

K-5 | W2

Today's Suggested Schedule—April 2026, Week 2

Bible Story: On the Road to Emmaus • *Luke 24:13-35*

Bottom Line: You can have joy because there's a bigger story.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!* • *Philippians 4:4 NlrV*

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.

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

Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener

Worship

Bible Story (sections from God's Big Story are listed as optional)

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Bigger Story Joy (K-1st grade), Two Kids and a Stuffie (2nd-3rd grade)

Application Activity: Walk the Walk (K-1st grade), Help to See (2nd-3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Freeze Memory Verse (K-1st grade), Joy Uncovered (2nd-3rd grade)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

Devotionals for Kids

Parent Cue App



Bible Story

On the Road to Emmaus • *Luke 24:13-35*

Conversation Starter

How does knowing that Jesus is alive bring you joy?

Bottom Line

You can have joy because there's a bigger story.

Monthly Memory Verse

Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! • *Philippians 4:4 NlrV*

5 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

 Host	1
 kid volunteers for every round you do (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)	6
 30-50 party hats (You may not need this many, but make sure you have enough hats to last for the whole 2 minutes of the game. Recommended: 15 party hats minimum for each team.)	50

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Download the sound effects from the Large Group scripts folder and have them ready to use.
- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.
- *Optional:* Download a countdown video from a royalty-free site. Load it into your presentation software and have it ready to play during the Opener. You could also keep time on a smartphone or watch. *Note: Some presentation software, such as ProPresenter, includes a built-in countdown clock that can be overlaid on a still image.*
- Place each team's pile of party hats on opposite ends of the room.

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome to church! I'm so excited you're here today because we're in the middle of our Block Party theme! That means every week, we're celebrating the joy Jesus gives us, and honestly, you all bring the party with you. Just look around ... this room is full of energy already!

"I hope you came ready to laugh, cheer, and maybe get a little silly, because today is all about discovering the kind of joy that never runs out. Not the kind of joy you get from candy or winning a game ... but the kind of joy that comes from knowing Jesus. And trust me, He has some awesome things to show us today.

"But before we jump into anything else, we need to warm up with a game. And not just any game. This one just might be one of the silliest Block Party games ever!

SLIDE: Party Hat Stack Attack Title

AUDIO: Upbeat music

"This game is called 'Party Hat Stack Attack'! Right in the middle of the room is where our Hat Wearers will stand. And on both ends of the room, we've got a stack of party hats waiting for our Hat Runners.

"Here's how it works. We're going to split six kids into two teams, Team One and Team Two. Each team will choose one person to be the Hat Wearer. Hat Wearers, once you step into the middle of the room, we will put one hat on your head. Then you must stay still—no walking around, no using your hands, and no using the little string on the hat.

"The other two kids on the team will be the two Hat Runners. Hat Runners will start at your team's hat pile. When I say go, the runners will grab one hat from their team's pile, run it to the Hat Wearer, and carefully stack it

on top of the hat they're already wearing. Then the two Hat Runners will run back to the pile of hats and do it again.

"And this is very important—if the stack of hats falls off the Hat Wearer's head, your team has to start over! We'll keep going until the timer runs out, and whichever team stacks the most hats wins!

"All right, I'm going to need six volunteers. Raise your hand if you'd like to play!

(Choose six volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised and divide them into two teams of three.)

"Awesome, we have our volunteers! Okay, one of you on each team will be the Hat Wearer. If you're a Hat Wearer, come stand right here in the middle of the room. Let's get a hat and put it on you. The other two kids on each team will be Hat Runners. If you're a Hat Runner, go ahead and line up next to your hat piles. Everybody else, get ready to cheer them on!

"Hat Wearers, ready? Hat Runners, ready?"

"On your mark ... get set ... GO!"

AUDIO: Upbeat music

Optional Video: 2-Minute Countdown

(Play the game. Make sure the Hat Runners are only grabbing one hat at a time, that the Hat Wearers aren't touching their hats or moving around, and that if the stack of hats falls off the Hat Wearer, the Hat Runners are to start stacking the hats over again.)

(Cheer on the teams as they play and involve the audience.)

(Once the two-minute timer is up ...)

"Five, four, three, two, one ... STOP!"

"Freeze! No more stacking! Looks like our winner today is [Team Name]!"

Great job! You can all take a seat.

(Repeat for as many rounds as time allows. Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round.)

"You all worked together so well today! This month, we're continuing to learn about joy. And guess what? Today we're talking about something really important: how God has a bigger story, even when we can't see the whole picture. And that even if we don't know all the details, we can still have joy. That's our Bottom Line for today!"

