

# 3-5's | W1

## Today's Suggested Schedule—March 2026, Week 1

**Today's Bible Story:** Water to Wine • John 2:1-11

Nothing is too hard for Jesus.

**Key Question:** Who is amazing?

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is amazing.

**Memory Verse:** "We have seen amazing things today!" • Luke 5:26 NLT

*Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.*

### **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 minutes)**

#### **Social: Providing time for fun interaction**

Fill it Up

Flip the Cards

Change it Up

### **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

Story Bowling

Nothing's Too Hard

Catch It If You Can

Jesus and the Six Jars

Journal and Prayer

### **Home: Prompting action beyond the experience**

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (print or email)

Parent Cue App

\*Allergy Alert



### **Bible Story**

Water to Wine • John 2:1-11

Nothing is too hard for Jesus.

### **Key Question**

Who is amazing?

### **Bottom Line**

Jesus is amazing.

### **Memory Verse**

"We have seen amazing things today!" • Luke 5:26 NLT

11 min

# Worship

3 min

## Worship Opener

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. I am SO happy to see you today! Tell me: what do we do with our (*point to your eyes*) eyes? (*Pause.*) Yes, we see with our eyes.

"If we looked up at the birds in the sky, what would we see them do? (*Listen.*) Yes, we would see birds flying in the sky. Can you flap your arms like a bird?

*Flap your arms like wings.*

"Oh, you make such beautiful birds!

"What if we looked at a kangaroo? What would we see a kangaroo do? (*Listen.*) Yes, kangaroos hop! Can you hop like a kangaroo?

*Hop like a kangaroo.*

"Great job! And what if we looked underwater? Would we see any fish? (*Listen.*) What do fish do? (*Listen.*) Yes, fish swim in the water! Can you make a fish with your hands?

*Make a fish by holding your flat palms together.*

"Now, let's make our fish swim!

*Move your hands from side to side to make the fish "swim."*

"Fantastic! Hey, I have a BIG question for you. If we could see Jesus with our eyes, what would we see? (*Listen.*) We would see Someone who loves us. We would see Jesus make sick people feel all better. Friends, we would see some amazing things! Jesus is God's Son, and He can do things that no one else can do. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Let's celebrate Jesus! We can sing to Jesus and tell Him we love Him because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.**

*SONG: "Jesus Loves Even Me" Dance Motions, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available from Amazing Music.*

"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.*

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

"We have seen (*point to self*) amazing things today!" (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*) Luke 5:26 (*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 can do things that no one else can do because Jesus is God's Son. Let's sing one more song to celebrate our great, big God.

*SONG: "My God Is So Big" Dance Motions, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available from Amazing Music.*

"Thanks for celebrating 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!"

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

*SONG: "Amazing" available on store.thinkorange.com*

"Great singing, friends! Let's keep singing about how amazing Jesus is.

*SONG: "He is Amazing" available on store.thinkorange.com*

"Thanks for celebrating Jesus 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

 Cardboard blocks

 Bin

*Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host carries a bin of cardboard blocks.*

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

1 *Set the bin of cardboard blocks down.*

1 "I brought some blocks today, and I need a few friends to help me build a really tall tower.

*Choose a few children to help, and lead them to build a tower. Encourage their efforts as they work together.*

"Wow, you are working so hard! Great job, friends! You can have a seat now.

*Lead children back to their seats.*

"This is such a wonderful tower! Have you ever built a tower and then someone knocked it down? (*Listen.*) What would you say if you had a baby brother or sister who was crawling around on the floor and accidentally knocked down your tower? (*Listen.*) Would you say, 'Oh, no!'"

**CHILDREN and HOST:** "Oh, no!"

**HOST:** "Sometimes it is hard to be a big sister or brother. Little sisters and brothers might knock down your block tower that you worked so hard to create, and they might scribble in your books or tear the pages. That's a hard thing!

"And Jesus cares about you and the things that make you say, 'Oh, no!' There's nothing too big or too little for Jesus. He wants to help us with our feelings and all the hard things.

"In today's Bible Story, something terrible happens, but nothing is too big for Jesus. I can't wait for you to hear it! I'll be back in a bit."

