



TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Jesus Is Alive
John 18–21:14

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**You can trust Jesus
with your life.**

KEY QUESTION

**What does it mean
to trust Jesus?**

MEMORY VERSE

**"Whoever believes in me . . .
rivers of living water will flow
from within them."
John 7:38, NIV**

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

LARGE GROUP

COME TOGETHER TO RECAP EVERYTHING YOU'VE LEARNED AS YOU PREPARE TO DISMISS KIDS TO THEIR FAMILIES. (5-10 MINUTES)

**AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS ENTER.
VIDEO: MAKE WAVES THEME LOOP**

Host is on stage, welcoming the kids as they enter.

**VIDEO: MAKE WAVES HYPE VIDEO
OR
VIDEO: MAKE WAVES 30- OR 60-SECOND TIMER**

OPENER

VIDEO: MAKE WAVES THEME LOOP

HOST: "Hellllooooo, everyone! It's so good to be here with you again. I love it when we get together and find out how we can 'make waves.'

"When I say 'make waves,' I'm not talking about doing the biggest cannonball in the pool—although that IS super-fun. I'm talking about something WAY bigger! Remember, making waves is all about this:

SLIDE: MAKE WAVES THEME DEFINITION

"What you do today can change the world around you!"

VIDEO: MAKE WAVES THEME LOOP

"All of us were made in God's image. Because of that, we get to reflect God and show the world what God is like. God loves us so much! And God's Son, Jesus, came to show us exactly what God is like. Jesus invites all of us to FOLLOW Him.

"When you choose to put your trust in Jesus, you have the power of His Spirit working through you. It's like Jesus said:

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

"Whoever believes in me . . . rivers of living water will flow from within them." (John 7:38, NIV)

"When we follow Jesus, we get to 'make waves' and share His love with other people.

"Later we'll find out exactly what Jesus did FOR us. But I'll give you a hint: Jesus is a real life saver!

Hold up the (real) life preserver.



"To start out our time today, I've got a fun game for us to play that uses some rings like these. You'll play with your small group. It's the 'Ring Toss Relay'!

SLIDE: "RING TOSS RELAY"

"First, go ahead and line up behind your team's tape line.

Point to the tape lines on the floor that are labeled with the name/number of each small group. Each group should line up behind their tape line, facing their traffic cone.

Note: These tape lines should be at different lengths depending in the age of the kids (for example, the throwing distance for kindergarteners should be much shorter than for 5th graders).

"All right! We have two (air quotes) 'life savers' here for each group.

Place two inflatable innertubes on the tape line in front of each group. (These can be simple circle rings, or animal shapes, dive rings, etc.)

"You get one toss when it's your turn. When I say 'go,' the first person in line will toss a ring and try to land it on top of your team's traffic cone.

Take one of the innertubes over to the nearest cone and drop it over the top, to demonstrate.

"If you land the ring over the cone, you get a point. After you throw, run up and grab the ring you just threw . . . bring it back to the tape line . . .

Bring the innertube back to the front of the tape line.

". . . then head to the back of the line. (Demonstrate.)

"Whoever is next in line can throw the next ring as soon as they're ready. But remember, after you throw the ring, you've got to go get it and bring it back, okay? Bring it back even if you landed it on the cone. That way it'll be ready for your teammates to throw.

"Small Group Leaders, could you please keep track of points for your team? Let's see how many points you can get in 60 seconds!

"Are you ready? On your mark, get set, GO!

VIDEO: MAKE WAVES 60-SECOND TIMER

Comment on the action as the kids toss the rings. Remind them of the rules if needed (one toss per person, go get the ring after you throw it, go to the back of the line after you throw, etc.).

When time is up . . .

SLIDE: "RING TOSS RELAY"



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“That was really fun! You are some amazing ring-tossers. Raise your hand if your group got at least one point—and keep your hands up. *(Pause for response.)* Two points? *(Pause for response.)* Three? *(Pause for response.)*”

Keep going until you narrow it down to the group with the highest point total.

