

3-5's | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule—March 2026, Week 4

Today's Bible Story: Jesus Walks on Water • Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; Luke 6:16-21

Jesus can do anything.

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

Boats on the Waves

Move the Boats

Step by Step

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

Walk in the Wind

Story in the Water

On Top of the Water

Plate Skate

Walk on Water

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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Mark 6:45-52; Luke 6:16-21

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Key Question

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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!

"It's time to make a little noise together. Can you say 'La, la, la!'"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "La, la, la!"

LEADER: "Great job! Sometimes we make noise with our mouths, but we can also make noise with our hands. Do this!"

Clap your hands three times.

"We made some noise with our hands. Now let's make some noise with our feet. Stomp like this.

Stomp your feet three times.

"You did it! And guess what?! Our God ... who made everything we can see ... He heard that! God hears us, and He loves us SO much He gave us Jesus! So, let's make a joyful noise and say: 'Thank You, God!'"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Thank You, God!"

LEADER: "Thank You, God, for giving us Jesus. Jesus can do things that no one else can do, because **[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?"

5 min

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

No supplies needed

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

-  Life jacket for Host to wear 1
-  Optional: Swim ring for Host to wear in place of life jacket 1

Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host wears a life jacket.

Note: If using a swim ring in place of a life jacket, adjust the script accordingly.

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

"Today, I am wearing my life jacket. Tell me: Do you wear a life jacket when you are hiking in the mountains?"

March in place.

"No, you don't wear a life jacket in the mountains. Do you wear a life jacket when you are sliding down the sand dunes in the desert?"

Jump and throw your hands in the air as you pretend to slide down a sand dune.

"Wheeeeeee!"

Put your arms down.

"No, you don't wear a life jacket in the desert. Where do you wear a life jacket? (*Listen.*) Yes, you wear a life jacket in the water. Life jackets keep you safe when you are on a boat.

"A boat rocks side to side in the water. Can rock like a boat in the water?"

Hold your arms out low, and rock gently from side to side.

"In today's Bible Story, Jesus' friends, the disciples are on a boat in the middle of the lake, and the wind goes (*move arms from side to side*) 'Whoosh!' And the waves go (*move arms up and down*) 'Splash!'

"But there is Someone who is more powerful than the wind and waves. I'll see you after the story!"

8 min

Wonder Bible Story (Video)

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

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

 Bible	0
 Table	1
 Blue bedsheet to represent the water	1
 Large shoebox	1
 Kraft paper	1
 Small plush animals to represent the disciples	1
 Mr. Potato Head® to represent Jesus	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.

A blue bedsheet is spread out on the floor in the center of the storytelling area. An upside-down box is off to the side.

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible and the prepared shoebox boat.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name].

Set down the shoebox boat, and pick up the Bible.

"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 God's Son, Jesus.

Take the Mr. Potato Head® out of the shoebox boat and hold it up for children to see.

"Jesus had been busy helping a lot of people. He made sick people feel better. He fed over 5,000 people with just two fish and five small loaves of bread. The people saw Jesus do amazing things!

SLIDE: Story Image W4 01 (Disciples in boat, Jesus on the shore)

"One day, Jesus told His friends, the disciples, to get into a (*gesture to the shoebox boat*) boat and go across the lake. The disciples did what Jesus said, and Jesus went up on a mountain to pray.

Put the Mr. Potato Head on top of the upside-down box.

"Later that night, the disciples were in the middle of the lake. They were using their oars and rowing the boat across the lake.

"Can you pretend to row a boat across the lake? Pick up your pretend oars ... and row!

Pretend to paddle with an oar on one side.

"Row! Row! Row! Now let's row on the other side.

Pretend to paddle with an oar on the other side.

"Row! Row! Row! Great job, friends! You can put your oars down.

SLIDE: Story Image W4 02 (Disciples in storm)

"The disciples were in the boat in the middle of the night, and the wind started blowing.

"Everybody, rub your hands together like this.

Rub your flat palms against each other to create a quiet rustling sound.

"Great job! That sounds like a quiet, gentle wind. But when the disciples were in the boat, the wind got stronger and stronger! The wind went *(move arms from side to side)* 'Whoosh! Whoosh!' Can you do that with me?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: *(Move arms from side to side.)*

"Whoosh! Whoosh!"

STORYTELLER: "Great job! But the wind got even stronger—even louder! Let's do it again!"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: *(Louder. Move arms from side to side.)*

"Whoosh! Whoosh!"