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "You can have joy because there's a bigger story!"

"Say that with me!"

KIDS AND HOST: [Bottom Line] "You can have joy because there's a bigger story!"

HOST: "Great job today, everyone! Let's learn more about what that means!"

11 min

Worship Option 1 | Amazing Music

3 min

Alive | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Forever (We Sing Hallelujah) | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

Note: We've suggested worship songs below from Amazing Music and Orange Kids Music. We've created these worship resources to be developmentally appropriate for elementary and preteen kids by incorporating simple, direct language, fun dance movements, and upbeat, current arrangements.

We've chosen specific songs that amplify our teaching content for this month. We recommend that you use these songs as scripted below, or combined with other popular worship songs that your kids know and love. Orange Kids Music can be purchased at store.thinkorange.com. Amazing Music is available on APlay with Amazing+, or as an Add-On.

(Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.)

OPTION 1 (AMAZING MUSIC)

WORSHIP LEADER: "Let's keep the joy going! I love getting to worship with you because when we sing to God, we're celebrating who He is and everything He's done. And today, we're remembering something amazing: Jesus is alive, and there's a bigger story God is telling!"

"Let's start with a song called 'Alive.' This song reminds us that Jesus didn't stay in the tomb, He rose again! And because He's alive, we get to have joy every single day. So stand up, stretch out those arms, and get ready to dance and sing with everything you've got.

SONG: "Alive" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"Wow! You all sang that like you meant it! Now, let's sing another song that helps us remember something so important that Jesus gives us—freedom! When we follow Him, we don't have to worry or try to be the best. Jesus already loves us completely! Let's sing this one loud!"

"Great job, everyone! Your voices sound awesome today. Now we're going to sing 'Forever (We Sing Hallelujah).' This song helps us slow down a little and remember how powerful and loving Jesus is.

"You can close your eyes, lift your hands, or just sing from your heart. Let's worship together.

SONG: "Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"Wow, friends ... that was incredible! You weren't just singing, you were worshiping with your whole hearts. God loves that! He loves hearing your voices, but He loves seeing your joy even more. When you worship, it makes God smile because He knows you're choosing to celebrate Him."

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Worship Option 2 | Orange Kids Music

"You know, one of the best things about following Jesus is that we never have to wonder if joy will run out. Joy isn't just a happy feeling—it's something God builds inside us because we belong to Him. And our Memory Verse this month reminds us of that amazing truth.

"Our Memory Verse is found in Philippians 4:4. I'll read it first, and then we'll all say it together!"

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: "Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! —Philippians 4:4 (NIV)"

"Now, let's say it together, nice and loud!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Always be joyful."

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Always be joyful."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Because you belong to the Lord."

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Because you belong to the Lord."

WORSHIP LEADER: "I will say it again."

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: "I will say it again."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Be joyful!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Be joyful!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Philippians 4:4!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Philippians 4:4!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job, everyone! When we say this verse, we're reminding our hearts that God is always with us and He's always working. Even when we don't understand what's happening yet, God sees the bigger story. And that means we can choose joy, not just today, but every day, because we belong to Him."

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5 min

I've Got Joy | Orange Kids Music

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Start The Party | Worship song

What You Need

No supplies needed

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, everyone! Who's ready to worship today? Worship is a special way we show God how much we love Him by singing, dancing, and celebrating the amazing things He's done. And I know you can do all of that really well!

SONG: "I've Got Joy" available on Store.ThinkOrange.com

"You guys sound amazing! Did you know God hears every word? He loves it when we take time to worship Him—not just with our voices, but with our lives. Let's keep worshipping together!

SONG: "Start the Party" available on Store.ThinkOrange.com

"Great job, everyone! I love worshipping God with you all! Here's what we can remember today: worship doesn't stop here. You can keep worshipping God all through this week by the way you live, the way you treat people, and the way you trust Him.

24 min

Bible Story (Video)

12 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

12 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

33 min

Bible Story (Live)

Note: We're so excited to be going through key stories of the Bible this year and learning more about its Author—God! It's God's Big Story! But to provide you with flexibility as you experience God's Big Story in your own unique setting, there's more than one way to use the following script!

If you want to follow "God's Big Story," read the following script straight through. Each week will build on the previous ones. But, if your church wants to teach a Large Group session without connecting it to what has come before, there are two sections in the script below that are optional—"God's Big Story Opener" and "God's Big Story Closer." (Or if you are joining us at some point throughout the year, you can opt out of the God's Big Story part and just join us as we journey through the rest of the story of Scripture!) We're going to go through the Bible as we teach throughout the year, but whether or not you share God's Big Story each week is up to you!

