

K-5 | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule April 2026, Week 4

Bible Story: Pentecost / Fruit of the Spirit • Acts 2:1-41 (supporting: Galatians 5:22-23)

Bottom Line: The Holy Spirit gives you joy.

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: Headband Story (K-1st grade), Sculpted Creations (2nd-3rd grade)

Application Activity: Grouped Together (K-1st grade), Jesus in Many Languages (2nd-3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Joyful Jump (K-1st grade), To the Beat (2nd-3rd grade)

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

Devotionals for Kids

Parent Cue App



Bible Story

Pentecost / Fruit of the Spirit • Acts 2:1-41 (supporting: Galatians 5:22-23)

Conversation Starter

When have you experienced joy in your life?

Bottom Line

The Holy Spirit gives you joy.

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!)	16
 leaders (to pop the confetti cannons)	2
 confetti cannons for every round you do (more if you plan on doing more rounds)	2
 large bowls	1
 Timer (or smartphone or watch or countdown)	1

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 two bowls at two opposite ends of the room in the game area.
- Before group time, pick two leaders to come up and pop the confetti cannons during the game.

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome back to our Block Party! This month's theme is, 'Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends!' Take a look around the room. Give someone near you a high five! And now, on the count of three, shout the name of your favorite party snack. Ready? One, two, three!

(Pause while kids shout their favorite party snack.)

"Awesome! This is definitely a room ready to party.

"I'm so glad you're here today because this whole month, we've been celebrating the kind of joy that comes from Jesus, joy that never runs out. And today, we're going to talk about Someone amazing, the Holy Spirit. But before we jump into the story, we're going to kick this party off with one of the wildest games ever.

SLIDE: Confetti Craze Title

AUDIO: Upbeat music

"Today's game is called 'Confetti Craze!' Here's how it works: I'm going to choose two teams, Team One and Team Two. Each team will have a bowl on their side of the room. When I say, 'Go,' we're going to blast confetti into the air—these two leaders are going to shoot confetti cannons—and for the next two minutes, your team will gather as much confetti from the floor as you can and bring it back to your bowl.

"You can ONLY pick up confetti from the floor, not from the other team's bowl. When the timer ends, everyone freezes right where they are, so we can see which bowl has more confetti.

"Okay, I'm going to need two teams of eight. And if you don't get picked this round, that's okay! You get to cheer as loud as possible, and we may even play another round. If you'd like to play, raise your hand!

(Choose 16 kids from the ones who have their hands raised and invite them to the game area. Split them into two teams of eight and send each team to their side of the room.)

"Teams, find your bowl so you know exactly where to put your confetti when you collect it. Everyone else, you're the cheering squad. When the countdown starts, leaders—pop those confetti cannons. That will be the signal for the race to begin!

"Here we go! Confetti cannons ready? Teams ready? Audience ready? Three ... two ... one ... POP IT!

(Two leaders pop the confetti cannons into the game area.)

Optional Video: Two-Minute Countdown

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Start the timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown and the music after the leaders pop the confetti cannons.)

(Play the game. Cheer on both teams and involve the audience. Make sure the kids are only picking up confetti from the floor and only putting the confetti in their team's bowl.)

"Go, go, go! Pick up that confetti! Move those feet! Look at all the color flying everywhere—this room is starting to look like a real party! Keep going!

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

"Great job, everyone! Stay frozen while we take a look at the bowls to see which team picked up the most confetti!

(Pause while you look at each bowl to see which team picked up the most confetti.)

"Let me get a drumroll! *(Encourage the kids to pat their legs to make a drumroll.)*

"And the winner is ... [Team Name]! Let's give both teams a huge round of applause! That was amazing!

(Continue for as many rounds as time allows. Ask for 16 new volunteers at the start of each round. You'll need two new confetti cannons for each round. Instruct the new teams that they can pick up the old confetti if there's any left on the ground as well as the new confetti from the new confetti cannons.)

"Wow, that was so much fun! You all turned this room into a celebration AND helped clean it up! What a joyful party!

"Our Bottom Line for today is about joy—let's check it out.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "The Holy Spirit gives you joy. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "The Holy Spirit gives you joy."

HOST: "We will be unpacking this more today! I'm so glad you're here. Let's to 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

Living Hope | 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.)