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

**What You Need**

No supplies needed

10 min

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

 Bible	0
 Table	1
 Decoration and party supplies for table, such as a tablecloth, party plates, plastic cups, mylar balloons, etc.	1
 Six large buckets, such as 5-gallon paint buckets	1
 Option: Cardstock	1

**What You Do:**

- Decorate the table for a party.
- Place the buckets in a line along the front of the storytelling area.
- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

*There is a table in the storytelling area. It is set up for a party: tablecloth, party plates, plastic cups, mylar balloons, etc. Six large buckets are lined up along the front of the storytelling area.*

*Note: Latex balloons burst easily and quickly become choking hazards. If you use balloons, we strongly encourage using mylar balloons.*

*Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible and ...*

**STORYTELLER:** "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 is from the book of John, and it begins with a wedding.

*SLIDE: Story Image W1 01 (Wedding)*

"A wedding is a special party where two people get married. A family invites all their friends to celebrate with them, and they make special food and drink to share with their friends. They have so much fun celebrating!

"Now I know that you know how to have some fun celebrating, right? So, let's use our words and our hands to celebrate together. Watch what I do, and then we can do it together. Okay? (*Listen.*)

*Note: The ASL sign for "Hooray" is done by raising your open hands in the air and twisting at the wrists.*

*(Clap.) "Yay! (Clap.) Yay! (ASL for hooray.) Hooray!" Do that with me, friends."*

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** *(Clap.) "Yay! (Clap.) Yay! (ASL for hooray.) Hooray!"*

**STORYTELLER:** "Oh, we need to do it a little louder than that. Come on!"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** *(Clap.) "Yay! (Clap.) Yay! (ASL for hooray.) Hooray!"*

*Repeat a few times so every child can join in and build the excitement.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Wow, you are so good at celebrating!"

*SLIDE: Story Image W1 02 (Jesus, Mary, and disciples at wedding)*

"Well, one day, (*pat the Jesus volunteer on the head*) Jesus and His friends, (*pat the disciples volunteers on the head*) the disciples, were at a wedding. And (*pat the Mary volunteer on the head*) Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there too! They were celebrating with everyone at the wedding.

"Okay, let's use our words and our hands to celebrate again."

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** (*Clap.*) "Yay! (*Clap.*) Yay! (*ASL for hooray.*) Hooray!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, everyone at the wedding was celebrating. They were eating the special food and drinking a special drink called 'wine.'

"Wine is made from grapes. Who likes to eat grapes? (*Listen.*) Mmm, grapes are yummy! But it takes a REALLY long time to make grapes into wine. And at the wedding, something bad happened: They ran out of wine at the wedding. Can you say: 'Oh, no!'"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** "Oh, no!"

*SLIDE: Story Image W1 03 (Empty cups)*

**STORYTELLER:** "There was no more special drink, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, knew that people might get upset if there was no more wine to drink. She wanted to help, so she went to Jesus.

"Let's go to Jesus like Mary. Stand up and run in place with me.

*Run in place.*

"Let's run, run, run to Jesus. Come on, we've got to get to Jesus! And three ... two ... one ...

*Stop running and gesture for the children to sit back down.*

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

"Mary didn't know what Jesus would do, but she knew nothing was too hard for Jesus. Jesus is the Son of (*point up*) God, and Jesus can do anything!

*SLIDE: Story Image W1 04 (Mary talking to servants)*

"Mary knew Jesus could help, so she told the people working at the wedding:

*"Do what he tells you" (John 2:5 NIV).*

"And they did!

*SLIDE: Story Image W1 05 (Jesus and six large jars)*

*Walk to the first buckets.*

"Jesus saw six stone jars, and they were very large—much bigger than these buckets! Jesus said:

*"Fill the jars with water" (John 2:7 NIV).*

"So, the people working at the wedding filled the jars with water. Let's pretend to pour water into six jars. Get your pretend pitchers of water ready.

*Pretend to hold up a pitcher.*

"Now, pour!

*Pretend to pour water into each bucket as you count them.*

"One ... two ... three ... four ... five ... and six! Great job!

"The workers filled the jars all the way to the *(gesture to the top)* very top with water just like Jesus said. Then, Jesus told them to take some of the drink to the person in charge of the wedding, and they did.

