

3-5s | W4

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Ice Cream Pass
Add to the Lollipop
Sand Drawing

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

Follow the Arrows
Draw God's Love
Love Overflows*
Heart Catapult
Sand Heart Art
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



Bible Story

Jesus Forgives a Woman • John 8
Jesus loves me no matter what.

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

 Apron and/or Chef hat	1
 Table	1
 Three plain cookies	3
 Bowl of frosting and plastic knife	1
 Container of sprinkles	1

8 min

Wonder Bible Story (Video)

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Bible Story (live)

Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host is wearing a chef hat and apron. A table is set up with three plain cookies, a bowl of frosting and knife, a container of sprinkles.

HOST: "Hi, friends! Welcome! My name is [your name]. I'm getting ready for our 'Sweet Treats' party, and I'm decorating cookies. I only have three cookies to decorate. My mom said I could eat one, but I ate twelve."

Host begins to decorate a cookie.

HOST: "Okay, just a little frosting here... and some sprinkles right on top... There! (Holds up a nice-looking cookie.) Perfect! Okay, now for the next one."

"I wish I had more to decorate and share with you all, but they were so good. I know, eating 12 cookies is a lot. My stomach is a little tumbly. Hopefully, that won't be a problem."

Storyteller enters as Host exits, leaving the cookies on the table.

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible. Things storyteller needs already on stage: large cardboard box (to use as a background for plates), paper plates with faces drawn (see Getting Ready), large heart stickers or red permanent marker, tape/self-adhesive hook, or loop dots.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! My name is [your name]."

Set box in the center of the storytelling area.

"I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible about a woman who made a bad choice."

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

What You Need

 Bible	1
 Large cardboard box, such as an appliance box	1
 Paper plates, at least 8 per Large Group	8
 Tape or self-adhesive hook and loop dots	Several
 Permanent marker	1
 Large heart stickers or a thick red, permanent marker	Several
 Option: Cardstock for story images	4

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with a woman who was very sad.

Point to the sad face plate on the box.

"She had made a bad choice, and some people were being very mean to her.

Slide: Story Image W4 01 (woman brought to Jesus)

"One day, these people brought the woman to Jesus while he was teaching.

Place the angry face plates on the box around the sad face plate.

"They said, 'Jesus, this woman did something wrong! She should be punished!' They were not showing her any love.

Slide: Story Image W4 02 (Jesus writing in dirt)

"But Jesus didn't yell. He just bent down and started writing in the dirt with his finger. The people kept asking what to do. So Jesus stood up and said, 'If any of you has never, ever done anything wrong, then you can punish her.'

"And what do you think happened? One by one, the people started to leave.

Remove the angry face plates one at a time.

Slide: Story Image W4 03 (people leaving)

"They all left because every single one of them knew they had made mistakes, too! Soon, it was just Jesus and the woman.

Place the loving Jesus face plate next to the sad face plate.

"Jesus was so kind to her. He didn't punish her. He forgave her.

Begin putting several heart stickers around the two face plates.

Slide: Display Story Image W4 04 (Jesus speaking to the woman)

"Jesus showed the woman love when no one else would. He loved her no matter what.

"Do you think Jesus will love us when we make a mistake? (Pause.) Yes!

"Will Jesus love us no matter what? (Pause.) YES! Jesus will always love us, and Jesus wants to be our friend forever because He loves us no matter what. Who loves you?"

3 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Outro Sketch

What You Need

No supplies needed

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me!"**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. [Transition] Our story time is over (pick up and close Bible), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus. Thank You that Jesus loves us no matter what and wants to be our friend forever. Help us to love others, even when they make bad choices. We love You! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

"Alright friends, that's our true story for today. See you next time!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! Those people were so mean to that woman because she made a bad choice. But Jesus loved her anyway! He showed her love and kindness. Jesus loves us no matter what!""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!"

Host looks at the cookies on the table.

"You know, this Bible story makes me think about the decision I made to eat all those cookies. That was a bad decision. I had to ask my mom for some medicine for my stomach. I should have only eaten one like she said."

"Jesus loved the woman even when she messed up. He also loves me even if I made a bad choice."

"I'm so glad that **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me, no matter what!** See you guys next time. Bye-bye!"**[Transition]** "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

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 W4 01 (woman brought to Jesus)

LEADER: "Today's true story begins with a woman who felt very sad. She had made a wrong choice, and some people were being unkind to her. Can you make a sad face?"

Invite children to show a gentle "sad face," then a relaxed face.

