

# 3-5s | W1

## Small Group (15 minutes)

### Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Where's Jesus?  
What's in the Bag?  
Ways to Talk

## Large Group (20 minutes)

### Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

### Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship  
Bible Story  
Prayer

## Small Group (25 minutes)

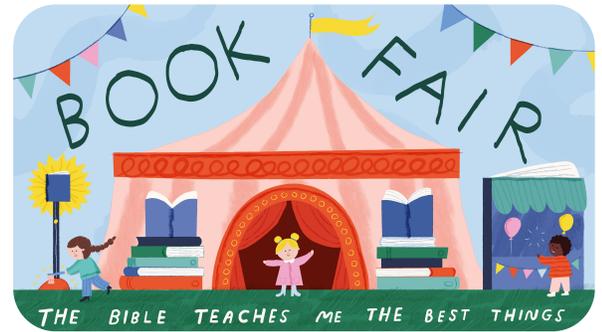
### Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Memory Verse with Motions  
Bible Memory Match  
Who Said It?  
Run to the Book  
Young Jesus in the Temple  
Journal and Prayer

## Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home  
Memory Verse Card  
Parent Cue Card (print or email)  
Parent Cue App and ParentCue.org

## \*Allergy Alert



## Bible Story

Young Jesus • Luke 2:41-52 | I can talk about God to others

## Key Question

What does the Bible teach you?

## Bottom Line

The Bible teaches me the best things.

## Memory Verse

"Your word is truth" (John 17:17 NIV).

19 min

# Worship

3 min

## Worship Opener

### What You Need

 Preschool Bible

3 min

## Amazing Music | Option 1 w/ Memory Verse

### What You Need

No supplies needed

*Worship Leader enters.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. I am SO happy to see you today! Raise your hand if you like to read books. (*Open hands like a book.*) Me, too!"

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"We can read books about airplanes. Oh, can you pretend to be an airplane with me?"

*Holds your arms up like plane wings and zoom around in a circle.*

"Great job! What else can we read about? (*Listen.*) Can we read books about animals like little green frogs? Can you hop like a frog with me and say 'ribbit'?"

*Squat with your hands in front of you and do a couple of small hops.*

**CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER:** "Ribbit! Ribbit! Ribbit!"

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Nice hopping, little frogs! You can sit back down now."

"There are so many wonderful books, but my very favorite book is the Bible!"

*Hold up a children's Bible that the children might recognize.*

"The Bible has God's words in it, and it teaches us the best things."

*Amazing Music is available to stream for free in APlay.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate because God gave us the Bible."

*Lead children in singing "The B-I-B-L-E."*

"Great singing, friends! Now let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!"

*Note: A video of the Memory Verse Motions is available in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.*

"Your (*point up*) word (*open hands like a book*) is truth," (*move index finger forward from mouth*) John 17:17. (*Open hands like a book.*)

5 min

## Memory Verse

### What You Need

No supplies needed

Note: A video of the Memory Verse Motions is available in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

5 min

## Orange Kids Music | Option 2

### What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

## Worship Closer

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

"Great job, friends! Jesus, God's Son, said that everything that God says is true! Now let's sing one more song together.

Lead children in singing "This Little Light of Mine."

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) . . . sit down (*sit down*) . . . shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) . . . so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

"Great singing, friends! Now let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

"God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) loved the world so much (cross arms over chest) that he gave his only Son," (rock arms like a baby) John 3:16. (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

"Great job, friends! Let's sing one more song about the night Jesus was born.

*Orange Kids Music is available for purchase at Store.ThinkOrange.com.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate God!

Lead children in singing "The Bible Teaches Me the Best Things."

"Great singing, friends! Let's sing one more song together.

Lead children in singing "Important Things."

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) . . . sit down (*sit down*) . . . shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) . . . so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) . . . sit down (*sit down*) . . . shake the wiggles

### What You Need

No supplies needed

out (*wiggle hands*) . . . so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

21 min

# Bible Story Section (Rug)

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story | Video

### What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

## Bible Story | Live

### What You Need

-  Bible 1
-  Option: Cardstock 1

### What You Do:

- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I have a question for you. What do you do to celebrate? (*Listen.*) Do you shout, 'Hooray'? (*Listen.*) Let's shout 'Hooray' together. Ready?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Hooray! Hooray!"

**LEADER:** "Do you eat special food like cupcakes or some other special treat? (*Listen.*) Let's pretend to eat some yummy cupcakes or your favorite treat.

*Pretend to eat a cupcake.*

"Mmm, cupcakes are so yummy. Do you ever have cupcakes or some other special treat at birthday parties? (*Listen.*) I love birthday parties because you get to celebrate someone special.

