

3-5s | W2

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Bible Walk
Reel in the Horse
Build the Chariot

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)

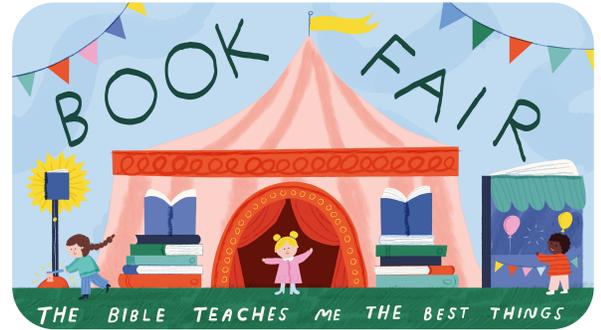
Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Pass the Bible
Story Sequencing
Love Language
Race the Chariot
Crafting a Chariot
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

Philip • Acts 8:26-35 | I can hear from God.

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

No supplies needed

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], and I am SO happy to see you today!"

"Let's play a quick game. I am going to make a sound, and when you hear me make it, I want you to make the same sound. Ready?"

As you make the sound, jump up and down like you are a bouncy ball.

"Boing! Boing! Boing! Stand up and do that with me."

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *(Jumping up and down.)* "Boing! Boing! Boing!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job! Now listen to my next sound."

Pretend to flap your wings.

"Cock-a-doodle-doo! Can you do that with me?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *(Flapping your 'wings.')* "Cock-a-doodle-doo! Cock-a-doodle-doo!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Wow! Okay, my little roosters, listen to my last sound."

Wave your arms in the air as you make the sound of a Klaxon horn.

"Ahh-ooo-gah! Ahh-ooo-gah!"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *(Waving your arms in the air.)* "Ahh-ooo-gah! Ahh-ooo-gah!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, you heard the sounds I made, and you did them too! And now it's time for us to make another kind of sound. We're going to sing and celebrate our great God."

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."

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

"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!

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"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.*)

"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!"

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"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."

3 min

Worship Closer

What You Need

No supplies needed

"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 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 can't wait to tell you a 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 a man named Philip. Philip loved God, and he was friends with Jesus, God's Son.

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"One day, an angel told Philip to walk down a road, and when Philip did ... he saw a chariot! A chariot is a fancy cart pulled by a large animal, like an ox or a horse.

"God told Philip to go to the chariot, so Philip stopped walking and RAN up to the chariot.

Stand up and motion for children to stand with you.

"Can you stand up and run in place?

Run in place.

"Run, run, run! Go faster—we've got to get to the chariot!

Slow down and then stop running.

"Phew! We made it. Let's sit back down now.

Motion for the children to sit down and then sit down.

"When Philip got to the chariot, he could hear a man reading God's words. Philip asked him:

"Do you understand what you're reading?" (Acts 8:30 NIV).

"The man said:

3 min

Prayer

"How can I? ... I need someone to explain it to me." (Acts 8:31 NIV)

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"So, Philip sat with the man in the chariot. They read God's words together, and Philip helped him understand God's words.

"Philip told him the good news about Jesus (Act 8:35 NIV) and that Jesus wanted to be his friend forever.

"Wow! Philip helped the man understand God's words so he could hear from God. We can hear from God too!

Open your hands like a book.

"Can you open your hands like a book?"

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Hold up your Bible.

"God gave us a special book that we call the Bible. It has God's words in it. We can open the Bible and look at pictures. We can read the Bible on our own.

SLIDE: Story Image W2 04

"And God gives us people to help us understand the Bible, just like the man in the chariot had Philip!

"Maybe it's someone in your family, or maybe it's the people here at church—like me! I love you so much I want to teach you about God.

"The Bible is the best, and the Bible teaches us that we can read God's words and hear from God. **[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 so much for giving us the Bible. You give us people who help us hear from you when we read the Bible. Help us learn more about you, God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

What You Need

No supplies needed

[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

 Chair	8
 Copy paper	1
 Construction paper, several sheets of one color	Several
 Variety of preschool books	3
 Fun wrapping paper	1
 Tape	1

What You Do:

- Tape pieces of paper to the floor in the shape of a circle. The circle should be mostly white paper, but every three to five spaces should be construction paper.
- Wrap the books in wrapping paper.
- Stack the books in the chair.

A game is set up in the storytelling area. Pieces of paper are taped to the floor in the shape of a circle. The circle is made mostly from white paper, but there are a few spaces made from one color of construction paper. There is a chair that has a stack of brightly wrapped books.