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everyone! It's time to worship! Worship is our chance to tell Jesus how much we love Him. We sing because He's good, because He's with us, and because He fills our hearts with joy. And today, we get to celebrate the amazing gift He gave, the Holy Spirit—God's very Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God in us! The Holy Spirit helps us, guides us, and fills us with real joy that lasts.

"I want everybody to stand up tall. Shake out your hands. Wiggle your shoulders. Take a big deep breath in ... and out. Let's get ready to worship with our whole hearts.

"Let's start with a song called 'Alive.' This song reminds us that Jesus is alive today, and because He lives, everything in our lives can be filled with hope and joy. So sing loud, dance big, and let your worship be full of celebration.

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 AWESOME! I love seeing your smiles and hearing your voices. When you worship like that, it shows Jesus that your heart is open to Him. He loves that.

"Now we're going to sing another song called 'Joy (What the World Calls Foolish).' This song reminds us that the joy Jesus gives us is different from anything the world can offer. It doesn't disappear when things get hard. It doesn't go away when we have a tough day. The Holy Spirit fills us with a joy that stays, no matter what. So let's worship with confidence and joy.

SONG: "Joy (What the World Calls Foolish)" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Worship Option 2 | Orange Kids Music

5 min

I've Got Joy | Orange Kids Music

"All month long, we've been talking about joy—real joy that doesn't disappear when things get hard because real joy comes from knowing Jesus. And today, we're to look at our Memory Verse one more time. It's Philippians 4:4! This verse reminds us why we can have joy every single day. Not because life is perfect, but because we belong to Someone who loves us so much. God!

"Let's take a look at our Memory Verse 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."*

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WORSHIP LEADER: *"I will say it again."*

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WORSHIP LEADER: *"Be joyful!"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"Be joyful!"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"Philippians 4:4!"*

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "You did amazing! And here's why this verse matters so much: joy doesn't come from everything going right. Joy comes from knowing that Jesus is with you, loves you, and will never leave you. When you remember that you belong to Him, joy can fill your heart no matter what kind of day you're having."

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WORSHIP LEADER: "Alright, everyone, let's get ready to worship! This is our chance to celebrate how good God is! He made each one of us. He loves us more than we can imagine, and He's always with us, no matter what we're going through."

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Start The Party | Worship song

What You Need

No supplies needed

"When we sing, we're not just saying words, we're thanking God for who He is and all the amazing things He's done. So come on, let's stand up, smile big, and sing out loud to show God how much we love Him!

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

38 min

Bible Story (Live)

3 min

INTRODUCTION

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:

- 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.

What You Need

 Storyteller	1
 Host	1
 Table	1
 Bible	1
 balloons—2 filled with helium and 2 filled with air (You might want extras, in case of popping.)	4
 Ribbon, enough to tie to the 2 helium balloons	Several
 balloon weights for the balloons filled with helium	1
 Tape	1

5 min

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

What You Need

No supplies needed

- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- Inflate four balloons—two with helium and two with air.
- Tie the ribbon and the balloon weights to the helium balloons.
- Make the ribbons that are tied on the helium balloons as long as possible so the helium balloons can go up a long way when they are untaped.
- Before group time, place all four balloons at the front of the room so the audience can see them. Tape the ribbon of the helium balloons closely to the helium balloons so the balloons stay on the floor, but the tape on the ribbon and the balloon weight is barely visible. Leave the balloons filled with air lying on the floor.

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! It's so great to see you all! I love learning about Jesus with you! We're finishing out our theme on joy that we've looked at all month: 'Block Party—Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends!'"

"And to wrap up this month, wow, this an exciting true story from the Bible that's for you and me! Before we jump in today, I want us to slow down for just a moment. Sometimes when we hear a Bible Story, we can rush past it without really thinking about why it matters.

"Today's story is part of what came next after everything that happened at Easter. As we listen, remember that these aren't just stories people made up. These are true events that shaped the early church and help us understand how God still works in the world today. What we're going to learn about today is so important in your friendship with Jesus!

"So let's take a deep breath, focus in, and get ready to listen as we open the Bible together.

"But before we dive 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.*)

"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.

