out at the shoulders and imitate gliding.

"They glide from tree to tree. God is so creative!

"Do you know what else God made on Day 6? God made His most SPECIAL creation. God made . . . drumroll, please!

→ Pat your hands on your legs.

## SLIDE → Story Image W5 02

"People! Can you point to yourself?

→ Point to yourself.

"Now say: 'God made me!'"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "God made me!"

**LEADER:** "Now point to a friend and say: 'God made you!'"

→ Point to someone else.

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "God made you!"

10 MINUTES

# Story

**LEADER:** "God made every single person! And God didn't make all people the same. God made everyone special and unique.

"Everyone has hair and eyes that are different colors. Some people are great painters, and some people are great basketball players.

"God is so creative. **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything! God looked at everything He had made and what did God see? God saw that it was VERY good.

→ Give two thumbs-up.

"Say: 'That's VERY good.'"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "That's VERY good."

**LEADER:** "Great job! Now, do you know what God did after He made EVERYTHING?

→ Hold up seven fingers.

**SLIDE → Story Image W5 03**

"On Day 7, God rested! Let's see if we can remember everything God made.

→ Hold up one finger.

**SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 1**

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

→ Hold up two fingers.

**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.

→ Hold up three fingers.

**SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 3**

"Can you tell me what God made on Day 3? **(PAUSE.)** Yes, God made the land, plants, and seas.

→ Hold up four fingers.

10 MINUTES

# Story

SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 4

"Can you tell me what God made on Day 4? (PAUSE.) Yes, God made the sun, moon, and stars!

→ Hold up five fingers.

SLIDE: Creation Numbers Day 5

"Can you tell me what God made on Day 5? (PAUSE.) Yes, God made the sea animals and birds.

→ Hold up six fingers.

SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 6

"On Day 6, God made land animals and people.

→ Hold up seven fingers.

SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 7

"On Day 7, God rested. You are so smart!

"Now when you look around at the great big world and see animals and people, 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!"

## ③ Prayer

**LEADER:** "God, thank You for making this amazing world we get to enjoy with You. We are so grateful to be Your extra-special creation! Thank You for creating us. We love You. 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 W5 01
- ☐ Story Image W5 02
- ☐ Story Image W5 03
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 1
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 2
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 3
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 4
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 5
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 6
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 7

## 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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