“Wow! Congratulations to our champions. Thank you ALL for playing the ‘Ring Toss Relay.’”

VIDEO: MAKE WAVES THEME LOOP

“Let’s pick up these game supplies, and then we’ll take some time to sing and worship God. You can stack the cones here, and make a pile of the rings right over here.”

Show the kids where to stack the cones and rings.

“Great job! Thanks for helping with the cleanup. Now let’s sing!”



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Worship Leaders enter. Host exits—or he/she can go into the audience to participate.

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hi, everyone! Isn’t it great to know that God is always with us? God is always good and true. We can run to God no matter what’s going on in our lives. When we trust God, we know that we can always find love, peace, and wisdom. Let’s sing this together. Come on!”

VIDEO: “I RUN TO YOU” LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO

“God is ALWAYS taking care of us. As we read in Ephesians 3:20: ‘God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us.’ (NIRV) Let’s sing and be thankful for all the good things God is doing in our lives. Here we go!”

VIDEO: “WHAT I CHOOSE” LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO

“Yes! **[Basic Truth] We can trust God no matter what.** You can have a seat.”

Worship Leaders exit.



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INTRO VIDEO

VIDEO: MAKE WAVES ELEMENTARY INTRO VIDEO, DAY 3

Storyteller enters. As the Intro Video is playing, Storyteller sets up the table and places the 10 beach buckets on top (face down).

BIBLE STORY (LIVE OR VIDEO)

NOTE: If you choose to tell the Bible story live, use the script below. We have also provided a Bible story video, with the same content, that you can show here in place of the live Bible story script.

OPTIONAL VIDEO: MAKE WAVES ELEMENTARY BIBLE STORY VIDEO, DAY 3 (IF YOU CHOOSE TO USE IT IN PLACE OF THE LIVE BIBLE STORY SCRIPT)

SETTING UP THE STORY

SLIDE: BLANK THEME

Storyteller: Start in front of the table.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! Wow, I am SO glad to be able to share this story with you. (*Hold up Bible.*) We get to find out how Jesus showed His love for us—and how He changed the world FOREVER!

"You see, Jesus is God's Son. God sent Jesus for us! As Jesus taught and performed miracles and showed compassion and kindness to others, He showed us just how much God loves us. When Jesus was on earth, He invited other people to follow Him and show compassion and kindness to others too.

"Our story today picks up at the biggest moment of Jesus' time on Earth . . . when Jesus was about to save the world!

Move behind the table.

NO GREATER LOVE

STORYTELLER: "Jesus had just shared a special meal with His friends, the disciples.

Turn bucket #1 right side up.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #1 (LAST SUPPER)

AUDIO: BIBLE STORY SOUND EFFECT #1 (DINNER SOUNDS)

Turn bucket #1 upside down again, after the Bible Story Sound Effect ends. (The image should stay on screen.)

"After they left the meal, Jesus took His friends outside to a garden to pray. Jesus went further into garden to pray by Himself.

Turn bucket #2 right side up.



SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #2 (JESUS IN THE GARDEN)

AUDIO: BIBLE STORY SOUND EFFECT #2 (EVENING SOUNDS)

Turn bucket #2 upside down.

"Jesus was troubled, because He knew that saving the world would not be an easy task.

"After He finished praying, Jesus was betrayed by one of His friends. He was arrested and brought before the Roman governor.

Turn bucket #3 right side up.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #3 (JESUS ON TRIAL)

AUDIO: BIBLE STORY SOUND EFFECT #3 (TRIAL SOUNDS)

Turn bucket #3 upside down.

"Of course, Jesus knew that all of this had to happen as part of God's plan. The Roman governor questioned Jesus, but he couldn't find anything that Jesus had done wrong. He asked the people if they wanted him to release Jesus . . . but the people said no. They shouted, 'Crucify him!' (John 19:15, NIV)

"Jesus was beaten and His clothes were taken from Him. Soldiers made fun of Him. And He was nailed to a cross, in between two criminals.