Whatever way you decide to use the following, know that we're praying diligently for you—we're asking God to help kids see and believe that He loves them, He invented them, and He wants to be their closest Friend. Forever. It's an honor to get to know God with you through the Bible this year!

What You Do:

3 min

INTRODUCTION

What You Need

👤 Storyteller	1
👤 Host	1
👤 Table	1
👤 kid volunteers	2
👤 small whiteboards	2
👤 dry-erase markers	2

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(Things to have ready: Make sure the table is set on stage so the Storyteller can place their Bible on it and read from it. 2 small whiteboards and 2 dry-erase markers on the table.)

STORYTELLER: "Hey everyone, it's good to see you today! I love to learn about God with you! This month, we're talking about 'Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends.'

"The reality is that life doesn't always feel joyful, right? But as we'll see in our true story from the Bible today, we can always find joy because the truth of our lives is this: our good God is working on a good story that we're living in the middle of.

"But before we get into our true story from the Bible today, let me tell you about something amazing that we've been doing all year!

"We're going through the key stories of the Bible! By the end of the school year, we'll have looked at the key stories of the Bible from cover to cover!

"Why are we doing that? Well, part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we could know Him! He wants to be our close, close friend. So as we go through the Bible this year, our hope is to learn more about God!"

STORYTELLER: "We're going to go through God's Big Story in the Bible together so we can learn about God! *(Gesture to slide.)*

SLIDE: God's Big Story

"Let me catch you up on where we've been in God's Big Story so far!

(If you have the Timeline Images up, feel free to point to them as you talk about them.)

"You might remember that, in the beginning, God created everything. He made the world, the animals, people ... everything! God made the first people for the same reason He made all people—to be His close, close friends. But sadly, the first people God made chose to turn away from Him and sin. God wanted people to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore. Pain, sickness, and death entered the world too.

"But God didn't want to leave things that way. So He put His rescue plan in motion right from the start!

5 min

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

SETTING UP THE STORY

What You Need

No supplies needed

"God was going to rescue everything through a family! God chose a man named Abraham and promised that his family would bless the whole world. Abraham had a great-grandson named Joseph, who became a leader in Egypt and saved his family—God's people. Over time, God's people grew but were enslaved by a new Pharaoh. 'Help us!' they cried out to God. God freed His people and brought them to the super-nice home He had designed for them, the Promised Land.

"After God's people were settled in the Promised Land, they disobeyed God—again and again and again. Even the kings God gave them rebelled! So, God split the nation in two—into the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. Prophets spoke for God saying, 'Come back to Me!' But the northern kingdom of Israel was destroyed, and the southern kingdom of Judah was taken captive. Oh no! After years in exile, some of God's people returned to rebuild their homeland, while others stayed in foreign lands.

"During that sad time, God kept sending messages to His people about the Rescuer He had promised long ago. 'God's Rescuer is going to come like this!' the prophets said. But for years and years, nothing happened.

"And then it did! God sent Jesus, the Rescuer we needed, just like He promised! While Jesus was on Earth, He showed us who God is because He is God!

"Jesus lived a perfect life, and He gave that perfect life to pay the price for our sin. Because He never did anything wrong, Jesus was able to take on our sin. With His own life, He paid for all the wrong things anyone has ever done or ever will do. He broke the curse of sin we were under. He set us free. With the curse broken, with sin paid for, we could be close to God again! What God had been working on in His Big Story was finally coming true!

"And then Jesus did something else amazing! He rose back to life! Jesus beat death! Our Rescuer who loves us is alive and with us forever and ever!

"And that's where we are in God's Big Story!"

STORYTELLER: "We're carrying on our journey right through the Bible! We're going to hear about a story that took place on the very same day Jesus rose from the dead!

"Today's true story from the Bible is about something that happens to all of us—those times when we don't really understand what's going on. Maybe something happened at school, or with a friend, or in your family, and you thought, 'I don't get it. Why is this happening?' Have you ever felt like that? Where you just don't understand why certain things are the way they are? And you want to know why!

5 min

CONFUSION ON THE ROAD

What You Need

No supplies needed

(Share an age-appropriate story about how you didn't understand something, but later, you saw the bigger picture.)

"Sometimes we only see part of what's going on, and it feels confusing or even sad. But what if there's something bigger happening, something we just can't see yet?"