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

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

"I'm so excited, because I have a game for us to play. Raise your hands if you love playing fun games!"

Raise your arms.

"YAY!"

Lower your arms.

"The rules are super-easy. When the music starts, you walk around in a circle. And when the music stops, YOU stop. If you the spot you land on is [color of construction paper] ...

Stand on the colorful construction paper.

"You win a book!"

"Do you want to help me play? When you hear the music start, shout, "Go!" And I'll start walking. When you hear the music stop, shout, "Stop!" And I'll stop. Ready?"

AUDIO: Fun preschool music

"The music started! What do you say?"

CHILDREN and HOST: "Go!"

Start walking around the circle on the pieces of paper.

AUDIO: Stop the music.

HOST: "The music stopped! What do you say?"

Hold a hand up behind your ear.

CHILDREN and HOST: "Stop!"

8 min

Wonder Bible Story | Video**What You Need**

No supplies needed

Stop on a white piece of paper.

HOST: "I landed on a piece of white paper. That means I didn't get a book. Let's try one more time."

AUDIO: *Fun preschool music*

"The music started! What do you say?"

CHILDREN and HOST: "Go!"

Start walking around the circle on the pieces of paper.

AUDIO: *Stop the music.*

HOST: "The music stopped! What do you say?"

Hold a hand up behind your ear.

CHILDREN and HOST: "Stop!"

Stop on a colorful piece of construction paper.

HOST: "Yay! I landed on a [color] piece of paper. That means I get a book!"

Go to the stack of brightly wrapped books on the chair.

"Hmm, which one should I choose? I like this one."

Unwrap the book.

"Oh look! It's a book about ... *(briefly explain what the book is about)*."

"Tell me, who reads books to you? *(Listen.)* Wow! Grandparents, big brothers, teachers, librarians ... they all can read books to us. They help us understand the big words we don't know."

"In today's Bible story, there is someone who is reading God's words, but he doesn't understand what he is reading. He needs help! Let's listen to [storyteller's name] so we can find out what happens. I'll see you soon!"

8 min

Bible Story | Live

What You Need

 Bible	1
 Wagon	1
 Two plush animals, preferably the kind that can sit up	2
 Option: Cardstock	1

What You Do:

- Put the two plush animals and the Bible in the wagon.
- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller pulls a wagon. Inside the wagon are a Bible and two plush animals.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends!

Stop the wagon in the center of the storytelling area, and put down the handle. Take the Bible out of the wagon.

"I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down in the wagon next to the plush animals.

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with a man named Philip.

Pick up one plush animal from the wagon to be Philip, and show it to the children. Keep the Philip plush animal in your arms as you continue to talk about Philip.

"Philip loved God, and he was friends with Jesus, God's Son.

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"One day, an angel told Philip to walk down a road, and when Philip did ... he saw a chariot!

Point to the wagon. Then pick up the handle and pull the wagon for a few steps.

"A chariot is a fancy cart pulled by big animal, like an ox or a horse. What sound does a horse make? (*Listen.*) That's right! Let's all neigh like a horse.

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "Neigh! Neigh!"

Put the wagon handle down.

STORYTELLER: "God told Philip to go to the chariot, so Philip stopped walking and RAN up to the chariot.

Motion for children to stand with you.

"Can you stand up and run in place with me?

Run in place.

"Run, run, run! Go faster!

Slow down and then stop running.

"Phew! We made it. You can sit back down now.

Motion for the children to sit down and then sit down.

"When Philip got to the chariot, he heard a man (*gesture to the Ethiopian plush animal that is in the wagon*) reading God's words.

Hold the Philip plush animal toward the Ethiopian plush animal as if it is talking to the Ethiopian plush animal.

"Philip asked him: 'Do you understand what you're reading?' (Acts 8:30 NIV).

Kneel next to the Ethiopian plush animal.

"The man said: 'How can I? ... I need someone to explain it to me' (Acts 8:31 NIV).

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Put the Philip plush animal next to the Ethiopian plush animal, and place the Bible in front of them.

"So, Philip sat with the man in the chariot. They read God's words together, and Philip helped him understand God's words.

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

3 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

Outro Sketch

What You Need

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

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[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: "Wow! Philip helped the man in the chariot understand God's words, and we can read the Bible and hear from God too! **[Bottom Line]** **The Bible teaches me the best things.**

"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!"

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

Host dismisses small groups and exits.