

# 3-5's | W3

## Today's Suggested Schedule—March 2026, Week 3

**Today's Bible Story:** Centurion • Matthew 8:5-13

Jesus is powerful.

**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

Jump to the World

Build a Centurion

Heal People

### 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

Say it With Me

Story Search

Power Pass

Centurion Shuffle

Centurion and Jesus Finger Puppets

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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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!

"Today, I want to see how strong and powerful you are, but let's start small. Can you do the teeniest, tiniest jump?"

*Curl your body up a bit, and jump the tiniest jumps you can make.*

"Oh, good listening! Now, let's do a bigger jump—but not your BIGGEST jump, okay? Just a regular, small jump, like this.

*Do a few easy jumps, nothing too high or powerful.*

"Yeah, that's it! Okay, now it's time. Are you ready to do your biggest, most powerful jump ever?! And go!

*Jump as high as you can several times.*

"Wow, I'm impressed! You are such powerful jumpers!

"Today, we are going to celebrate Jesus because He is the most powerful one of all! 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.*

"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

27 min

## Bible Story Section (Stage)

3 min

### Intro Sketch

#### What You Need

-  Plush bear (or other plush animal or doll) 1
-  Toy doctor's kit with a stethoscope, forehead thermometer, and syringe. 1  
(Note: If your toy doctor's kit doesn't have the specific items used in the script, simply substitute with what you have and adjust the script accordingly. That could be as simple as taking the temperature with a real thermometer or pretending to give them medicine with a small cup.)

"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!"

#### 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 carries a plush bear (or other plush animal/doll) and a toy doctor's kit with a stethoscope, forehead thermometer, and syringe.*

*Note: If your toy doctor's kit doesn't have the specific items used in the script, simply substitute with what you have and adjust the script accordingly. That could be as simple as taking the temperature with a real thermometer or pretending to give them medicine with a small cup.*

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

*Show the plush bear to the children.*

"This is my friend, Mr. Bear. Can you say 'hello' to Mr. Bear?"

**CHILDREN and HOST:** "Hello, Mr. Bear!"

**HOST:** "Mr. Bear doesn't feel good today, but I've got my (*hold up the toy doctor's kit*) doctor's kit, so I'm going to help him get better.

*Put on the toy stethoscope from the toy doctor's kit.*

"This is a stethoscope. You've probably seen one of these. Doctors use it to listen to your heart.

*Put a flat hand over your heart.*

"The heart sounds like (*pat your hand on your chest with each 'pum'*) 'pum-pum, pum-pum, pum-pum.' Can you do that with me?"

**CHILDREN and HOST:** (*Pat your hand on your chest with each 'pum.'*) "Pum-pum, pum-pum, pum-pum."

**HOST:** "Good job!"

*"Listen" to the plush bear's heart. Then, take off the stethoscope and put it back in the doctor's kit.*

"Mr. Bear's heart sounds just fine!"

*Take the forehead thermometer out of the toy doctor's kit.*

"Let's check his temperature with this thermometer.

*Pretend to take the plush bear's temperature with the forehead thermometer.*

"Oh, no! Mr. Bear has a fever. He IS sick, poor guy!"

*Give Mr. Bear a hug.*

"Let's give Mr. Bear some medicine so he feels better.

*Put the toy thermometer in the toy doctor's kit, and take out the toy syringe.*

"One ... two ... three ... (*Give the plush bear a shot with the toy syringe.*) All done!"

*Give the plush bear another hug.*

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

"Doctors make us feel better by giving us medicine, and grownups make us feel better by giving us hugs and snuggles. But in today's Bible story, Jesus makes someone better without any medicine or snuggles at all!

"I'll see you after the Bible Story! Say 'Bye!' to Mr. Bear."

**CHILDREN and HOST:** "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 a blanket.*

**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 from the Bible is from the book of Matthew, and it begins with a very important soldier called a centurion.

*SLIDE: Story Image W3 01 (Centurion at home)*

"A centurion was in charge of around 100 other soldiers! That's a lot of soldiers! If a centurion told his soldiers to go somewhere, then they went exactly where he told them to go. If he told his soldiers to come, then they came to him.

"Now, I need a volunteer to be our centurion.

*Choose a child to be the centurion.*

"Let's pretend to be soldiers, and [name of centurion volunteer] will be the centurion. If [he/she] says, 'Jump!' then what should you do? (*Listen.*) Yes! If [he/she] says, 'Jump!' then you should stand up and jump.

"Let's practice. (*Whisper to the centurion.*) Can you tell them to jump?"

**CENTURION VOLUNTEER:** "Jump!"

*Lead the children to jump up and down.*

**STORYTELLER:** "And (hold up your fingers as you count down) three ... two ... one ... stop! Now, what should we do, centurion?"

*Play a couple of rounds. Prompt the Centurion volunteer with more actions (march in place, wiggle, wave hands, clap hands, etc.) as needed.*

"Okay, centurion, it's time to have everyone sit down. Can you tell them to sit down?"

**CENTURION VOLUNTEER:** "Sit down!"

*Gesture for everyone to sit down if they haven't already.*

"Everybody, have a seat. Great job, soldiers! You listened to your centurion so very well!

