

252® Groups

Group Experiences for K-5th Grades

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ABOUT GOD

God is the one and only true God, yet He exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God is the Creator, so everything belongs to Him and is under His control. God is holy, so He is righteous, majestic, and loving. God is all knowing and purposeful, so He’s at work to bring about His will. No person, thing, or idea compares to God.

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES

God reveals Himself to us through the Bible, and it is 100% accurate, reliable, and authoritative.

ABOUT PEOPLE

People are made in God’s image and for His pleasure. But everybody falls short of God’s intention, or ideal, for people. In other words, everyone has sinned. As a result, we are all separated from Him, even though He wants an intimate relationship with each of us.

ABOUT SALVATION

That’s why Jesus—God’s Son—came and lived on this earth, died, and rose again. God offers His free gift of salvation to all who believe in Jesus and accept Him as Savior—the only way to be forgiven and reconciled to God. Anyone who accepts this gift is adopted as a son or daughter into God’s family and will live with Him forever in heaven.

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(Supporting: *John 12:1-8*)

Bottom Line: Love God with everything you've got.

Memory Verse: *Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins.* 1 John 4:10 (NIRV)

Life App: Love—Choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

GETTING READY

1. Opener/Closer

What You Need:

- Host
- Three kid volunteers
- Table
- Host's phone
- Buzzer (or bell)
- Dry erase board and marker
- Craft paper/fishing line Bible timeline and Today's Story Image (*optional*)

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- SHORT clip and chorus clip of "Let It Go" (see "What You Do")
- SHORT clips and chorus clips of six or seven other popular, clean songs that your kids will know (suggestions: "Lean on Me," "A Friend Like You," "Good Time," "High Hopes," "Cupid Shuffle," "Count on Me," "Best Day of My Life," "On Top of the World," "Thunder," "ABC," "Roar," "Y.M.C.A.," "Hakuna Matata," "Better When I'm Dancin'")

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Love Slide
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- "Name That Track" Slide
- Timeline (*optional*)—CG or printed
- Today's Story Image (*optional*)—CG or printed

Optional Videos (available for purchase through the 252 Media Package):

- Theme Loop

- Countdown (30- or 60-second version)
- Theme
- Theme Transition to Life App
- Life App Transition to Theme

What You Do:

- Download and print this week's tech sheet for everyone helping with Large Group.
- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have CG capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Download music from a resource such as iTunes® and have it ready to play.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. These graphic motion loops are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- Set up the buzzer (or bell) on top of the table.
- Choose six or seven well-known, clean songs that you'd like to use for the game. Create isolated SHORT clips of each song that are about one second long. You can do this in iTunes by going to Edit / Song Info / Options and then setting the start time and end time, one second apart. Choose the start time randomly and then add one second for the end time. If the end result is too difficult to guess, you can always extend the clip to two seconds.
- We suggest making a separate playlist for each song clip. That way you can play it as many times as you'd like (to let the kids guess) . . . the clip will be the exact same each time . . . and you won't have to worry about it skipping ahead to the next song in the playlist.
- In addition to the short clips, you'll also need to make a CHORUS clip for each song. That way when a contestant guesses correctly, you can play the chorus so everyone recognizes the song. You can do this by setting the start time in iTunes (Edit / Song Info / Options).

2. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Bible
- Prop box containing:
 - Bread (baguette)
 - Over-the-ear headphones
 - First aid kit
 - Empty mason jar (with lid)
 - Stack of fake money
 - Heart prop—such as a heart pillow, wall decoration, or balloon

Large Group Visuals:

- One Big Story Intro (Video)
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have CG capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- The One Big Story Intro Video is available with the monthly download. You can find it in the "Prelude" folder under "Monthly Planning."

3. Worship

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- “Every Beat” from *Every Beat*
- “Live Your Love” from *Can’t Stop, Won’t Stop* (On the *Get Reel 2.0* DVD there is a *Live Loud* video you can show to help teach and encourage worship in our everyday lives. Consider using this segment before doing “Live Your Love.”)
- “You Make My Heart Sing” from *Every Beat*

Optional Videos (available for purchase):

- “Every Beat” Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through OrangeKidsMusic.com)
- *Live Loud* Video from *Get Reel 2.0* (available through the 252 Media Package)
- “Live Your Love” Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through the 252 Media Package)
- “You Make My Heart Sing” Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through OrangeKidsMusic.com)

What You Do:

- Download all songs (available through Store.OrangeKidsMusic.com) and have them ready to use.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. The *Live Loud* faith skills video and the Dance Moves Music Video for the monthly worship song are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

Additional Resources for Large Group

FEATURE PRESENTATION: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic weekly Large Group experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum. *Available for purchase through Store.ThinkOrange.com.*

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (kindergarten through 3rd grade):

- *252 Story* brings you the Bible story in a simple and direct way through a professional Storyteller accompanied by engaging visuals.
- *Also included:* Intro and Outro videos with a character Host. The Intros set up the Bible story, while the Outros connect the story to the weekly Bottom Line. These videos are interchangeable with the live Opener and Closer, so you can use them to bookend either a live Storyteller or *252 Story*.

For 252 Preteen (4th and 5th grade):

- In *The So & So Show*, two Hosts walk you through a contemporary and comedic presentation of the Bible story. This YouTube-style show sets up the story and also connects it to the weekly Key Question for preteens. It’s interchangeable with the live Opener, Story, and Closer in our 252 Kids scripts. Consider using if you’d like to create a separate Preteen environment, or if you have a majority of older kids in your K-5th grade room.

