

# 3-5's | W1

## Small Group (15 minutes)

### Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Sweet Treat Freeze Dance  
Ice Cream Scoops  
Magnetic Hearts

## 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  
Stop and Go to Jesus  
Jesus Loves All the Little Children  
Pin Your Picture to Jesus  
Come to Me  
Journal and Prayer

## Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home  
Memory Verse Card  
Parent Cue Card (print or email)  
Parent Cue App



### Bible Story

Jesus loves children.  
Jesus and the Children • Mark 10:13-16

### Key Question

Who loves you?

### Bottom Line

Jesus loves me.

### Memory Verse

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me"  
(Matthew 19:14 NLT).

19 min

# Worship

3 min

## Worship Opener

### What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

## OPTION 1 (Amazing Music)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

## OPTION 2 (Orange Kids Music)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

## Memory Verse

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. I am SO happy to see you today!"

**LEADER:** "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate because God loves us."

*SONG: "His Banner Over Me Is Love" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available from Amazing Music*

"Great job, friends! Did you know that God loves you! Let's sing a song about that!"

*SONG: "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available from Amazing Music*

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

*SONG: "Jesus Loves Me Remix" available on store.thinkorange.com*

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

*SONG: "Whole Lotta Bit" available on store.thinkorange.com*

"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.

*Jesus said,*

Tap finger to middle of each palm.

*"Let the children*

Point to self.

3 min

## Worship Closer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

*come to me"*

Move hands toward self.

*Matthew 19:14.*

Open hands like a book.

"Can you do that with me?"

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

"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!"

27 min

# Bible Story Section (Stage)

3 min

## Intro Sketch

### What You Need

 Candy Hearts

Several

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

Things Host needs: Six large heart cutouts. Three of the hearts have one of these phrases written on each: YOU'RE SWEET, BE MINE, and I LIKE YOU. The three remaining hearts are blank. Host also has a box of conversation hearts candy.

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

"I love this time of year because of these sweet treats!"

Hold up box of candy hearts.

"They're so yummy, and they have nice messages on them! But they're so small. Do you know what would be even more awesome? Giant sweet treat hearts!"

Hold up the giant hearts.

"Aren't these great? I'm making them to give to all my friends to show them I care about them. Want to see? (Pause.) Okay! Here is the first one.

Flip heart around and show children the "YOU'RE SWEET" side.

"It says, 'YOU'RE SWEET!' because my friends are so sweet to me. Okay, next one! Ready?"

Flip the "BE MINE" heart so the children can see it.

"It says, 'BE MINE!' Like, 'Be my friend!' Okay, one last one.

Flip the "I LIKE YOU" heart so the children can see it.

"This one says, 'I LIKE YOU!' It's so important to tell your friends you like them! I want everyone to know I want them to be my friend.

Hold up the three blank hearts.

"I still have these blank hearts. I wonder who I should give them to? I'll have to think about it! See you guys in a little bit."

The Host gathers hearts and candy box and exits

8 min

**Wonder Bible Story (Video)****What You Need**

No supplies needed

10 min

**Bible Story (live)****What You Need**

No supplies needed

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible.

Things to have ready: a table with prepared boxes (see Getting Ready), Jesus poster flat on table, tape, a wagon filled with plush animals or dolls.

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends!

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Hold up the Bible for the children to see then lay it open on the table. Begin stacking the boxes so the children. Then tape the Jesus poster to the top box so boxes support the poster

"Our story begins with Jesus! (*Gesture to Jesus poster.*) Jesus and His friends traveled to lots of places to tell people that God loves them.

Slide: Story Image W1 01 (Jesus with children and adults)

"One day, a LOT of people came to hear Jesus teach. But this time, it wasn't just grown-ups. The grown-ups brought their children, too!

Kneel next to the wagon of plush animals or dolls.

"Look at all these children! (*Gesture to wagon.*) Raise your hand if you're a child.

*Have all the kids raise their hands.*

"Yes! There were children just like you! The parents wanted their children to get close to Jesus. (*Pull the wagon a few steps closer to the Jesus poster.*) These parents knew how special and amazing Jesus is. The children just wanted to be with Jesus!

"BUT... (*Step between wagon and hold up hands, palms facing wagon, for 'Stop.'*) Jesus' friends, the disciples, stopped the parents! They said Jesus was too busy. They told the children to go away. (*Gesture "away."*)

Slide: Story Image W1 02 (Disciple asking children to leave)

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

## Outro Sketch

### What You Need

No supplies needed

"But when Jesus saw what His friends were doing, He became angry! He told them, 'Let the children come to me. Don't keep them away!' (Mark 10:14 NIV).

