

3-5's | W2

Today's Suggested Schedule—March 2026, Week 2

Today's Bible Story: Coin in the Fish's Mouth • Matthew 17:24-27

Jesus can do things no one else can do.

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

Toss to the Fish

Fishy Find

Coin Hunt Surprise*

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

What's in the Fish?

Act It Out: The Coin in the Fish

Coin Drop Wonders

Silver Coin

Coin in the Fish's Mouth

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

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Who is amazing?

Bottom Line

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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

3 min

OPTION 1 (Amazing Music)

What You Need

No supplies needed

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

"Hey, can you smile really big?

Smile really big.

"Oh, look at all those smiles! Can you clap your hands?

Clap your hands three times.

"Wow, you are good listeners today! Now, I have something (*dramatically*) really big, really hard for you to do. Are you ready? I want you ... to wiggle your WHOLE BODY!

Wiggle your body.

"Great job, friends! You can do so many things, but I know Someone who can do things no one else can do—Jesus! Jesus is God's Son, and He can do amazing things!"

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.

"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.

5 min

OPTION 2 (Orange Kids Music)**What You Need**

No supplies needed

"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

 DIY Clear Button Pin	1
 Markers	1
 Optional: Cardstock, scissors, markers, safety pin (medium or large), and tape in place of the DIY Clear Button Pin	Several

What You Do:

- Decorate a DIY Clear Button Pin with the words "Jesus is amazing!" and assemble according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Optional: Cut out a 3-inch circle from the cardstock. Decorate the cutout with the words "Jesus is amazing!" Tape a safety pin on the back of the cutout.*

Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host gives a worried smile and looks around the storytelling area for something they have lost.

HOST: "Hi, friends! (*Looks again.*) My name is [your name]. (*Looks one last time.*) Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]!"

"I'm looking for something really important. I made a special button a few days ago. It says, "Jesus is amazing." I was going to wear it today and tell everybody how amazing Jesus is, but ... I lost it. I can't find my button anywhere.

"I checked my backpack and all my pockets, but it's just ... gone. And I really wanted to show it to you too!"

"Do you think you could help me look? (*Listen.*) Really? My button is (*draw a circle in the air with your index finger*) round like a circle, and it is (*name the colors on the button*). Okay, let's all pretend to put on our binoculars so we can find a [color] button.

Pretend to hold binoculars up to your eyes.

"Now, let's all look over here!"

Point and take a few steps in one direction.

"Hmm ... I don't see it. Do you?"

Note: If children say they have seen it, acknowledge their words and look at what they are looking at, and then simply say that it isn't your button.

"Okay, let's look over here now.

Point and take a few steps in the opposite direction while looking through your pretend binoculars. After looking for a moment, lower your pretend binoculars.

"Oh, I am really sad that we can't find my button, but I am going to keep looking. Sometimes, we find lost things in the most surprising places!"

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

"Hey, that reminds me of our Bible Story where Peter finds something special in the mouth of a fish! I'll be back in a little bit. Bye!"

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.

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible and the prepared bucket of props.

Note: Make sure the coin is securely inside the mouth of the felt fish, and that the magnet on the side of the fish is facing up.

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.

SLIDE: Story Image W2 01 (Peter)

"Today's true Bible story is from the book of Matthew, and it begins with a man named Peter.

"Peter loved Jesus. He knew Jesus is the Son of God, and Peter wanted to learn from Jesus. So, Peter followed Jesus everywhere and listened when Jesus talked.

SLIDE: Story Image W2 02 (Peter and men in front of temple)

"Every year, Peter and all of God's people had to pay money to take care of a special building called the temple.

"Can you make a building with your arms?"

Create a roof over your head by holding your arms over your head with your fingertips touching in the center.

"Oh, I like your buildings!"

"The temple was a very special building where God's people worshiped—just like we come to our church building to worship God. You can put your arms down now.

Put your arms down.

"Well, it took a lot of money to take care of the temple, and the money people had to pay was called a temple tax.

"One day, some men came up to Peter. The men asked Peter: 'Does Jesus pay the temple tax?'

"And Peter said: *(impulsively)* 'Yes, of course, He does.'

SLIDE: Story Image W2 03 (Peter and Jesus)

"Then Peter quickly went to Jesus. He needed to ask Jesus about paying the money, but before Peter could say anything, Jesus told Peter exactly what to do.