Turn bucket #4 right side up.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #4 (THREE CROSSES)

AUDIO: BIBLE STORY SOUND EFFECT #4 (WIND)

Turn bucket #4 upside down.

"That's where Jesus died . . . to pay for the sins of all people. (Pause.) But the story wasn't over!

THE EMPTY TOMB

STORYTELLER: "Jesus' body was taken down from the cross. He was buried in a tomb.

"In three days' time, one of Jesus' friends, Mary, came to visit the tomb.

Turn bucket #5 right side up.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #5 (MARY AT THE EMPTY TOMB)

AUDIO: BIBLE STORY SOUND EFFECT #5 (FOOTSTEPS)

Turn bucket #5 upside down.

"But when she arrived, she found that it was empty!



“THEN, Jesus Himself appeared to Mary—in the garden outside the tomb. He was ALIVE!

Turn bucket #6 right side up.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #6 (JESUS AND MARY)

AUDIO: BIBLE STORY SOUND EFFECT #6 (JOYFUL LAUGHTER)

Turn bucket #6 upside down.

“Jesus told Mary:

Open the Bible to John 20:17 (NirV) and read.

“Go to those who believe in me. Tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” (NirV)

“Mary RAN to tell the news to the disciples, that Jesus was alive!

Turn bucket #7 right side up.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #7 (MARY RUNNING)

AUDIO: BIBLE STORY SOUND EFFECT #7 (RUNNING FOOTSTEPS)

Turn bucket #7 upside down.

BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH

STORYTELLER: “After that, Jesus appeared to His friends multiple times and showed them that He was alive. One of those times, Jesus’ friends were fishing in the Sea of Galilee.

Turn bucket #8 right side up.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #8 (DISCIPLES FISHING)

AUDIO: BIBLE STORY SOUND EFFECT #8 (FISHING SOUNDS)

Turn bucket #8 upside down.

“The disciples had been fishing all night, but they hadn’t caught anything. When morning came, Jesus stood on the shore. He called out to them:

Open the Bible to John 21:5-6 (NirV) and read.

“Friends, don’t you have any fish? . . . Throw your net on the right side of the boat. There you will find some fish.” (NirV)

“When they did, they caught so many fish that they couldn’t pull the net back in!



Turn bucket #9 right side up.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #9 (MANY FISH)
AUDIO: BIBLE STORY SOUND EFFECT #9 (MANY FISH)

Turn bucket #9 upside down.

“The disciples knew immediately that it was Jesus, and they rushed to the shore to be with Him. Jesus had a campfire going, and He cooked them breakfast on the beach!

Turn bucket #10 right side up.

SLIDE: BIBLE STORY IMAGE #10 (JESUS COOKING BREAKFAST)
AUDIO: BIBLE STORY SOUND EFFECT #10 (COOKING BREAKFAST)

Turn bucket #10 upside down.

“The disciples were SO excited to see Jesus and spend time with Him! This was the third time that Jesus had appeared to them after He was raised from the dead. Jesus showed them that He was alive . . . and that they could trust in Him.

Walk in front of the table as you wrap up.

SLIDE: BLANK THEME

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Jesus had come to save the world! He died on the cross to pay the price for our sins—the things we’ve done wrong. And then, Jesus came back to life! He overcame sin and death, once and for all.

“Jesus proved to His friends that He was and IS alive. And since Jesus is alive, that changes EVERYTHING! We can choose to put our trust in Jesus as our Savior. Because of what Jesus did for us, we can have a relationship with Him that will last forever.

“No matter what happens . . . no matter what’s going on around you . . .

SLIDE: DAY 3 BOTTOM LINE

“You can trust Jesus with your life.”

“You can put your faith in Jesus as your Savior. You can be His friend forever. And NOTHING in this world can ever take that away!

“Let’s pray and thank God for giving us such an amazing gift.”