"And in today's true story from the Bible, God's people are celebrating someone VERY special—God! If you are ready for a true story from the Bible, say: 'Yay, God!'"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Yay, God!"

*Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.*

**LEADER:** "Today's true story from the Bible begins with a special party. God's people were celebrating how God had helped them. And there was a very special kid there—Jesus!

**SLIDE: Story Image W1 01**

"In today's story, Jesus is 12 years old. Jesus is a kid! Young Jesus was traveling with His parents, Mary and Joseph.

**SLIDE: Story Image W1 02**

"They were part of God's people, and they were on their way to a big celebration in the city of Jerusalem. But they were not traveling alone.

There were lots of people! God's people came from all over to celebrate God together. It was a very special celebration! And when the party was over, they all went home.

**SLIDE: Story Image W1 03**

"While Mary and Joseph were walking back home, they realized Jesus wasn't with them.

*Look around like you are looking for Jesus.*

"They started asking their friends and family, 'Where is Jesus?' Say that with me."

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Where is Jesus?"

**LEADER:** "When Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus, they started walking back to Jerusalem to look for Him.

"Let's pretend to look for Jesus with Mary and Joseph. Stand up and follow me.

*Lead children around the room as you pretend to look for Jesus.*

*(Calling.) "Jesus! Jesus! Where are you, Jesus? (To children.) Can you say that with me?"*

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus! Jesus! Where are you, Jesus?"

**LEADER:** "Where do you think a 12-year-old kid would go? *(Listen.)* Maybe he went to see the animals! Let's go look by the animals.

*Lead children to the other side of the room.*

"Baa! Baa! Can you baa like a sheep?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Baa! Baa!"

**LEADER:** "Oh, you sound like good little sheep, but Jesus wasn't by the animals! Maybe Jesus got hungry and went to find some food. Let's go look by the food.

*Lead children back to their seats, but don't sit down yet.*

"Now let's pretend to eat a yummy apple. Take a big bite with me!

*Pretend to take a bite of an apple.*

"Good job! But Mary and Joseph didn't find Jesus next to the food either. Let's sit down and find out where Jesus was.

**SLIDE: Story Image W1 04**

"When Mary and Joseph found Jesus, He was talking with some very important teachers. They were talking about God! Everyone was so

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

amazed at what young Jesus understood because He was only 12 years old!

"When Mary and Joseph asked Jesus why He stayed behind, Jesus said:

*"Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49 NIV).*

"Jesus was talking to the people about God, and we can talk to people about God too!

"The Bible has God's words in it, and the Bible teaches us that we can talk about God with our friends, our family, and our neighbors! We can talk about God when we are at home, at a party, and at church!**[Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things. What does the Bible teach you?"**

**CHILDREN and LEADER: [Bottom Line] "The Bible teaches me the best things."**

**LEADER: "Yes, [Bottom Line] the Bible teaches me the best things."**

*Pick up and close Bible.*

**[Transition]** "Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

### PRAYER

**LEADER:** "Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible. Help us to learn more about You so we can tell others about You. You are the best, God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**[Transition]** "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

*Lead small group to the first activity.*

22 min

# Bible Story Section (Stage)

3 min

## Intro Sketch

### What You Need

|   |         |
|---|---------|
|  Rubber Duckies              | 8       |
|  Small Table                 | 1       |
|  Wrapping Paper              | 1       |
|  Variety of preschool books  | 3       |
|  Chair                       | 1       |
|  Blue tablecloth             | 1       |
|  Dot stickers in any color | Several |
|  Tape                      | 1       |

*A small table is set up in the storytelling area. It is covered with a blue tablecloth, and the prepared rubber duckies are on top. Next to the table is a chair that has several wrapped books on it.*

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story | Video

*Host enters as Worship Leader exits.*

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]!"

"I love going to the county fair so much, and I love playing the games at the fair. So, I thought we could play some fair games here.

*Walk to the table.*

"So here is my favorite fair game—the rubber ducky game!

"We need to find two rubber duckies that have a matching color on the bottom. If we find two matching duckies, we get to open a prize!

*Gesture to the stack of wrapped books on the chair, then turn to the rubber duckies on the table.*

"Which one should I pick? *(Pause.)* I'm going to pick ... this one!

*Pick up a rubber ducky, and turn over the bottom to show the children.*

"Oh, it has a [color] circle on the bottom. That means I need to find another ducky with a [color] circle on the bottom.

*Pick up a second rubber ducky, and excitedly turn over the bottom to show the children.*

"It's [color]! We did it!

*Hold up the two matching rubber duckies.*

"We found two matching rubber ducks! That means we get a prize, and I am going to choose... this one!

*Unwrap the children's Bible.*

"Look, it's a Bible! Oh, look at all the pictures in it. I am so excited about this prize! I am going to read this new Bible while [name of Storyteller] comes and tells you a true story from the Bible. See you soon!