"Jesus explained that He was going to leave, but He was going to be with His followers in a new way. He was going to be closer than close, like He always wanted to be!

"Then, Jesus went back to heaven, and His followers waited for the gift He had promised to give them!

"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

THE HOLY SPIRIT ARRIVES

What You Need

No supplies needed

STORYTELLER: "Today, we're continuing right along in our journey through the Bible. Jesus had gone back to heaven, but He told His friends to wait for the special gift that He was going to give them.

"As we get into that true story from the Bible today, I want you to think about something. Have you ever had to wait for something really important? Maybe you were waiting for a game to start, or a friend to come over, or a big surprise. Waiting can feel strange, right? You don't know exactly what's going to happen, but you know something big is coming.

"That's exactly how Jesus' friends felt. Jesus had gone back to heaven, but before He left, He told them to wait. He promised that a Helper was coming—Someone who would give them power and courage. But they didn't know when the Helper would come ... or how He would come ... or what it would look like.

"So they waited. They prayed. They stayed together where Jesus had told them to stay. And while they were waiting ... God was getting ready to do something amazing—something that would change the world forever."

"When the Holy Spirit arrived, Jesus' followers were all gathered together in one place, waiting. And then ... it happened.

(Open the Bible and read Acts 2:2-4 NIV.)

Suddenly a sound came from heaven. It was like a strong wind blowing. It filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something that looked like tongues of fire. The flames separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known before.

"Imagine being there. A mighty sound like rushing wind filled the room. Flames appeared above each believer. And then, the Holy Spirit, God Himself, filled every single one of them. He gave them power and boldness! They even started speaking in different languages they didn't know how to speak before!

"Let's look at this balloon.

(Hold up one of the regular balloons.)

"When I pick it up and drop it, it drops straight down.

(Drop the balloon so it falls to the floor.)

"When we try to use only our own strength, we can run out of energy, courage, or joy. That's what it was like for the followers of Jesus before the Holy Spirit came—they loved Jesus, and Jesus gave them a huge

5 min

PETER SPEAKS WITH BOLDNESS

What You Need

No supplies needed

mission to share the good news. But they needed help. They needed boldness and power.

"But when the Holy Spirit came, everything changed. The Holy Spirit is God! He is God in us! He gives us power, boldness, courage, and joy that doesn't depend on everything going right.

(Remove the tape from one of the helium balloons so it rises as high as the balloon weight will allow it to go.)

"See how this balloon goes up? That's what the Holy Spirit does in us. He fills us. He lifts us. He helps us do what we could never do on our own."

"In the middle of all the excitement, people in the crowd were confused. Some even made fun of the followers of Jesus. Before this day, knowing that a whole crowd was talking about him and his friends probably would have scared Peter. But on this day, Peter wasn't using his own strength anymore.

(Hold up one of the regular balloons.)

"This balloon reminds us of what it's like when we trust only in ourselves. We try to be brave, but when things get hard ...

(Drop the balloon so it falls to the floor.)

"We fall back down. We don't have enough courage on our own.

"But when the Holy Spirit works in someone, it's completely different. The Holy Spirit is God, and when He works in us, He lifts our hearts with courage we don't have just by ourselves.

(Remove the tape from one of the helium balloons so it rises.)

"Look at that! The Holy Spirit filled Peter, just like this balloon, and lifted him with boldness.

(Open the Bible and read Acts 2:14 NIV.)

Then Peter stood up with the 11 apostles. In a loud voice he spoke to the crowd. "My fellow Jews," he said, "let me explain this to you. All of you who live in Jerusalem, listen carefully to what I say."

"Peter didn't hide. He didn't whisper. He stood up tall and spoke loudly to thousands of people. That boldness came from the Holy Spirit.

"Peter continued preaching the truth to all the people who were listening.

(Open the Bible and read Acts 2:22-24 NIV.)

"Fellow Israelites, listen to this! Jesus of Nazareth was a man who had God's approval. God did miracles, wonders and signs among you

5 min

THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES US FROM THE INSIDE OUT

What You Need

No supplies needed

through Jesus. You yourselves know this. Long ago God planned that Jesus would be handed over to you. With the help of evil people, you put Jesus to death. You nailed him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead. He set him free from the suffering of death. It wasn't possible for death to keep its hold on Jesus."

