

K-5 | W3

Today's Suggested Schedule—April 2026, Week 3

Bible Story: Great Commission and Ascension • *Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:1-11*

Bottom Line: You can share the good news about Jesus.

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: Parachute Party (K–1st grade), Emoji Story (2nd–3rd grade)

Application Activity: Be a Smartie (K–1st grade), Spread the Joy (2nd–3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Bubble Verse (K–1st grade), Unscramble the Relay (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

Great Commission and Ascension • *Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:1-11*

Conversation Starter

What does it mean to you that God is with you?

Bottom Line

You can share the good news about Jesus.

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!)	4
 Minimum of 4 streamer rolls (You will need four for each round you play!)	4
 Trash bags to clean up the streamers after the game	Several

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 the four streamer rolls in the game area. (Or more if you want to do more rounds.)

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome back to our Block Party! This room already feels like a party! Look around. Give somebody a fist bump. Yep ... this is a great day to be at church.

"This month our theme is, 'Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends!'

"We've been talking all month about the joy Jesus gives us, real joy, the kind that lasts no matter what happens. But before we get to all that ... we need to warm up. We need to get our energy going. We need to kick this Block Party into high gear.

"And to do that ... we're going to play one of the silliest, spinniest party games ever.

SLIDE: Spin to Win Title

AUDIO: Upbeat music

"This, my friends, is 'Spin to Win!'

"Here's what's going to happen: I'm going to choose four volunteers. Each one will get a streamer roll. You'll hold one end of the streamer, and when I say, 'Go,' you'll spin in place as fast as you can. Just spin in place and let the streamer unwind behind you. The first person whose streamer completely unrolls wins!

"Let's pick our four players! Raise your hand if you'd like to volunteer!

(Choose four volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised. Invite them to come up to the front of the room, and give each kid a streamer roll.)

"Alright, everyone, take your spots so you don't bump into anyone! Hold your streamer out to the side. Audience, are you ready to cheer them on?"

(Pause while audience cheers.)

"I don't know ... that didn't sound very ready. Let's try again—are you ready to cheer them on?"

(Pause while audience cheers.)

"There we go! 'Spin to Win' begins in 3 ... 2 ... 1 ... GO!"

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Play the game. Cheer on the players and involve the audience.)

"Look at those streamers fly! Nice spinning! Keep going, don't stop now! Who's going to unroll their streamer first? Oh wow, that one's getting close!"

(Continue playing until one of the kids unrolls their streamer.)

"And we have a winner! Great job! Let's give them a huge round of applause! They were amazing! You all can get untangled and head to your seats!"

(Gather and discard the streamer trash in the trash bag. Repeat for as many rounds as time allows. Ask for four new volunteers at the start of each round.)

"Wow, that was fun! You all were so joyful! This game reminds me of something else that brings LOTS of joy—and that's sharing Jesus with others."

"That's actually our Bottom Line for today! Let's check it out!"

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "You can share the good news about Jesus. Say that with me!"

KIDS AND HOST: "You can share the good news about Jesus."

HOST: "Did you know that the good news about Jesus isn't just for one place or one group of people? The good news about Jesus is meant to be spread all around the world. And we're going to learn more about that today in our true story from the Bible! Let's go learn about what that means!"

11 min

Worship Option 1 | Amazing Music

3 min

Alive | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Living Hope | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Memory Verse

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.)

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everyone! It's time to worship! Worship is when we sing to God because He is good, He loves us, and He is always with us.

"We're going to start with a song called 'Alive.' This song reminds us that Jesus is alive today, and because He's alive, we can have joy that never ends. Everyone, stand up tall, stretch your arms, take a deep breath ... and let's get ready to worship with our whole hearts.

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!

"That was incredible! I love hearing you sing with so much excitement. Now we're going to sing a song called 'Living Hope.' This song helps us remember that Jesus gives us strength and hope no matter what we face. You can close your eyes if you want, lift your hands, or just sing the words from your heart. God loves when we take time to worship Him.

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

"You all did such a wonderful job worshipping today. When you sing like that, when you smile, when you move, and when you mean the words you sing, you're showing God how much you love Him. And He loves it. He loves YOU!"

"We've been talking a lot this month about joy, real joy that comes from knowing Jesus. Joy isn't just a happy feeling we have when something fun happens. Joy is something we can hold onto every day because Jesus is with us and He never changes. That's why this month's Memory Verse is so important. It reminds us where our joy comes from.

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

**Worship Option 2
| Orange Kids
Music**

5 min

I've Got Joy | Orange Kids Music**What You Need**

No supplies needed

"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 (NirV)"

"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! Isn't it amazing that we can have joy, not just sometimes, but all the time, because we belong to Jesus? That means He loves us, He knows us, and He's with us every single day. And when you remember that, joy can fill your heart no matter what kind of day you're having."

