

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. Crown David
2. Thankful Game
3. What Do You Hear?

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. Silent Tambourine
2. Praise Cube
3. Raise Your Voice
4. David Danced
5. Thankful Book
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](#)

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

David Praises God

2 Samuel 6:12-15; Psalm 144:9-10
I can praise God.

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."

Psalm 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

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Bible Study Prayer

① Worship

→ **Worship Leader enters.**

LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [YOUR NAME]. I am SO happy to see you today because we get to worship and celebrate God together.

"We get to say 'Yay, God!' because God is SO good.

"God is so good that He made all the beautiful flowers that we get to enjoy. Let's pretend to smell a pretty flower.

→ **Pretend to hold up and smell a flower.**

"Now say, 'Yay, God!' with me. Ready?"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Yay, God!"

LEADER: "God is SO good that He gave us friends that we can play with. Give a friend next to you a high five.

→ **Give a high-five to a preschooler close to you.**

Now say, 'Yay, God!' with me. Ready?"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Yay, God!"

LEADER: "And God is so good that He gave us people who love us. Give yourself a great big hug!

→ **Give yourself a hug.**

"Now say, 'Yay, God!' with me. Ready?"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Yay, God!"

LEADER: "Friends, God is SO good, and God loves you SO much! 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.)

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Worship

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Bible Study Prayer

"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!

- **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.**

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"Today's true story from the Bible begins with a king named David.

"David loved God, and he wanted to praise God to show God he was thankful for everything. Praising God is just thanking God for who God is and what God has done!

"Would you like to hear how David praised God?

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"We can read in the Bible that David **DANCED** with "all his might" (**2 SAMUEL 6:14 ESV**).

"Have you ever been so happy you started to dance? Me too!

"Can you show me how **YOU** would dance if you danced with all your might like David? Let's stand up and dance!

- **Have a little dance party with the children.**

"Wow! Those were some cool dance moves. You can sit down now.

10 MINUTES

Worship

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Bible Study Prayer

SLIDE → Story Image W5 03

"Another way David and God's people, the Israelites, praised God was with their voice.

"What can you do with your voice? Can you sing? La, la, la, la, la!

"Can you shout: 'Thank You, God'?"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Thank You, God!"

SLIDE → Story Image W5 04

LEADER: "David and the Israelites also praised God by making music with instruments.

"Can we all pretend to play a trumpet? Let's do it together, ready?"

→ **Pretend to hold a trumpet or simple horn next to your mouth.**

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Doot, doot, doo!"

LEADER: "Let's do that together one more time.

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Doot, doot, doo!"

LEADER: "David danced to praise God. David and the Israelites used their voices and played instruments to praise God too.

"Guess what? You can praise God, too! How would you like to praise God? You can play an instrument... sing... or dance!

"On the count of three, show me how you can praise God. One...two... three!

"Great job! There are all kinds of ways we can praise God and say, 'Thank You, God, for everything.'

"All this thanking and praising reminds me of our Memory Verse.

"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.**)

"Let's say it together with all our might just like David.

"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.**)

"Great job, friends! I love all the different ways we can thank God for everything.

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Worship

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Bible Study Prayer

"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.

→ **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! You love us and give us everything we need. Thank You for everything. 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 W5 01
- Story Image W5 02
- Story Image W5 03
- Story Image W5 04

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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