**What You Need**

No supplies needed

8 min

**Bible Story | Live****What You Need**

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| 👤 Bible                    | 1 |
| 👤 Rubber ducks from Intro  | 8 |
| 👤 Mr. Potato Head® figures | 3 |
| 👤 Tote bag                 | 1 |
| 👤 Option: Cardstock        | 1 |

**What You Do:**

- Assemble the Mr. Potato Head® figures, and put them in the tote bag.
- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

*During the Activity: The rubber duckies from Intro are still on the table.*

*Storyteller enters as Host exits with the prize Bible. Storyteller carries a Bible and a tote bag with the Mr. Potato Head® figures.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you today's true story from the Bible.

*Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.*

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with Jesus, God's Son.

**SLIDE: Story Image W1 01**

"In today's story, Jesus is 12 years old. Jesus is a kid! Young Jesus was traveling with His parents, Mary and Joseph.

**SLIDE: Story Image W1 02**

"They were part of God's people, and they were on their way to a big celebration in the city of Jerusalem.

"What do you do to celebrate? (*Listen.*) Do you shout, 'Hooray?'" (*Listen.*) Let's shout 'Hooray' together. Ready?"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** "Hooray! Hooray!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Do you eat special food like cupcakes or something else?" (*Listen.*) Let's pretend to eat some yummy cupcakes.

*Pretend to eat a cupcake.*

"Mmm, cupcakes are so yummy. Do you ever have cupcakes or something special at birthday parties?" (*Listen.*) I love birthday parties because you get to celebrate someone special.

"Well, Jesus was going to Jerusalem with Mary and Joseph because God's people were celebrating someone VERY special—God! Everyone, say: 'Yay, God!'"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** "Yay, God!"

**STORYTELLER:** "A little louder!"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** "Yay, God!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Yeah! God's people were celebrating because God had helped them. And Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were not traveling alone. There were lots of people! God's people came from all over to celebrate God together. It was a very special celebration! And when the party was over, they all went home.

**SLIDE: Story Image W1 03**

"But, while Mary and Joseph were walking back home, they realized Jesus wasn't with them.

*Look around like you are looking for Jesus.*

"They started asking their friends and family, 'Where is Jesus?' Say that with me."

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** "Where is Jesus?"

**STORYTELLER:** "When Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus, they started walking back to Jerusalem to look for Him. Now, where do you think a 12-year-old kid would go? Hmm ...

*Look around, then spot the ducks on the table. Walk to the table and pick up a rubber ducky.*

"Oh, maybe Jesus went to see the animals. Can you flap your wings and quack like a duck with me?"

*Flap your arms like wings.*

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** "Quack! Quack! Quack!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Good job, little duckies!"

*Put the rubber duckies on the chair to clear the table.*

"But Mary and Joseph didn't find Jesus by the animals. Hmm ... maybe Jesus got hungry and went to find some food. Let's pretend to eat a yummy apple. Take a big bite with me!"

*Pretend to take a bite of an apple.*

"Good job! But Mary and Joseph didn't find Jesus next to the food either.

**SLIDE: Story Image W1 04**

"When Mary and Joseph found Jesus, He was talking with some very important teachers.

*Take the Mr. Potato Head® figures out of the tote bag and put them on the table. Play with the figures as if they are talking to each other.*

"They were talking about God! Everyone was so amazed at what young Jesus understood because He was only 12 years old!"

"When Mary and Joseph asked Jesus why He stayed behind, Jesus said:

*"Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49 NIV).*

"Jesus was talking to people about God! And we can talk to people about God too!"

*Pick up the Bible.*

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

## Outro Sketch

### What You Need

👤 Preschool Bible

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"The Bible has God's words in it, and the Bible teaches us all about God! It teaches us that we can talk about God with our friends, our family, and our neighbors! We can talk about God when we are at home, at a party, and at church! **[Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things. What does the Bible teach you?"**

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** **[Bottom Line]** "The Bible teaches me the best things."

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, **[Bottom Line]** the Bible teaches me the best things."

*Close the Bible.*

**[Transition]** "Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

### PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible. Help us to learn more about You so we can tell others about You. You are the best, God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

**[Transition]** "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

*Host enters as Storyteller exits. Host carries the children's Bible from Intro.*

**HOST:** "Wow! Jesus was just a kid. He was talking about God with lots of people, and we can talk about God with people too."

"I think I (*point to self*) got the story. Did you (*point to children*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?" (*Cup one hand behind ear.*)

**CHILDREN and HOST:** "Got it!"

**HOST:** (*Give two thumbs-up.*) "Good!"

*Hold up the children's Bible.*

"There are so many great stories about God in this Bible. This was such a great prize!"

**[Transition]** "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

*Host dismisses small groups and exits.*