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WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, 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! Let's get ready to sing our first worship song!

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

5 min

Start The Party | Worship song

What You Need

No supplies needed

"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
👤 posterboards	4
👤 Thick marker	1

- 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).
- Write the four locations from the lesson on the posterboards—make sure the words are big and bold. Write one that says, "Jerusalem," one that says, "Judea," one that says, "Samaria," and one that says, "The World."

(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. Four posterboards with locations written on them near the Storyteller.)

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! Welcome to another week of 'Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends!'

"The last few weeks, we've been talking about some of the biggest events in the entire Bible! A few weeks ago, we talked about the very first Easter—when Jesus died to give His life to rescue us, and then He rose again! And then last week, Jesus explained what had happened to a couple of confused friends. Jesus taught about His bigger story!

"But what happened next? Stories don't usually end all at once. There's almost always a 'what happens next' moment, right?

"Well, news flash—you and I are a HUGE part of the 'what's next'! And that's what we're going to learn about today!

"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, which is just a little over a month from now, 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 us to be close to Him. So as we go through the Bible this year, we hope 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.)

5 min

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

What You Need

No supplies needed

"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!

"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!

"But Jesus' friends were confused. Why did Jesus die? Why did He rise again? Jesus spent the next few days on Earth explaining what He had done and why!

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

5 min

SETTING UP THE STORY

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

JESUS GIVES THE MISSION

What You Need

No supplies needed

STORYTELLER: "We're continuing our journey through the Bible! Today's Bible Story is about something incredible Jesus told His followers after He rose from the dead. It's something that changed their lives, and something that still matters for us today. But before we jump in, I want you to think about something.

"Have you ever been given a really important job? Maybe your teacher trusted you to help with something in class, or your coach asked you to lead your team, or someone at home needed you to do something that really mattered. When you get a big job, it can feel exciting ... but it can also feel a little intimidating. You might wonder, 'Can I really do this? What if it's too hard?'

"Well, Jesus gave His friends a big job too. In fact, it was the most important job they had ever been given. But He didn't just give them the job, He gave them a promise. A promise that would help them every step of the way."

"Let's start with something incredible that happened after Jesus came back to life. During the forty days after Easter, Jesus spent time with His friends. He talked with them, walked with them, ate with them, and helped them understand everything God had planned.

"And one day, He told His disciples to meet Him on a mountain in Galilee. When they saw Jesus there, alive, standing right in front of them, they worshiped Him. They knew He was truly the Son of God. But the Bible tells us something interesting ... some of them still had questions. They believed, but they didn't understand everything yet. Let's see what the Bible says.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 28:17-18 NIV.)

When they saw him, they worshiped him. But some still had their doubts. Then Jesus came to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

"That is a huge statement. Jesus had broken the power of sin. He had defeated death. And now He was telling them, 'There is no one greater than Me.' Jesus wasn't just a good teacher or a nice leader; He was the King over everything.

"And then, right there on the mountain, Jesus gave His followers a mission. Not a tiny job. Not something small or easy. The biggest, most important mission that's ever been given!

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 28:19-20a NIV.)

5 min

JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ASCENDS TO HEAVEN

What You Need

No supplies needed

"So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you."

"Imagine being there and hearing that! Jesus was telling them, 'I want you to go everywhere. I want you to tell everyone about Me. I want you to help people learn about Me and grow to love God so they follow Him with their whole hearts and their whole lives.'

"This mission wasn't just for a few special people. Jesus didn't give it only to adults, or only to leaders, or only to people who traveled far away. He gave it to all His followers. And that means it's for us too. We get to help others know Jesus. We get to help others see His love. We get to help others learn how to follow Him.

"But Jesus also knew something important. This mission was big. And His friends couldn't do it on their own. So Jesus made them a promise that would change everything.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 28:20b NIV.)

"And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."

"Jesus wasn't going to leave them. He wasn't sending them out alone. He was saying, 'I will be with you every step of the way.' And that promise is for us too. Wherever you go—school, home, sports, dance, a friend's house—Jesus is with you. Always. That's what He promised!

"Jesus had given the disciples a mission, and He had promised His presence. But how was He going to be with them all of the time?"

STORYTELLER: "The book of Acts tells us what happened next. Acts was written by Luke, the same person who wrote the gospel of Luke. He wrote both books to a man named Theophilus, to help him understand all about Jesus and the early church. So you can think of the book of Acts as an epic sequel to the blockbuster Gospels!

"This is what Luke wrote in the book of Acts:

(Open the Bible and read Acts 1:1-3 NIV.)