Slide: Story Image W1 03 (Jesus explaining to disciples)

"Jesus opened His arms wide, (*open arms wide*) and the children ran to Him. (*Bring wagon right up to the Jesus poster.*) He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them, and blessed them. He wanted every single child to know that He loved them. Jesus told the crowd to never, ever stop children from coming to Him.

"Did you hear that? Jesus loves children. That means Jesus loves YOU!"

Slide: Story Image W1 04 (Jesus with children)

"Raise your hand if Jesus loves you! (*Pause.*) Yes! Jesus loves you. Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever. Jesus loves you, and [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. So when I ask, 'Who loves you?', I want you to say, [Bottom Line] 'Jesus loves me.' Who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me."

**STORYTELLER:** "That's the truth, friends! Jesus LOVES you, and [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. Let's bow our heads, close our eyes, and talk to God."

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for Jesus! Thank You that He told His friends to let the children come to Him because He loved them so much. We know that Jesus loves every single one of us, too! Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. It's in His name we pray. Amen.

"Friends, you were wonderful listeners! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

"I'll see you next time. Bye!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

**HOST:** "Wow!"

**HOST:** "Wow! Jesus wanted the children to come right up to Him! His friends thought He was too busy and important, but Jesus said, 'No! I love them!' That means Jesus loves you and [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me! I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?"

**CHILDREN:** "Got it!"

**HOST:** "Good! I know what I'm going to write on these hearts now! The Bible story gave me the best idea. I'm going to make a special message for everyone.

Write one word on each heart as you say the words.

"JESUS ... LOVES ... YOU!"

Flip hearts around to show the children.

"It's the most important message of all! Jesus loves you, and [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me! See you next time, friends!"

19 min

# Bible Story Section (Rug)

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

8 min

## Bible Story

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**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.

Slide: Story Image W1 01 (Jesus with children and adults)

**LEADER:** "Our true story from the Bible begins with Jesus. Jesus and His friends, the disciples, traveled to a lot of places because Jesus loved people ... all people! Jesus wanted everyone to know that God loves them and wants them to love others. Can you march in place like you are traveling?"

Stomp in place

**LEADER:** "One day, a big crowd came to hear Jesus teach. And it wasn't just grown-ups. The grown-ups brought children to Jesus because they wanted Jesus to pray for the children.

The children wanted to be with Jesus. Can you say, 'Be with Jesus'?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Be with Jesus."

Slide: Story Image W1 02 (Disciple asking children to leave)

**LEADER:** "Great job! But Jesus' friends, the disciples, told the families to stop. They thought Jesus was too busy to spend time with children. Was that kind or unkind?"

Children answer: "Unkind."

Slide: Story Image W1 03 (Jesus explaining to disciples)

**LEADER:** "Right. When Jesus saw this, He wasn't happy. Jesus said to His disciples: *"Let the children come to me. Don't keep them away. God's kingdom belongs to people like them"* (Mark 10:14 NIV).

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

Do motions once: tap chest for "children," move hands toward yourself for "come to me." Say the line together one time.

**LEADER:** "Let's take two quiet steps closer like we're coming to Jesus." Lead two small steps in place, then stop.

Slide: Story Image W1 04 (Jesus with children)

**LEADER:** "Jesus opened His arms wide and welcomed the children. He took them close and put His hands on them and blessed them."

Stretch arms wide; children copy. Invite children to gently touch the top of their own head as a self-blessing while you hover a hand above the group without touching.

**LEADER:** "Jesus wanted those children to know He loved them. And Jesus wants you to know He loves you too."

**LEADER:** "Let's do a quick yes-or-no. Does Jesus love you if you live in a big city?"

**CHILDREN:** "Yes!"

**LEADER:** "Does Jesus love you if you live on a farm?"

**CHILDREN:** "Yes!"

**LEADER:** "Does Jesus love you if you live near the mountains?"

**CHILDREN:** "Yes!"

**LEADER:** "Everywhere you live, Jesus loves you."

**LEADER:** "Who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus loves me."

**LEADER:** "Yes! Jesus loves you, and Jesus loves me. Jesus loves children. Let's go ahead and pray together!"

**LEADER:** "Dear God, thank You for Jesus! He told the disciples to let the children come to Him because He loved them. And we know that Jesus loves us! Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. It's in His name we pray. Amen."