"That's exactly what today's story is about. Two of Jesus' friends were feeling confused, disappointed, and unsure about what God was doing. They thought they knew the whole story ... but they were only seeing a few tiny pieces.

"And to help us understand how they felt, I need a couple of artists to help me today. Raise your hand if you'd like to come onstage and do some drawing!"

(Pick two kids from the ones who have their hands raised and invite them onstage. Hand them one small whiteboard and one dry-erase marker each.)

"Okay, here's what's going to happen. You guys are going to draw for us during the Bible Story today. But you won't know what you're drawing until the very end. And everyone watching won't know either. We'll see your pictures one step at a time, just like the two friends in our Bible Story who understood things one step at a time.

"Let's get ready to step into the story together.

"Our story begins on the very same day Jesus rose from the dead, Easter Sunday. But not everyone understood what had happened. Two of Jesus' followers were walking from Jerusalem to a town called Emmaus. One of them was named Cleopas. They were feeling sad, confused, and disappointed. Everything they thought was going to happen ... didn't.

"Artists, it's time for your first step. Draw one BIG square at the bottom of your whiteboard. And when you're done, hold it up for everyone to see.

(Kids hold up the whiteboards.)

"Look at that. What do you think? Does that square look like much of a picture yet? Not really. That's exactly how Cleopas and his friend felt. They could only see one small part of the story, and it didn't make sense yet.

"As the two friends walked, they talked about everything that had happened to Jesus. Suddenly, a man came up and started walking with them. Spoiler alert: it was Jesus! But they didn't recognize Him yet. This is what the Bible says happened:

(Open the Bible and read Luke 24:13-19a NIV.)

That same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village called Emmaus. It was about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked

5 min

JESUS REVEALS THE BIGGER STORY

What You Need

No supplies needed

about those things, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them. But God kept them from recognizing him.

Jesus asked them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?"

They stood still, and their faces were sad. One of them was named Cleopas. He said to Jesus, "Are you the only person visiting Jerusalem who doesn't know? Don't you know about the things that have happened there in the last few days?"

"What things?" Jesus asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"So they began to tell Jesus everything. They thought Jesus didn't know what had happened ... but really, Jesus knew more than anyone.

"Okay, artists, let's add step two. At the bottom of your square, draw a small rectangle standing up in the middle of the square. When you're finished, hold up your whiteboards again for everyone to see.

(Kids hold up whiteboards.)

"This picture is still pretty confusing, right? Just like it was for Cleopas and his friend. They had more pieces of the story now, but they still didn't understand what God was doing. Their picture still didn't make sense.

"This is what Cleopas and his friend told Jesus.

(Open the Bible and read Luke 24:19b-24 NIV.)

"He was a prophet. He was powerful in what he said and did in the sight of God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed Jesus over to be sentenced to death. They nailed him to a cross. But we had hoped that he was the one who was going to set Israel free. Also, it is the third day since all this happened. Some of our women amazed us too. Early this morning they went to the tomb. But they didn't find his body. So they came and told us what they had seen. They saw angels, who said Jesus was alive. Then some of our friends went to the tomb. They saw it was empty, just as the women had said. They didn't see Jesus' body there."

"These two friends were trying so hard to make sense of everything. They thought the story was over. They thought all their hope was gone. But they were only seeing a tiny part of the picture, just like our drawings. They couldn't see the bigger picture yet."

STORYTELLER: *"As the three of them kept walking, Jesus began to explain something amazing. He didn't just listen to Cleopas and his friend, He helped them understand the bigger story. Jesus showed them how everything written in Scripture, everything God had promised, pointed to Him.*

(Open the Bible and read Luke 24:25-27 NIV.)

Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are! How long it takes you to believe all that the prophets said! Didn't the Messiah have to suffer these things and then receive his glory?" Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures.

"Jesus opened their eyes to see God's plan in a new way. He showed them that God had been writing a bigger story from the very beginning. But even then ... the two friends still didn't realize they were talking to Jesus Himself. As they reached the town of Emmaus, Jesus acted like He was going to keep walking, but the two friends didn't want Him to leave. They begged Him to stay.

"Here is what the Bible says happened:

(Open the Bible and read Luke 24:29 NIV.)

But they tried hard to keep him from leaving. They said, "Stay with us. It is nearly evening. The day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

"They sat down to eat together. Jesus took the bread, thanked God for it, and broke it. And in that moment ... everything changed.