*SLIDE: Story Image W1 06 (Man tasting wine)*

*Take a cup from the party table, and pretend to scoop up some water from a bucket.*

"The person in charge did not know where the drink had come from, but when he tasted it, *(pretend to drink from the cup)* he knew it was the very best wine!

"Wow! Jesus turned the water into wine! Celebrate with me.

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** *(Clap.) "Yay! (Clap.) Yay! (ASL for hooray.) Hooray, Jesus!"*

*Repeat a few times.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Yay, Jesus! Jesus turned water into wine. He did something that no one else can do because Jesus is God's Son. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?"**

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** **[Bottom Line] "Jesus is amazing."**

**STORYTELLER:** "One more time! **Who is amazing?"**

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** **[Bottom Line] "Jesus is amazing."**

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.**

*Pick up and close Bible.*

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

## Outro Sketch

### What You Need

No supplies needed

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

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for giving Jesus to us and for all the wonderful things Jesus has done. Jesus really is amazing because Jesus is Your Son. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** "Wow! Jesus turned water into wine! That's amazing!"

"I think the people who put water in the jars were SO surprised! It would be like if I pour water into my cup and when I take a drink, it's suddenly hot cocoa.

"No one else can do what Jesus did. Nothing is too hard for Jesus because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing. Who is amazing?**

**CHILDREN and HOST:** **[Bottom Line] "Jesus is amazing."**

**HOST:** "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.*

# Getting Ready | 3-5's Stage Large Group

## 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, the Intro Sketch, and the Bible Story. The Stage Script is written for those who gather their preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible Story. If you are pulling your children to a rug on one side of your preschool space, you may benefit from using the Rug Script.

### APlay

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**WORSHIP:** Inviting people to respond to God (10 minutes)

*A leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. 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 adult or teenager who relates well to preschoolers to tell the Intro Sketch. If possible, use the same person for an entire month, as the Host role stays the same each month.*

*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." Advance preparation is necessary.*

### 1. Worship

#### What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

#### Music and Sound Effects:

- "Jesus Loves Even Me"—available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "My God Is So Big"—available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Amazing"—available on [store.thinkorange.com](http://store.thinkorange.com)
- "He is Amazing"—available on [store.thinkorange.com](http://store.thinkorange.com)

#### Optional Videos (available for purchase):

- "Amazing" Dance Moves Music Video or Live Lyric Video—available on [store.thinkorange.com](http://store.thinkorange.com)
- "He is Amazing" Dance Moves Music Video or Live Lyric Video—available on [store.thinkorange.com](http://store.thinkorange.com)

**What You Do:**

- Prepare all songs and have them ready to use.
- Check out the Ministry Leader Guide for more information.

## 2. Intro/Outro

**What You Need:**

- Cardboard blocks
- Bin

**What You Do:**

- Put the cardboard blocks inside the bin for Host to carry.

## 3. Bible Story

**What You Need:**

- Bible
- Table
- Decoration and party supplies for table, such as a tablecloth, party plates, plastic cups, mylar balloons, etc.
- Six large buckets, such as 5-gallon paint buckets
- *Option: Cardstock*

**Large Group Visuals:**

- Story Image W1 01
- Story Image W1 02
- Story Image W1 03
- Story Image W1 04
- Story Image W1 05
- Story Image W1 06

**Optional Video: (available in APlay)**

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with the *Wonder!* video so you can plug and play the way you need to each week. *Wonder! Look at God's Story* offers weekly videos to engage preschoolers with the Bible Story. Join our Bible storytellers, Treehouse friends, and, of course, Ollie the Owl to discover the wonder in God's story.

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**First Look Pinterest Page**

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. [bit.ly/FL\\_AllStar](https://bit.ly/FL_AllStar)

# Supplies

Intro Sketch	Quantity
1. Cardboard blocks	1
2. Bin	1

Bible Story (live)	Quantity
1. Bible	0
2. Table	1
3. Decoration and party supplies for table, such as a tablecloth, party plates, plastic cups, mylar balloons, etc.	1
4. Six large buckets, such as 5-gallon paint buckets	1
5. Option: Cardstock	1