"After Peter finished speaking, the people listening knew the truth in their hearts. They realized they needed Jesus, and they asked Peter what they should do next.

(Open the Bible and read Acts 2:28 NIV.)

Peter replied, "All of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then your sins will be forgiven. You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

"Peter told them they should turn away from their sins, be baptized, and that they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, God Himself, would come to live in them and help them every day.

(Hold up one of the regular balloons.)

"This balloon reminds us of how our hearts can be on our own. We want to do what's right, but sometimes we lose patience, we get frustrated, or we forget to show kindness.

(Drop the balloon so it falls.)

"It doesn't stay lifted for very long when it's only filled with our own strength.

"But when the Holy Spirit fills someone, everything changes. The Holy Spirit lifts our hearts in the same way the helium in this balloon lifts it to the ceiling. The Holy Spirit helps us love when it's hard, stay patient when things aren't going our way, be gentle with others, and show kindness even when no one sees. The Holy Spirit is God, and He can help us live like God!

"God is kind, and with His Spirit in us, we can be kind like God is. God is truthful, with His Spirit in us, we can be truthful like God is.

(Remove the tape from one of the helium balloons so it rises.)

"See how it rises? That's what the Holy Spirit does inside us. The Bible tells us that there are certain characteristics that the Holy Spirit grows in us. Just like a peach tree grows juicy, sweet fruit, the Holy Spirit grows fruit with these kinds of attributes in us:

(Open the Bible and read Galatians 5:22-23 NIV.)

The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself. There is no law against things of that kind."

5 min

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

What You Need

No supplies needed

"When the Holy Spirit is leading us, this is the kind of fruit that grows in our lives—good fruit that helps others see what Jesus is like. God is loving, so the fruit the Spirit grows in us is loving. God is peaceful, patient, good, faithful, and full of self-control, so the fruit the Spirit grows in us is all of those things!

"And the fruit the Holy Spirit grows in us is joyful! Not the kind of joy that disappears when your day gets rough, but the kind of joy that comes from knowing God is with you all the time. And He is, through the Holy Spirit!

"The Holy Spirit fills us and lifts us, helping our hearts rise with His joy, His strength, and His love. That's what He did for the first followers of Jesus, and that's what He does for us today."

STORYTELLER: "Today, we saw something amazing: Jesus' followers were waiting, praying, and trusting God, and then the Holy Spirit came. The Holy Spirit filled them with courage, strength, and joy that didn't depend on anything around them. Just like the helium balloons that rose up and up, the Holy Spirit lifted their hearts so they could love deeply and boldly share the good news about Jesus with the whole world. Just like He did with the followers of Jesus, the Holy Spirit can help you, guide you, and fill you with joy that lasts no matter what kind of day you're having.

"Why? Why does the Holy Spirit do all of that? Why does He give us courage and strength and power and grow all of that beautiful fruit?"

"Because the Holy Spirit is God in us! The God who is the strongest is in us through His Spirit, and His presence can make us brave and bold. The God who is loving, and joyful, and peaceful, and patient, and kind, and good, and faithful, and gentle, and self-controlled is in us, and as we stay close to Him, He will grow those things in us!

"We aren't doing life on our own; God Himself, the Holy Spirit, is with us, in us, helping us every step of the way. And there is nothing more joyful than that!

"Let's take a look at our Bottom Line again.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "The Holy Spirit gives you joy. Say that with me, everyone!"

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "The Holy Spirit gives you joy."

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

5 min

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

What You Need

No supplies needed

SLIDE: God's Big Story

"This week, we're right up here in the picture of 'Pentecost' of God's Big Story! Today's true story from the Bible shows us that even though Jesus went back to heaven, He wasn't leaving His followers alone! (*Gesture to timeline.*)

"This week, we talked about such an important part of God's Big Story! This week, we learned about Pentecost, when God sent the Holy Spirit, His very Spirit, to live inside of every person who decides to follow Him. Do you remember back in the garden of Eden where Adam and Eve's horrible decision to sin put distance between people and God? (*Gesture to that Timeline Image if you have it up.*) Well, before Adam and Eve made that choice, God was with them in the garden! He was so close! A few weeks ago, we learned how Jesus gave His life and paid for our sin. He paid for all sin for all time. Now we could be close to God again. But close wouldn't do! God wants to be closer than close! So He showed that His plan all along was for His people to be filled with His very Spirit. He was going to live in each of His followers through His Spirit! God has always wanted to be close to us, so His followers go through life with His very Spirit inside of them. We are never, ever alone!