Two volunteers kneel on either end of the blue bedsheet. Each volunteer waves the bedsheet up and down so the "waves" crash against the shoebox boat in the center while you continue.

STORYTELLER: "And big waves splashed against the boat. *(Move arms up and down.)* Splash! Splash! Let's do that together."

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: *(Move arms up and down.)* "Splash! Splash!"

STORYTELLER: "The wind was blowing. *(Move arms from side to side.)* Whoosh! The waves were splashing. *(Move arms up and down.)* Splash! And the boat was rocking *(rock the shoebox boat side to side)* from side to side. This was a big storm!

SLIDE: Story Image W4 03 (Shadowy figure walking on water)

"But in the middle of the storm, the disciples saw Someone coming to them. They were in the middle of the lake, and Someone was walking to them on the water! They were so afraid! Show me your afraid face.

Pretend to be afraid.

"Yes!

Step back in "fear" toward the Mr. Potato Head on the upside-down box.

"The disciples were so afraid, but then they heard the Person say: (*Cup hands around mouth, as if calling from a distance.*) "Don't be afraid. It's me!"

SLIDE: Story Image W4 04 (Jesus walking on water)

(*Surprised.*) "It was Jesus!

Pick up the Mr. Potato Head and "walk" him on top of the fluttering bedsheet.

"Jesus was walking on the water!

Pick up one of the plush animal disciples and hold it in the boat.

"Then Peter, one of the disciples, called to Jesus: '*Lord, is it you? ... If it is, tell me to come to you on the water*' (*Matthew 14:28 NIRV*),

"And Jesus said: '*Come!*'

Walk the Peter plush animal on the waves toward the Mr. Potato Head.

"So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to Jesus! But the wind was still blowing! Let me hear that wind!

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: (*Move arms from side to side.*)

"Whoosh! Whoosh!"

STORYTELLER: "And the waves were still splashing. Let me hear those waves!

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: (*Move arms up and down.*) "Splash! Splash!"

Turn the Peter plush animal as if it is looking around at the waves.

STORYTELLER: "And when Peter heard the wind and looked at the waves splashing around him, he became afraid ... (*lower the Peter plush animal a bit*) and he began to sink into the water. Peter cried out to Jesus:

"*Save me!*" (*Matthew 14:30 NIRV*).

Bring the Mr. Potato Head to the Peter plush animal. Lift them up and put them back in the shoebox boat.

"And Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed Peter. As soon as they climbed back into the boat ...

Volunteers stop making waves with the blue bedsheet.

"The wind and the waves stopped. The big storm was over!

3 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Outro Sketch

What You Need

No supplies needed

"The disciples were amazed! Can you show me how you would look if you had just seen the most amazing thing ever?"

Pretend to be amazed.

"Yes! The disciples were amazed because Jesus walked on the water. They knew that Jesus can do anything! The disciples looked at Jesus and said:

"You really are the Son of God!" (Matthew 14:33 NIV).

"Wow! Jesus is God's Son, and **[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 really is amazing, and He is Your Son! Thank You for giving us Jesus. You are the best God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! Jesus really walked on water! And when Peter was sinking, Jesus didn't wait or get angry with Peter. He reached out and saved him. **[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

Get the most out of your curriculum with **APlay! JoinAPlay.com** is an all-in-one media organization and presentation tool. Experience all of your Orange Curriculum media assets, now pre-built and fully customizable. No more sorting through multiple download folders.

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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:

- Life jacket for Host to wear
- *Optional: Swim ring for Host to wear in place of life jacket*

3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Bible
- Small Table
- Blue bedsheet to represent the water
- Large shoebox
- Kraft paper
- Small plush animals to represent the disciples
- Mr. Potato Head® to represent Jesus
- *Option: Cardstock*

Large Group Visuals:

- Story Image W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03
- Story Image W4 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:

- Create a boat by covering a large shoebox with kraft paper.
- Put the small plush animals inside the shoebox boat.
- Lay the blue bedsheet in the center of the storytelling area.
- 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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1. Life jacket for Host to wear	1
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Bible Story (live)	Quantity
1. Bible	0
2. Table	1
3. Blue bedsheet to represent the water	1
4. Large shoebox	1
5. Kraft paper	1
6. Small plush animals to represent the disciples	1
7. Mr. Potato Head® to represent Jesus	1
8. Option: Cardstock	1