Theophilus, I wrote about Jesus in my earlier book. I wrote about all he did and taught until the day he was taken up to heaven. Before Jesus left, he gave orders to the apostles he had chosen. He did this through the Holy Spirit. After his suffering and death, he appeared to them. In many ways he proved that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of 40 days. During that time he spoke about God's kingdom.

"For forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, He met with His friends again and again. He let them see with their own eyes that He was truly alive. He probably did a lot of what He did with His followers on the walk

to Emmaus—He taught them what God had done through the Scriptures. And one day, Jesus told them something very important.

(Open the Bible and read Acts 1:4-5 NIV.)

One day Jesus was eating with them. He gave them a command. "Do not leave Jerusalem," he said. "Wait for the gift my Father promised. You have heard me talk about it. John baptized with water. But in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

"Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit, who is God Himself! The Holy Spirit would come and help them do everything Jesus had asked. The disciples still didn't understand the whole plan, so they asked Jesus a question, and Jesus helped them see that God's plans were much bigger than they imagined.

(Open the Bible and read Acts 1:7-8 NIV.)

He said to them, "You should not be concerned about times or dates. The Father has set them by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria. And you will even tell other people about me from one end of the earth to the other."

"Those are a LOT of places. And you know what, to help us understand what Jesus said, I brought a few signs with me. When I hold up a sign, I'm going to tell you exactly what motion to do. And after the motion, we'll all shout, 'Jesus is alive, and He loves you!' Ready?"

(Hold up the "Jerusalem" sign.)

"This sign says, 'Jerusalem.' Jerusalem was the place closest to home—the city where Jesus' friends already lived. Now I want you to stomp your feet in place like you're standing right where you live.

(Kids stomp in place.)

"Now let's say, 'Jesus is alive and He loves you!'"

ALL: "Jesus is alive and He loves you!"

STORYTELLER: "Good job!"

(Hold up "Judea" sign.)

"This one says, 'Judea.' Judea was the area around Jerusalem. It was farther than home but still familiar. Now I want you to march in place like you're going somewhere a little farther.

(Kids march in place.)

"Now let's say, 'Jesus is alive, and He loves you!'"

ALL: "Jesus is alive, and He loves you!"

STORYTELLER: "Great job!"

(Hold up "Samaria" sign.)

"This one says, 'Samaria.' Samaria was even farther away, and it was a city filled with people who were different from Jesus' followers. This time, run in place!

(Kids run in place.)

"Now let's say, 'Jesus is alive, and He loves you!'"

ALL: "Jesus is alive, and He loves you!"

STORYTELLER: "Oh yeah!"

(Hold up "The World" sign.)

"This sign says, 'The World.' The whole world means every person, everywhere. Jesus wants His love to reach the entire earth.

"Now I want you to spin around and get ready to shout.

(Kids spin around.)

"Now let's say, 'Jesus is alive, and He loves you!'"

ALL: "Jesus is alive, and He loves you!"

STORYTELLER: "Great job, everyone! You can take your seats.

"That's the message Jesus wants us to spread everywhere: 'Jesus is alive, and He loves you!'"

"Let's continue with our Bible Story. After Jesus said these things to His disciples, something amazing happened.

(Open the Bible and read Acts 1:9 NIV.)

After Jesus said this, he was taken up to heaven. The apostles watched until a cloud hid him from their sight.

"Imagine standing there. One moment, Jesus was with you, and the next, He was rising into the sky, higher and higher, until a cloud covered Him.

"As the disciples stood there, staring up into the sky, two angels suddenly appeared beside them.

(Open the Bible and read Acts 1:11 NIV.)

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking at the sky? Jesus has been taken away from you into heaven. But he will come back in the same way you saw him go."

"It was a lot to take in. But Jesus had already told them what to do: wait for the Holy Spirit. Then go share the good news. And soon, the power of the Holy Spirit would come, and their mission would begin."

STORYTELLER: "Let's use our signs one more time to remind us of the mission Jesus gave His friends. Do you remember the motions? Let's see.

(Hold up the "Jerusalem" sign.)

"Jerusalem—right where you live. Stomp your feet!"

(Kids stomp.)

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

"Now let's say, 'Jesus is alive, and He loves you!'"

ALL: "Jesus is alive, and He loves you!"

(Hold up the "Judea" sign.)

STORYTELLER: "Judea—going a little farther from home. March in place!

(Kids march in place.)

"Now let's say, 'Jesus is alive, and He loves you!'"

ALL: "Jesus is alive, and He loves you!"

(Hold up the "Samaria" sign.)

STORYTELLER: "Samaria—going to people who are different from you. Run in place!

(Kids run in place.)

"Now let's say, 'Jesus is alive, and He loves you!'"

ALL: "Jesus is alive, and He loves you!"

(Hold up "The World" sign.)