*Pause until everyone is seated again.*

"All the centurion had to do was speak, and his soldiers would do whatever he said.

*SLIDE: Story Image W3 02 (Sick young man)*

"Now, I need another volunteer.

*Pick another child to be the young man, and bring them and the Centurion volunteer to one side of the storytelling area.*

"This centurion had a young man who worked for him, but this young man was very sick.

"Have you ever been sick? (*Listen.*) Sometimes we don't feel good. Maybe we have a sore throat or a runny nose. When I feel sick, it makes me feel sad. Can you show me a sad face?"

*Make a sad face.*

"Yes, I think the sick young man was sad too. He was so sick he had to stay in bed.

*(To the Young Man Volunteer.)* Okay, friend, can you lie down and pretend to be very sick?

*Lay the blanket on the Young Man volunteer.*

"The young man couldn't move at all! So, the centurion wanted to go see Jesus. Many people had already seen Jesus do amazing things. Jesus loves helping people and making them feeling all better, so the centurion knew Jesus could help the young man.

*SLIDE: Story Image W3 03 (Centurion with Jesus)*

"Okay, I need another volunteer to be Jesus. (*To the Centurion volunteer.*) Come on, centurion. We've got to find Jesus.

*Pick a child to be Jesus and lead them to the side opposite the Young Man volunteer.*

"When the centurion got to Jesus, he told Jesus about the sick young man. And Jesus said: 'I will come make him better.' (*To the Jesus volunteer.*) Can you say that?"

**JESUS VOLUNTEER:** "I will come make Him better."

**STORYTELLER:** "But the centurion said:

*Hold up your hands with palms facing forward to indicate 'no.'*

'No!' (*To the Centurion volunteer.*) Can you hold up your hands and say that?"

**CENTURION VOLUNTEER:** "No!"

**STORYTELLER:** "That's right! The centurion knew Jesus didn't have to come to his house to make the young man all better. He knew that Jesus was (*flex biceps*) POWERFUL ... so powerful that Jesus only had to speak and the young man who was sick at the centurion's home would be all better.

"Jesus was so surprised! (*To the Jesus volunteer.*) Can you show me your biggest surprised face?"

*Make a big, surprised face with the Jesus volunteer.*

"Jesus told the centurion to go back home. He said:

*"It will be done just as you believed it would" (Matthew 8:13 NIV).*

"And at that very moment, the young man was all better. (*To the Centurion volunteer.*) Quick! Let's go back to your home and see the young man.

*SLIDE: Story Image W3 04 (Healthy young man)*

*Lead the Centurion volunteer to the Young Man volunteer.*

*(To the Young Man volunteer.) "Friend, are you still sick?"*

*Shake head 'no.' Lead the Young Man volunteer to stand up.*

*(To the Centurion volunteer.) "Can you say, 'He's all better!'"*

**CENTURION VOLUNTEER:** "He's all better!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Oh, let's all say that together."

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** "He's all better!"

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

## Outro Sketch

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**STORYTELLER:** "And he was all better. He wasn't sick anymore, and he could move again! Jesus made him all better. Everybody, say: 'Yay, Jesus!'"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** "Yay, Jesus!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Wow, **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?"

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

**STORYTELLER:** *(To the child volunteers.)* "Friends, thank you for helping me tell the story. You can sit back down now."

*Lead children back to their seats.*

"Jesus didn't have to go to the young man who was sick. He didn't have to give him bandages or medicine. He didn't even have to be right next to him or even in the same house as him! All Jesus did was speak, and the young man was all better. Jesus really is amazing! Tell me: **Who is amazing?**"

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

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

*Pick up and close the Bible.*

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

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, You love us so much that You gave us Jesus. Jesus is so powerful that He made the sick young man all better just by speaking! Thank You for giving us Jesus. Help us always remember to love others like Jesus loves us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

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

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** "Wow! Jesus is so powerful. He made the young man all better just by speaking! **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?"

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

**HOST:** "Louder!"

**CHILDREN and HOST:** *(Louder.)* **[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:**

- Plush bear (or other plush animal or doll)
- Toy doctor's kit with a stethoscope, forehead thermometer, and syringe. *(Note: If your toy doctor's kit doesn't have the specific items used in the script, simply substitute with what you have and adjust the script accordingly. That could be as simple as taking the temperature with a real thermometer or pretending to give them medicine with a small cup.*

## 3. Bible Story

**What You Need:**

- Bible
- Three child volunteers
- Blanket
- *Option: Cardstock*

**Large Group Visuals:**

- Story Image W3 01
- Story Image W3 02
- Story Image W3 03
- Story Image W3 04

**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:**

- 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](https://bit.ly/FL_AllStar)

# Supplies

Intro Sketch	Quantity
1. Plush bear (or other plush animal or doll)	1
2. Toy doctor's kit with a stethoscope, forehead thermometer, and syringe. (Note: If your toy doctor's kit doesn't have the specific items used in the script, simply substitute with what you have and adjust the script accordingly. That could be as simple as taking the temperature with a real thermometer or pretending to give them medicine with a small cup.	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