SLIDE: BLANK THEME



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PRAY

STORYTELLER: “God, it’s amazing to think of all that Jesus did for us. It’s amazing to think of what it was like for the disciples—to actually SEE Jesus after He had come back to life! Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for making a way for us to have a relationship with You that will last forever. Please help us ‘make waves’ in this world by sharing Your love with others. Help us to show that we trust You with the way we live each day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

OUTRO VIDEO

VIDEO: MAKE WAVES ELEMENTARY OUTRO VIDEO, DAY 3

Storyteller exits.



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THEME SONG

Worship Leaders enter.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus DID make waves—in the biggest way imaginable! He died on the cross for our sins so that we could be free and live forever with God. Now WE can make waves and share His love with others. Let's sing 'Making Waves' together. Let me hear you!"

VIDEO: "MAKING WAVES" LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO

"Nice singing, everyone! You can have a seat."



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CLOSER

SLIDE: BLANK THEME

Host enters as Worship Leaders exit.

HOST: "What an awesome song! What an amazing story! What an incredible truth—that **you can trust Jesus with your life.**"

"I hope you'll always remember that that's true:

SLIDE: DAY 3 BOTTOM LINE

"You can trust Jesus with your life."

"Say that with me."

HOST AND KIDS: **"You can trust Jesus with your life."**

HOST: "That's great!"

"All the adults here can tell you . . . we're SO glad that we've put our trust in Jesus. He's been there for us our whole lives. He is always good and always faithful. And the best, most exciting way to live your life is to find out how you can 'make waves' for Him.

"You'll get to talk about that some more in Small Group. In fact, you can head that way now! Have fun!"

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

Note: If you used the video for the Bible story instead of telling it live, take a moment to lead everyone in a prayer before dismissal. (See the prayer at the end of the scripted story for an example.)

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

VIDEO: MAKE WAVES THEME LOOP



GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. OPENER/CLOSER

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Host
- Life preserver (a real one), for the Host
- Inflatable innertubes or other swim rings (two per small group; see "What You Do")
- Traffic cones (one per small group)
- Masking or gaffer's tape
- Marker

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Make Waves Theme Loop Video
- Make Waves Hype Video OR 30- or 60-Second Timer
- Make Waves Theme Definition Slide
- Memory Verse Slide
- "Ring Toss Relay" Slide
- Make Waves 60-Second Timer (for the game)
- Blank Theme Slide
- Day 3 Bottom Line Slide

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download and print the tech sheet for everyone helping with Large Group.
- Download the slides and 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 music from a resource such as iTunes® and have it ready to play.
- Tape a line on the floor for each small group to stand behind, as they throw the rings toward their traffic cone. Use the marker to write the name/number of each group on their tape line.
- As you're placing the tape lines and cones, think about how you can even the competition by making it easier for the younger kids and tougher for the older kids. For example, you could have the older kids throw from farther away, or use small dive rings instead of large inflatable ones, etc.

- Pre-set the tape lines and traffic cones ahead of time. Have the rings close by, but don't set them out until you're actually explaining the game.
- You may want to keep the tape lines on the floor so you can use them again for the following day's game.

2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Worship Leader(s)

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- "I Run to You" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video
- "What I Choose" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video
- "Making Waves" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download the videos and have them ready to use.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

If you're telling the story live instead of on video, you'll need the following:

- Storyteller
- Bible
- Table
- 10 small beach buckets, labeled #1-10

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- Bible Story Sound Effects #1-10 (provided)

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Make Waves Elementary Intro Video, Day 3
- Blank Theme Slide
- Bible Story Images #1-10
- Day 3 Bottom Line Slide
- Make Waves Elementary Outro Video, Day 3



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HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

If you're using the Bible story video instead of telling the story live, you'll need the following:

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Make Waves Elementary Intro Video, Day 3
- Make Waves Elementary Bible Story Video, Day 3
- Make Waves Elementary Outro Video, Day 3

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download the slides and 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.
- *(For the live story)* Download the sound effects and have them ready to use.