



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

NOTE: This version of the curriculum is designed especially for churches with fewer leaders and preschoolers. You may want to use it if you have just one or two leaders and if you combine all your preschoolers for both Large and Small Group time.

BIBLE STORY

God loves me
when I'm afraid.

GIDEON IS AFRAID
JUDGES 6:2-4, 11-12

MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord
with all your heart."

PROVERBS 3:5, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you no matter what?

BOTTOM LINE

God loves me no matter what.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.
3D Emotions

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"No Matter What I Know"

Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

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

Lift to Find Gideon
God Loves You Freeze Dance
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)
Parent Cue App



10 MINUTES

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LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: You need a music player and this month's worship song, "No Matter What I Know," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "No Matter What I Know" is available on OrangeKidsMusic.com or in your media package if you subscribe.

MEMORY VERSE

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with all your heart."

PROVERBS 3:5, NIV

LEADER: "Hey, friends! It's time to worship! I'm so glad to have this time every week to sing and say, 'Thank You, God, for loving us so.' We're learning this month that God loves us NO matter what. **Who loves you no matter what?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "God loves me no matter what."

LEADER: "You've got that right, friends! Let's stand up and sing this song together."

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you no matter what?

Lead children in singing "No Matter What I Know," this month's worship song.

BOTTOM LINE

God loves me no matter what.

"God is always with us. God will never leave us, even when we're afraid! Does God love us when we're scared? (Pause.) Yes! God loves you, NO matter what you're feeling. So we can ALWAYS talk to God about what we're feeling.

"The Bible teaches us to 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart,' Proverbs 3:5. Say it with me and do the motions.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

"'Trust in the Lord (point up) with all (arms out wide) your heart (hands over heart),' Proverbs 3:5. (Open hands like a book.)

"That's right! We can trust God no matter what because there is no one else in all the world like our God! We sing and dance and worship God because God is the one who made us and loves us! **Who loves you no matter what?"**

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "God loves me no matter what."

LEADER: "Great job! Thanks for worshipping with me today."



WEEK
TWO
SEPTEMBER 2022

LARGE GROUP
PRE-K
STARTER

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; *Optional Story Images*

LEADER: "Hi, friends! I'm so happy to see you today! See my happy face? (*Point to smile.*)

"My name is [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible for the children to see then lay it open on the table.

"Today's Bible story begins with a man named Gideon. Gideon's face looked like this. (*Make an afraid face.*) Can you tell me how Gideon was feeling by looking at my face? (*Pause.*) Yes, Gideon was afraid.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)

Can you show me your afraid face? (*Pause and look.*) Oh wow, look at all of your afraid faces! That's what Gideon looked like because Gideon was afraid of the big . . . powerful . . . Midianite army!

(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)

"Gideon was afraid of the Midianite army because they would take everything from God's people, the Israelites.

"If the Israelites had sheep, the Midianites took the sheep!

"If the Israelites had food, the Midianites took their food!

"If the Israelites had a place to sleep, the Midianites took that, too!

"Gideon was so afraid of the Midianites that he decided to hide in a hole in the ground so they couldn't see his food and take it away from him.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)

"Well, God knew that Gideon was feeling afraid. God loved Gideon, and God wanted Gideon to know that the Lord was with him. So God sent an angel to Gideon.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

Pretend like you are looking down a hole and cup a hand around your mouth.

"The angel said, 'Hey, Gideon! The Lord is with you, mighty warrior!' Wow! What an awesome thing for God to tell Gideon! Gideon felt much better after God talked to him. It helped Gideon be brave knowing that God was with him!



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PRE-K
STARTER

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP **STORY** GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

“Do you think it’s okay for us to talk to God when we’re afraid? (Pause.) Yes! We can ALWAYS talk to God because God loves us no matter what. God wants us to know that we can always talk to Him about everything. Happy, sad, frustrated, afraid . . . God is with us, and God loves us no matter what.

“That’s why when I ask you, **‘Who loves you no matter what?’**, I want you to say, **‘God loves me no matter what!’ Who loves you no matter what?’**”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “God loves me no matter what!”

LEADER: “Louder! Who loves you no matter what?”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “God loves me no matter what!”

LEADER: “Yay! God loves me no matter what!”

“Let’s pray and talk to God right now.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “Dear God, when we feel afraid, please help us remember that we can always talk to You about how we feel. We can trust You with all our hearts because You love us no matter what. We love You, God! In Jesus’ name, amen.

“Thanks for being such great listeners, today! I’ll see you next time. Bye!”



GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive worship and the Bible story. The Rug Script is written for those who pull their children to a rug (or area) to one side of their preschool space to tell the Bible story. If you gather your preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible story, you may benefit from using the Stage Script.

WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

1. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Instruments or a music player

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "No Matter What I Know," which is included in your monthly files

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "No Matter What I Know," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download the song (available on OrangeKidsMusic.com) and have it ready to use.

2. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W2 01
- Story Image W2 02
- Story Image W2 03
- Story Image W2 04

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

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

MONTHLY WIDGET*:

PRESCHOOL FEELINGS MAGNET

This month, we offer a unique item that helps kids and families apply what they're learning at home. Available at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

*widg-et [wij-it] –noun

1. Something unspecific whose name is either forgotten or not known.
2. A device that is very useful for a particular job
Origin: 1925–30; perhaps an alternative form of gadget

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