

3-5's | W5

Today's Suggested Schedule—March 2026, Week 5

Today's Bible Story: Palm Sunday • Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-15
I can celebrate 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

Cover the Road

People Play

Yay, Jesus!

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

Hosanna Megaphone

Roll to Create the Story

Celebrate Jesus Art Show

Hosanna Path

Celebrate Palm Sunday

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

Palm Sunday • Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-15
I can celebrate 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

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!"

"Tell me: what do we say when someone wins a soccer game? (*Listen.*) I want to celebrate them, so I tell them: 'Congratulations!' Can you say that with me?"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Congratulations!"

LEADER: "What do we say when it is someone's birthday? (*Listen.*) Yes, we say: 'Happy birthday!' Say that with me."

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Happy birthday!"

LEADER: "Now, what do we say at Christmas? (*Listen.*) You've got it. We say: 'Merry Christmas!' Say that with me in the happiest voice you can."

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Merry Christmas!"

LEADER: "We say 'Merry Christmas' because we are celebrating Someone very special. Can you remember who that is?"

Pretend to rock a baby.

"God loved us so much that He gave us Someone very special ... and He was born at Christmas! (*Listen.*) Yes, we celebrate Jesus at Christmas. But Jesus didn't stay a baby! He grew up and did amazing things because He is God's Son, and we can celebrate Him every day!"

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*).

5 min

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

No supplies needed

"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

 Table or chair	1
 Party hat	1
 Cupcake	Several
 Birthday candle	1
 Kazoo	1
 Party blowout	1
 Basket to hold birthday props	1

What You Do:

- Put the props in the basket for Host to carry.

Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host carries a basket with birthday party supplies.

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

"I want to see if you can guess what I am thinking about.

Smile really big, and put on the party hat from the basket.

(If children start guessing.) "Oh, wait! I'm not done yet.

Take the cupcake and candle out of the basket, and put it on a table or chair for children to see.

(If children continue to guess.) "I'm still not done yet. One more thing!

Take the kazoo out of the basket, and play "Happy Birthday" on the kazoo.

"Can you guess what I am thinking about? *(Listen.)* Yes, I'm thinking about birthday parties!

"I love birthday parties! I love making a special cake for the birthday boy or girl. I love wearing silly party hats and making noise with kazoos. Oh, and I can't forget these!

Take the party blowout out of the basket, and blow it out.

"That's so fun! I just love birthday parties because you get to celebrate someone special to you. People like my family or my friends. These people are so important to me that I want to celebrate them.

"And in today's Bible story, people are celebrating Jesus! But they aren't celebrating His birthday, and they aren't playing party games. They are celebrating because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**

"So, get ready for a celebration! I'll be back 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
	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.

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller wears a cardigan, a lightweight jacket, or a button-down shirt (worn over your clothes) and carries a Bible and the prepared box.

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

Put down the prepared box. Pick up the Bible.

"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 W5 01 (Jesus and disciples)

"Today's true story from the Bible is from the book of Matthew, and it begins with Jesus. Jesus is God's Son, and everywhere He went, lots of people wanted to see Him. They had heard of all the amazing things Jesus had done, and they wanted Jesus to help them.

SLIDE: Story Image W5 02 (Disciples untie donkeys)

"One day, Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were walking to the city of Jerusalem. They walked everywhere they went. But this time, Jesus asked two of His friends to go into the village that was before them. He told them they would find a donkey and its baby donkey.

"Can you tell me what sound donkeys make? (*Listen.*)

Note: To make the ASL sign for "donkey," mimic a donkey's ear by placing the thumb of one hand on the side of your head and flap the fingers up and down.

"Yes, donkeys say: (*ASL for donkey.*) 'Hee-haw!' Do that with me.

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: (*ASL for donkey.*) "Hee-haw! Hee-haw! Hee-haw!"

STORYTELLER: "The disciples did exactly what Jesus said.

Pick up the plush donkey.

"They found the (ASL for donkey) donkeys and brought them to Jesus.

SLIDE: Story Image W5 03 (Jesus rides a donkey)

"Jesus got on the little donkey, and He rode the donkey into the city of Jerusalem. Lots of people made a special path for Jesus.

"Can I get some friends to make a special path for Jesus?"

Guide child volunteers to put the coats, cardigans, and button-down shirts on the floor in a line.

"People spread their coats on the ground.

Guide child volunteers to put palm fronds on top of the coats, cardigans, and button-down shirts.

"Others cut branches from palm trees and spread them on the road, and some waved palm branches in the air.

"Can you pretend to wave a palm branch in the air?"

Pick up a palm frond and wave it in the air.

"Yes! The people were treating Jesus like a king! There were so many people around Jesus, and they all shouted: 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!' Say that with me."

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

STORYTELLER: "Again!"

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

STORYTELLER: "Hosanna is a special word that means: 'Please save us!' The people wanted Jesus to help them, and they were celebrating Jesus because they knew **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.**

SLIDE: Story Image W5 04 (Crowd greets Jesus)

(To child volunteers.) "Friends, thank you for making a special path for Jesus. You can have a seat now.

Guide children back to their seats.

"The whole city saw and heard what was going on.

The people asked, "Who is this?" (Matthew 21:10 NIV).

"And the people said: 'This is Jesus! God sent Him to us!'

"And that's true! The Bible teaches us that God gave us Jesus to show us how much God loves us. And we can celebrate Jesus just like the

3 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Outro Sketch

What You Need

No supplies needed

people in the Bible because **[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, You are so wonderful. Thank You for giving us Jesus. Help us celebrate Jesus every day. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! The people were so excited about how amazing Jesus is. When they waved palm branches, it was like a parade for Jesus!

"Even though Jesus rode on a small donkey, the people knew He was important. They knew that they could celebrate Jesus like a king because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing. Who is amazing?"**

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

"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!"

"Jesus is so amazing that we are going to celebrate Him all day long.

[Transition] "So 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:

- Table or chair
- Party hat
- Cupcake
- Birthday candle
- Kazoo
- Party blowout
- Basket to hold birthday props

What You Do:

- Put the props in the basket for Host to carry.

3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Bible
- Several coats, cardigans, button-down shirts, etc.
- A cardigan, button-down shirt, or lightweight jacket for Storyteller to wear
- Palm fronds
- Plush donkey
- Box to hold all the props
- *Option: Cardstock*

Large Group Visuals:

- Story Image W5 01
- Story Image W5 02
- Story Image W5 03
- Story Image W5 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:

- Put the palm fronds and coats, cardigans, button-down shirts, etc., in the box.
- Place the plush donkey in the box, on top of the palm fronds and clothing items.
- Storyteller wears a cardigan, a lightweight jacket, or a button-down shirt over their clothes.
- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

First Look Pinterest Page

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

Supplies

Intro Sketch	Quantity
1. Table or chair	1
2. Party hat	1
3. Cupcake	Several
4. Birthday candle	1
5. Kazoo	1
6. Party blowout	1
7. Basket to hold birthday props	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