"Jesus told Peter to go to the lake and catch a fish. Jesus told Peter:

"Take the first fish you catch. Open its mouth. There you will find the exact coin you need" (Matthew 17:27 NIV).

Make a fish by holding your flat palms together. Move your hands from side to side to make the fish "swim."

"Now, fish swim in the water. Do they have money in their *(point to your mouth)* mouths? *(Listen.)* Nooo! Do fish have money in their *(rub your belly)* bellies? *(Listen.)* Nooo! Do they have money in their *(flap your arms like fins)* fins? *(Listen.)* Nooo! Fish don't have money! They don't have any coins in their mouths, their bellies, or their fins!

"But Peter did exactly what Jesus told him to do. He went fishing!

SLIDE: Story Image W2 04 (Peter fishing)

Pick up the fishing pole so children can see the magnet at the end of the line.

"Peter threw his fishing line into the water.

Lower the magnet "hook" into the bucket and catch the felt fish.

"Then, Peter waited. And ... *(pretend a fish is tugging on your line)* tug, tug, tug! Peter felt a little tug on the line. Peter had caught a fish!

Pull up the fishing pole to show children the felt fish.

"Peter looked inside the mouth of the fish, and guess what he saw?

SLIDE: Story Image W2 05 (Peter with coin)

Retrieve the coin from inside the fish's mouth.

3 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Outro Sketch

What You Need

No supplies needed

"He saw a coin inside the fish's mouth!

"Everything happened just like Jesus said it would. Jesus is God's Son, and Jesus can do things that no one else can do. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?"**

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

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

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!"

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, Jesus is so amazing. He can do things that no one else can do. Thank You so much for giving us Jesus. You're the best, God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Host enters as Storyteller exits. Host has the "Jesus is amazing!" button in a pocket.

HOST: "Wow! Jesus told Peter he would find a coin inside the mouth of a fish—and it happened just like Jesus said it would! Jesus can do things that no one else can do 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!"

"And guess what I found?!"

Show the "Jesus is amazing!" button to the children.

"My button! I found it in [*a place familiar to preschoolers*]. I don't REALLY need a button to tell people about Jesus. I can just tell people about the amazing things He does!

[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
- "He is Amazing"—available on store.thinkorange.com

Optional Videos (available for purchase):

- "Amazing" Dance Moves Music Video or Live Lyric Video—available on store.thinkorange.com
- "He is Amazing" Dance Moves Music Video or Live Lyric Video—available on 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:

- DIY Clear Button Pin
- Markers
- *Optional: Cardstock, scissors, markers, safety pin (medium or large), and tape in place of the DIY Clear Button Pin*

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3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Bible
- 5-gallon bucket
- Wooden dowel
- Yarn
- Felt in any color for a fish
- Two heavy-cut craft magnets
- Hot glue gun
- Large coin, such as a silver dollar
- *Optional: Two small craft magnets*
- *Optional: Cardstock*

Large Group Visuals:

- Story Image W2 01
- Story Image W2 02
- Story Image W2 03
- Story Image W2 04
- Story Image W2 05

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.

What You Do:

- Tie a length of yarn on the end of a wooden dowel to create a fishing pole.
- Add a bit of hot glue over the yarn to make sure the yarn doesn't slip off the pole.
- Use a hot glue gun to attach a heavy-duty craft magnet to the other end of the yarn.
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Cut two identical fish shapes out of felt. They need to be large enough to hold the large coin.

- Use the hot glue gun to glue the two fish cutouts back-to-back, leaving an opening at the fish mouth to insert a coin. To make it easy to retrieve the coin from the felt fish, consider adding hot glue on the bottom half of the fish so the coin cannot drop down too low.
- Use the hot glue gun to attach a heavy-duty craft magnet to the outside of the felt fish.
- Once the glue has dried, put the coin inside the fish, and practice picking up the fish with the magnetic fishing pole. Make sure the opening in the fish's mouth is wide enough to retrieve the coin without being so wide that the coin falls out when the fish is being picked up with the fishing pole.
- Put the coin inside the felt fish, and put the felt fish and fishing pole inside the bucket.
- *Optional: Attach two small craft magnets to the inside of the felt fish's mouth to keep it closed and the coin secure.*
- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

First Look Pinterest Page

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies.
bit.ly/FL_AllStar

Supplies

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5. Option: Cardstock	1