SLIDE: Week 4 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 Pentecost and the Holy Spirit, God's very Spirit, who goes through life with us!"

8 min

Closing

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Need

No supplies needed

HOST: "What's our part in the story? Well, if you've chosen to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit, God's very Spirit, lives in you!

"So, go through life with Him. Talk to Him about everything. Ask Him to help you know what His voice sounds like, what His nudges in your heart feel like. He goes through everything with you, so ask Him to help you hear Him and understand Him when He is speaking!

"The Holy Spirit can speak to you in lots of ways throughout your day. He has so much to say to you! Sometimes He'll speak to you in nudges throughout your day, sometimes He brings words to your mind, sometimes He will make words in the Bible jump right off the page, sometimes He speaks through worship song lyrics that shoot straight to your heart. He will send truths from heaven right to your heart all throughout your day!

"And since He's God, keep in mind that everything He will say to you will line up with the truth of who you know Him to be in the Bible. The Holy

3 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

Spirit will never contradict the Bible. But ask Him for help and guidance and strength, and He will give it to you.

"You will find that the Holy Spirit's presence with you will give you courage when you feel nervous, help you choose kindness when you feel frustrated, and remind you of what is true when you don't know what to do. As you stay close to Him, He will grow His fruit in your life—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—so that wherever you go, people can see what Jesus is like. And when the Holy Spirit fills us with His joy, we get to share that joy with others through how we speak, how we act, and how we love.

"As a follower of Jesus, you never go through life alone. The Holy Spirit is with you and in you. Ask Him to teach you what it looks like for you to go through life with Him as your closest friend.

"Let's ask Him to help us do that right now!"

STORYTELLER or HOST: "Holy Spirit, we want to learn how to walk through life with You as our closest friend. Teach us how to hear Your voice. Help us feel Your joy lifting our hearts when things are hard. We open our hearts to 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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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** 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.

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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
- 16 kid volunteers for every round you do (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)
- 2 leaders (to pop the confetti cannons)
- 2 confetti cannons for every round you do (more if you plan on doing more rounds)
- 2 large bowls
- Timer (or smartphone or watch or countdown)

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
- "Confetti Craze Title" Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

Optional Videos:

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro
- 2-Minute Countdown Timer

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 two bowls at two opposite ends of the room in the game area.

- Before group time, pick two leaders to come up and pop the confetti cannons during the game.

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Alive" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Joy (What the World Calls Foolish)" - 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:*

"Hallelujah" words and music by John Doe

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3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Table
- 4 balloons—2 filled with helium and 2 filled with air (You might want extras, in case of popping.)
- Ribbon, enough to tie to the 2 helium balloons
- 2 balloon weights for the balloons filled with helium
- Tape

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 4 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).
- Inflate four balloons—two with helium and two with air.
- Tie the ribbon and the balloon weights to the helium balloons.

- Make the ribbons that are tied on the helium balloons as long as possible so the helium balloons can go up a long way when they are untaped.
- Before group time, place all four balloons at the front of the room so the audience can see them. Tape the ribbon of the helium balloons closely to the helium balloons so the balloons stay on the floor, but the tape on the ribbon and the balloon weight is barely visible. Leave the balloons filled with air lying on the floor.

Supplies

Opener	Quantity
1. Host	1
2. kid volunteers for every round you do (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)	16
3. leaders (to pop the confetti cannons)	2
4. confetti cannons for every round you do (more if you plan on doing more rounds)	2
5. large bowls	1
6. Timer (or smartphone or watch or countdown)	1

INTRODUCTION	Quantity
1. Storyteller	1
2. Host	1
3. Table	1
4. Bible	1
5. balloons—2 filled with helium and 2 filled with air (You might want extras, in case of popping.)	4
6. Ribbon, enough to tie to the 2 helium balloons	Several
7. balloon weights for the balloons filled with helium	1
8. Tape	1