



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 taught us how to love one another.

EARLY CHURCH
ACTS 2:42-47

MEMORY VERSE

“I am alive for ever and ever!”

REVELATION 1:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who is alive?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is alive.

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

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.
Pick Up Hearts

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God’s truth in engaging ways

“He Is Alive”
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Ways to Love Table Topper
Run to Love
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
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 1 paperclipped in Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "He Is Alive," included in your monthly files; Optional Dance Moves Videos for "He Is Alive," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO: Download all songs and have them ready to use.

LEADER: "Hello, everybody! I'm SO glad to see you. What an awesome month we've had learning about Jesus! We can worship Him because **Jesus is alive. Who is alive?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**Jesus is alive.**"

LEADER: "You've got it! Let's stand and sing about how **Jesus is alive!**

Lead children in singing "He Is Alive," this month's worship song.

"There's a smile on my face today because **Jesus is alive!** The Bible teaches us that 'I am alive for ever and ever,' Revelation 1:18. Let's say it together with the motions."

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "'I am alive (*point up*) for ever and ever,' (*twirl around*) Revelation 1:18." (*Open hands like a book.*)

LEADER: "**Jesus is alive!** And **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Thank you for worshipping with me!"

BIBLE STORY



WEEK
FIVE
APRIL 2023

LARGE GROUP
PRE-K
STARTER

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

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

WHAT YOU DO: Option: Copy Story Images on cardstock.

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible and lay it open on the floor.

"Today's story is about how more people believed that **Jesus is alive**, and those people became the Church. That's right! The Church is not about a building. The Church is made of people like you (*point*) and like me (*point*). And Jesus wants the people who are the Church to LOVE!

"Let's count to three together and say, 'LOVE!'"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "One . . . two . . . three . . . LOVE!"

LEADER: "Good job!"

"LOVE is what the Church is all about. How did the first Church love each other?"

(Option: Display Story Image W5 01)

"Every day, the people would eat meals together. The people learned about Jesus together. The people prayed together. And the people shared everything they had with each other.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 02)

"If one friend needed a coat, another friend would share their coat.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 03)

"If one friend didn't have a place to live, another friend would let him stay with them. People would even sell things that they had so they would have money to help each other.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 04)

"The people of the first Church wanted to love people the way Jesus loved them. And we can love people like that, too. Jesus wants us to—count with me and say it!"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "One . . . two . . . three . . . LOVE!"

LEADER: "And the best part is, we can all be the Church and LOVE because **Jesus is alive. Who is alive?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**Jesus is alive**"

LEADER: "Again! **Who is alive?**"



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LEADER: "That's right!"

"Okay friends, it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for all of the people who follow Jesus and make the Church. Please help the Church love one another the way Jesus loves us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

"I have had so much fun counting and learning all about Jesus with you. I hope you have a great day! Bye!"



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 Rug Script is written for those who pull their children to a rug (or area) to 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)

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship. 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." Advanced preparation is necessary.

1. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Instruments or music player
- "Memory Verse Card" from Week 1 paperclipped in your Bible at Revelation 1:18

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "He Is Alive," included in your monthly files

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "He Is Alive," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs (available on OrangeKidsMusic.com) and have them ready to use.

2. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- *Optional Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W5 01
- Story Image W5 02
- Story Image W5 03
- Story Image W5 04

WHAT YOU DO:

- *Option: Copy the Optional Story Images on cardstock.*

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

WONDER, LOOK AT GOD'S STORY: First Look offers weekly introductory sketches and Bible stories on the DVD *Wonder, Look at God's Story*. This DVD is available for purchase at OrangeStore.org or as part of your monthly media package.

FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

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