Slide: Story Image W4 02 (Jesus writing in dirt)

LEADER: "Those people brought the woman to Jesus while He was teaching. They said, 'She did something wrong!' They wanted to punish her."

LEADER: "Do you think that was kind?"

CHILDREN: "No."

LEADER: "Right. Jesus is kind."

LEADER: "Jesus didn't shout. He bent down and quietly wrote on the ground with His finger. Can you pretend to write on the ground with your finger?"

"Invite children to trace one slow line on the rug with a finger, then place hands in laps."

Slide: Story Image W4 03 (people leaving)

LEADER: "The people kept asking and asking what they should do. The woman was scared. But Jesus loved her."

LEADER: "Then Jesus stood up and said something important: 'If you have never done anything wrong ... if you have always done everything that God wants you to do ... then you can punish her.'"

LEADER: "Have you ever done something wrong?"

Children nod or say "Yes."

LEADER: "Me too. Everyone has. And so did the people in the Bible Story."

LEADER: "So, one by one, the unkind people walked away."

LEADER: "Now, who was with the woman?"

CHILDREN: "Jesus!"

Slide: Story Image W4 04 (Jesus speaking to the woman)

LEADER: "That's right! Jesus looked at the woman and was kind to her. He forgave her. He told her to go and choose what is right."

LEADER: "Jesus loved her even when she made a mistake. And Jesus loves us even when we make bad choices too."

LEADER: "Let's say this together one time: 'Jesus loves me no matter what.'"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus loves me no matter what."

LEADER: "Let's say our Bible words together one time."

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'"

Open hands like a book for "Bible," then move hands toward yourself for "come to me."

LEADER: "Who loves you?"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus loves me."

LEADER: "Yes! Jesus loves you, and Jesus loves me. Jesus loves children."

Hold up the Bible; smile. Close Bible.

LEADER: "Yes, [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me."

[Transition] Our story time is over (pick up and close Bible), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

Preschool

First Look

February - Week 4

3 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus. Thank You that Jesus loves us no matter what, even when we make bad choices. Help us to show that same love to others. We love You! In Jesus' name, we pray, amen."

5 min

Heart Catapult | Made to Move

What You Need

 Craft Sticks	7
 Rubber bands	5
 Strong plastic spoon	1
 Foam hearts	Several
 Plastic bin	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Stack 5 craft sticks on top of each other and secure both ends with a rubber band. Then, stack 2 craft sticks on top of each other and secure *one* end with a rubber band. Keeping the rubber band in place carefully pull the 2 craft sticks apart and slide the stack of 5 craft sticks in between. Lay the plastic spoon on top of the angled craft stick. Secure both ends of the spoon to the craft stick with rubber bands. Then add a final rubber band to form an "X" across the center where the two stacks meet. See our Pinterest page for an example.

Place a foam heart in the spoon, pull the craft stick down with your pointer finger and release to launch the heart. Make sure to test each catapult to make sure it works, and everything is secure. Set the catapults on the table with a stack of foam hearts near each one.

During the Activity: Gather the children in groups of five around each catapult. Show the children how to place a heart on the spoon, push down on the end with their pointer finger and launch the heart! Encourage each child to launch three hearts before giving another friend a turn. Make sure children know that hearts can go anywhere and everywhere in the room! Set the plastic bin in the center of your activity area. Explain to the children that they will have 30 seconds to pick up all the hearts and place them in the bin. Count down from 30 and then celebrate when all the hearts have been picked up!

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, I have something SUPER fun for you! We're going to launch hearts here, there, and everywhere using these awesome catapults!"

During the Activity: "Let me show you how they work. (*Demonstrate.*) Isn't that so cool!? Let's take turns! When it's your turn, you can shoot THREE hearts. (*Select children to catapult.*) Ready, set, launch your hearts! (*Pause.*) Launch another one. Ready, set, launch your hearts! (*Pause.*) Launch the last one. Ready, set, launch your hearts! (*Pause.*) Switch and let another friend go. (*Continue with each child.*) That was so fun!"

After the Activity: "WHOA! Look, your hearts went here, there, and everywhere! Let's see if we can pick them ALL up in 30 seconds and put them in this bin. Ready, set, PICK UP! (*Count down from 30*) Way to go, friends. Look at all the hearts, and hearts make us think of love. Jesus showed the people in our Bible Story that He really wanted to keep God's rules and show God's love. God did not send Jesus to punish us. God gave us Jesus to show us how much He loves us. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** Jesus loves everyone!"