STORYTELLER: "The whole world! Every person, everywhere. Spin around!

(Kids spin.)

"Now let's say, 'Jesus is alive, and He loves you!'"

ALL: "Jesus is alive, and He loves you!"

STORYTELLER: "Great job, friends. That's the good news about Jesus that He wants us to spread! To every heart, in every country, all over the world.

"Let's review our Bottom Line for the day!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "You can share the good news about Jesus. Say that with me."

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "You can share the good news about Jesus."

SLIDE: God's Big Story

"This week, we're right up here on the path after the picture of 'The Resurrection' of God's Big Story! Today's true story from the Bible took place in the days after Jesus rose from the dead, and when He went back to heaven! *(Gesture to timeline.)*

"This week, we learned about the great assignment God has given us! Back after that horrible decision the first people made to turn their backs on God in the garden of Eden, God promised that He was going to make a way for us to be close to Him again. And all throughout God's Big Story, God was working and working to set up the time for Jesus to come and pay for our sins. And He did! Jesus came to Earth, lived a perfect life, gave that perfect life, paid for our sin, making a way for us to be close with God, and went back to heaven again! And now He wants us to tell the whole world about it. God's great love, that He spent years

8 min

Closing

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Need

No supplies needed

and years and years proving (*gesture to the Timeline Images if you have them*) is for the whole world. And He wants us to spread the message everywhere we go: 'Jesus is alive, and God loves you!' 'Jesus is alive, and God loves you!' God's love is so big that He wants it to spread over the whole world!

SLIDE: Week 3 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 Great Commission, when Jesus told His disciples to tell the whole world about Him, and the ascension, when Jesus left Earth and went to be with God in heaven!"

HOST: "So, what's our part in the story? Well, the work of everyone who follows Jesus is to share with others the truth about who God is and His great love. We can help people see how good and true and beautiful Jesus is, so they want to follow Him.

"We can do that in two ways: with the words we speak and the way we live!

"One of the best ways to share who God is is to love others like Jesus. When you're kind like Jesus, the world sees Him. When you're honest like Jesus, the world sees Him. When you're forgiving like Jesus, the world sees Him.

"So your part of the story begins right where you are. Your home is a place where you can show kindness, forgiveness, and love like Jesus. Your classroom is a place where you can include others, be honest, and help someone who needs a friend. Your sports teams, your neighborhood, the people you see every week—these are all places where you can show the love of Jesus.

"But Jesus doesn't just want us to show the world who He is, He also wants us to tell people about Him and about what He did. So tell people about how much God loves them and what Jesus did for them. Tell them that God loves them so much that He sent Jesus so they can be friends with God forever!

"Showing and telling about Jesus is a huge job assignment, but Jesus promised that you won't have to do it alone! Jesus promised, '*I am always with you*' (*Matthew 28:20 NIV*). When you follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to live in you. The Spirit goes with you everywhere and can give you ideas about how to live like Jesus and share who He

3 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

is. The Holy Spirit gives you courage when you feel nervous. The Holy Spirit helps you know the right words to say!

"You have a big assignment, yes, but you are never, ever alone!

"Let's talk to the God whose love is so big, it's for the whole world!

STORYTELLER or HOST: "Jesus, we're amazed that You're alive! And thank You that Your love is for the whole world. Help us share this good news about You. Help us remember that we don't have to do it alone. Holy Spirit, would You give us power, courage, and wisdom? Show us how to love others the way You do and tell them about Your great love. We want to go through our lives showing and telling others about You. 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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Large Group

GETTING READY

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

APlay

Get the most out of your curriculum with **APlay!** [JoinAPlay.com](https://www.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.

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
- 4 kid volunteers for every round you do (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)
- Minimum of 4 streamer rolls (You will need four for each round you play!)
- Trash bags to clean up the streamers after the game

Music and Sound Effects:

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

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- "Spin to Win Title" Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

Optional Videos:

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro

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 the four streamer rolls in the game area. (Or more if you want to do more rounds.)

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Alive"- available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Living Hope" - 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 Slide

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
- 4 posterboards
- Thick marker

Music and Sound Effects:

- Upbeat music to use 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 3 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).
- Write the four locations from the lesson on the posterboards—make sure the words are big and bold. Write one that says, "Jerusalem," one

that says, "Judea," one that says, "Samaria," and one that says, "The World."

Supplies

Opener	Quantity
1. Host	1
2. kid volunteers for every round you do (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)	4
3. Minimum of 4 streamer rolls (You will need four for each round you play!)	4
4. Trash bags to clean up the streamers after the game	Several

INTRODUCTION	Quantity
1. Storyteller	1
2. Host	1
3. Table	1
4. posterboards	4
5. Thick marker	1