"Artists, it's time for your final step. Now draw a triangle on top of your square that is pointing up. When you're finished, hold it up for everyone to see.

(Kids hold up whiteboards.)

"Now we can see what the picture is! It's a house! At the beginning, it didn't make sense. A square didn't show the whole picture. A square with a rectangle still wasn't clear. But once you added the triangle ... suddenly everything came together. Now the picture makes sense.

"And that's exactly what happened to the two friends.

(Open the Bible and read Luke 24:30-32 NIV.)

He joined them at the table. Then he took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. But then he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "He explained to us what the Scriptures meant. Weren't we excited as he talked with us on the road?"

"Suddenly, they saw the bigger story. Jesus wasn't gone. He was alive! Everything He had promised was true. Their sadness turned to joy. Their confusion turned to understanding.

(Open the Bible and read Luke 24:33-34 NIV.)

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the 11 disciples and those with them. They were saying, "It's true! The Lord has risen! He has appeared to Simon!"

"Cleopas and his friend couldn't wait. They ran all the way back to Jerusalem to share the good news. Jesus was alive! God's story was bigger and better than they had ever imagined.

5 min

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

What You Need

No supplies needed

STORYTELLER: "These two friends started their day sad, confused, and unsure about what God was doing. They thought they knew the whole story, but really, they only saw a few pieces, just like our drawings at the beginning.

"Remember how the square didn't look like much? And even when we added the rectangle, it still didn't make sense? But once we added that last piece, the triangle, the whole picture suddenly became clear.

"That's what Jesus did for these two friends. He helped them understand the bigger picture. He talked to them through the Scriptures and showed them that God had been working all along. And when Jesus showed them that He is alive and they realized the bigger story that God had been working on, everything changed. Their confusion turned into excitement. Their sadness turned into joy. God had been working on something wonderful, right in the midst of the hard, confusing time!

"We don't always understand what's happening in our lives. Sometimes things feel confusing or disappointing. But just like those two friends saw, we can trust that God is good, and He is always working on a good story! And because God is always working out His bigger story, we can have joy no matter what. That's our Bottom Line for today! Let's take a look at it again.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "You can have joy because there's a bigger story. Say that with me."

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "You can have joy because there's a bigger story."

HOST: "Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week!

SLIDE: God's Big Story

"This week, we're right up here on the picture of 'The Resurrection' of God's Big Story! Today's true story from the Bible took place on the very same day Jesus rose from the dead! *(Gesture to timeline.)*

"This week, we learned about two of Jesus' followers who didn't quite understand what all that Jesus had done meant. But Jesus was so patient with them. He went through the Scriptures and was like, 'Look what God was doing here!' 'Look what God was doing here!' It's kind of like what we've been doing all year with God's Big Story! *(Gesture to the Timeline Images if you have them.)* We've been going through the Bible and saying, 'Look what God was doing here!' 'Look what God was doing here!' The very truth at the heart of our lives is that we are so loved by God, and He is so good, that He worked and worked for years and

8 min

Closing

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Need

No supplies needed

years to bring Jesus to Earth to rescue us. God's whole Big Story is that He made a way for us to be His close friends forever, and in the end, He's going to make a beautiful place for us to be with Him forever! In the end, He's going to make everything right, and we're going to live with Him forever! That's the story that the two friends on the walk to Emmaus were living in, and it's the Big Beautiful Story that we are living in too! God has made a way for you to be His friend! Forever! Yay for God and His Big Story!

SLIDE: Week 2 Timeline Image

(If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's Timeline Image on the clothesline.)

"This week, we learned about the two followers of Jesus walking to Emmaus and how Jesus told them about God's Big Story!"

HOST: "So what's our response? Well, it was pretty incredible that Jesus showed up in Person to these two friends. But it's even more amazing that Jesus explained exactly how everything in Scripture pointed to Him! Cleopas and his friend were living in a bigger story, and we are too!"

"So no matter what's going on, you can have joy because there's a bigger story!"

"As people, we usually focus on our little piece of the story: that test that didn't go so well. The mean thing your friend just said. How you're going to have to start at a new school where you don't know anyone.

"We all face difficult or confusing things like that every single day. But God has given us a huge gift: we get to know the bigger story. And the bigger story is this: God made each one of us to be His close friends. God loves us so much that, from the beginning when we brought on the terrible curse of sin, He worked out a plan to rescue us from it so we could be close to Him. And that plan was Jesus!"

"God worked for years and years to bring Jesus to Earth!"

"When Jesus gave up His life and then rose again, He defeated the power of sin and death. He broke that curse of sin we were under. Now, when we believe in Jesus and accept what He's done for us, we can be forgiven and be close friends with God. We can go through all of our lives as God's close friends.

"And God has promised to make everything right in the end! God is going to end pain, sickness, and death—forever! It's the best story that's ever

3 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

been told. And it's all true. We're living in God's Big Story right now! God is so good and He loves you so much!

"This doesn't mean that you won't face hard times or that you can't be sad and angry sometimes. But it does mean that you go through it all with Him.

"That's an incredible reason for joy!

"Let's talk to the God who is with you through every hard thing and who is working to make everything right in the end! Let's talk to the God who is writing the best story!

STORYTELLER or HOST: "Jesus, thank You for writing the best story of all, and that we are living in it! When things get hard or confusing, help us remember that You are good and are working for good. Help us be encouraged by the bigger story You are writing. Help us find joy as we turn our hearts to Your presence with us. We want to go through all of life aware of You and of Your bigger story! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

(Dismiss kids to their small groups.)

AUDIO: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

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GETTING READY

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

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Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (25 minutes)
Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God (10 minutes)

1. Opener

What You Need:

- Host
- 6 kid volunteers for every round you do (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)
- 30-50 party hats (You may not need this many, but make sure you have enough hats to last for the whole 2 minutes of the game. Recommended: 15 party hats minimum for each team.)

Music and Sound Effects:

- Upbeat music to play as kids enter the room
- Upbeat music to play during the game

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- "Party Hat Stack Attack Title" Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

Optional Videos:

- Theme Loop
- Theme Intro
- 2-minute countdown for the game

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Download the sound effects from the Large Group scripts folder and have them ready to use.
- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.
- *Optional:* Download a countdown video from a royalty-free site. Load it into your presentation software and have it ready to play during the Opener. You could also keep time on a smartphone or watch. *Note: Some presentation software, such as ProPresenter, includes a built-in countdown clock that can be overlaid on a still image.*
- Place each team's pile of party hats on opposite ends of the room.

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Alive"- available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "I've Got Joy" - available on Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- "Start the Party" - available on Store.ThinkOrange.com)

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slid

Optional Videos for Orange Kids Music

- "I've Got Joy" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- "Start the Party" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

What You Do:

- If you are utilizing the suggested songs from **Amazing Music**, search for your desired video resource for each song under the Worship section on APlay and add to your service!
- You can access Amazing Music's Dance Motion, Lyric, and Instrumental Videos in APlay under the Worship section.
- Amazing Music Song Trainings are available in Amazing Leaders and FREE on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/@AmazingKidsMusic>
- If you are utilizing **the Orange Kids Music** suggestions, simply purchase and download from Store.ThinkOrange.com! You can upload these into APlay for easy use with your 252 curriculum.
- Dance Motion Videos and Lyrics Videos are available for Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- *Make sure your church has obtained licensing rights to play or perform music. You can obtain a license to perform worship music from Christian Copyright Licensing International (www.ccli.com). It covers over 200,000 worship songs for congregational singing. You are responsible for including the copyright information on all songs reproduced under the Church Copyright License (including song lyrics projected onscreen). This includes the song title, writer credit(s), copyright notice, and your church's CCLI license number. You can include this information on one of the lyric slides, or you can create a separate slide detailing this information, but the copyright information must appear at least once for each song you play or perform. For example:*

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3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller

- Host
- Bible
- Table
- 2 kid volunteers
- 2 small whiteboards
- 2 dry-erase markers

Music and Sound Effects:

- Upbeat music to play as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Theme Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

Optional for God's Big Story:

- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- God's Big Story Slide
- Week 2 Timeline Image Slide
- We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed Timeline Images in order, week by week. We'll provide a Timeline Image for each week of the curriculum. There are two versions of each Timeline Image—a slide and a print version. A digital [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

Optional Video: (available in APlay)

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (Kindergarten through 3rd grade):

- StoryLab: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4th and 5th grade):

- The So & So Show: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a YouTube-style show full of humor and lots of zany fun.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Countdown video

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).

Supplies

Opener	Quantity
1. Host	1
2. kid volunteers for every round you do (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)	6
3. 30-50 party hats (You may not need this many, but make sure you have enough hats to last for the whole 2 minutes of the game. Recommended: 15 party hats minimum for each team.)	50

INTRODUCTION	Quantity
1. Storyteller	1
2. Host	1
3. Table	1
4. kid volunteers	2
5. small whiteboards	2
6. dry-erase markers	2