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SFX: *Play high-energy music as kids enter.*

(Media Package): *Theme Loop*

Host is on stage, dancing to the music.

(Media Package): *Countdown (30- or 60-second version)*

(Media Package): *Theme*

Opener

HOST: "All right, [your environment's name]! We are bopping into the last week of our playlist. We've gone through lots of different styles of music and lots of sweet tracks, but one thing's for sure: we are ALWAYS putting love in the mix."

(Media Package): *Theme Transition to Life App*

"Love is choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated."

(Media Package): *Life App Transition to Theme*

"Love is such a powerful thing. It's crazy how we can make such a huge difference in someone's life just by treating them with love and kindness. I mean, we know how much God loves US . . . so all we have to do is share that love with the people God has put around us."

Hold up your phone.

"I've got a great playlist to share with you today. The tracks on here aren't necessarily love songs . . . but they ARE songs you've probably heard before. The trick is, you have to really LOVE them to be able to recognize them. Let's play 'Name That Track'!"

CG: *"Name That Track" Slide*

"I don't know about you, but I'd say I'm pretty good at listening to the beginning of a song and automatically knowing what the song is. Can you do the same thing? *(Pause for response.)* For example, I only need to hear this much . . .

SFX: *SHORT clip of "Let It Go"*

". . . to know that the song is . . . ? *(Nod to the audience.)* Right! Everyone's favorite: 'Let It Go.'

SFX: *Chorus clip of "Let It Go"*

"Fun, right? Let's get three of you up here who think you can name some tracks!

Choose three kids with their hands raised and bring them on stage. Guide them to stand behind the table with the buzzer. Ask each of them to share their name and their favorite type of music.

"All right. *(To contestants)* Contestants, hit the buzzer if you think you know the song based on the tiny little bit that you hear. Whoever gets the most correct answers will be the winner. *(To audience)* Everybody say, 'DJ, hit that track!'"

AUDIENCE: "DJ, hit that track!"

Go through as many songs as time allows. Use the dry erase board to keep track of the contestants' points as you play each round. If the contestants get stumped, you can ask the audience for help.

SFX: *SHORT song clips (as directed by the Host)*

SFX: *Chorus song clips (after a contestant answers correctly)*

Declare the winner. Congratulate all three contestants as you dismiss them to their seats.

HOST: "Way to go, contestants. You must really LOVE those songs! Let's play some more fun tracks now where we can ALL join in. Jump up on your feet, because it's time to sing and worship God!"

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

----- Worship -----

WORSHIP LEADER: "Get up on your feet. Let's get this party started and lift our voices to God. Every day, every heartbeat is for His glory!"

(Media Package): *"John 3:16" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video*

"Yes—Jesus is so good, and we are living for Him! Before we continue in worship, watch this.

“We have a mission to share God’s love with this world. As we read in Psalm 96:3: *‘Tell the nations about his glory. Tell all people about the wonderful things he has done.’* (NirV) We can show God’s love with the way we treat others every day. Come on and sing this with me.

(Media Package): “I Trust In You” Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video

“God is always there for us—in the good times and the tough times. No matter what might be happening around us, His love makes our hearts sing with joy. Let’s worship Him and thank Him for His never-ending love.”

Worship Team:

----- **END Worship** -----

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Hi, everyone! We’ve been talking all month about love. Love is a super-important part of God’s Big Story. God has been showing love to His people since the very beginning, and He gave us the very BEST example of love when He sent Jesus to be our Savior.

“We’ve talked about the different ways to love and WHO we should love. But first and foremost, there’s one Person who we should love most of all. Of course—we should love God! I mean, God made us. He cares for us. We know that He’s always with us.

“But that brings up an interesting question. HOW can we show our love for God? What does that actually look like? (*Hold up Bible.*) There’s something that happened to Jesus that I think will help you see what I mean.

Play Bible Story Video

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “It’s easy for people to look out for themselves. But Mary did something different. She gave the most valuable thing she owned to show how important Jesus was to her. Jesus said that her act of selfless, generous love is something that people would talk about forever—and here we are talking about it today!

“Every day, we have the chance to thank God for all He’s done for us. We can show love by choosing to live His way. We can show our love for Him with ALL our hearts—just like Mary did.

“Remember:

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Love God with everything you’ve got.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide**Pray**

STORYTELLER: “God, You are so good! You really are worthy of the very best we can give. Please help us to follow Mary’s example. Help us to love You and honor You in the way that You deserve—as we talk to You, as we sing to You, and as we live for You. Please help each of us to know how we can love You with everything we’ve got. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

Closer**CG: Today’s Story Image**

Optional: Place Today’s Story Image on your timeline.

HOST: “When Mary used her expensive perfume on Jesus, she showed an amazing example of true love. She knew that Jesus really is God’s Son. She wanted to do something big to honor Him—to express the love that was in her heart. She gave her most prized possession to show how much she loved Him.

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

“So does that mean we need to go online and buy the most expensive thing to show our love to Jesus? Of course not! It’s not about money. It’s about showing love. The thing that impressed Jesus was that Mary didn’t hold anything back. She did something that everyone in the room thought was crazy, but she didn’t care. What was most important for her was to show Jesus how much she loved Him.

CG: Timeline

“When we remember how much God loves US, that makes us want to show our love for Him. God has always given His love to His people all throughout His Big Story. He has always given people the chance to show their love back, even when they turned their backs on Him. Eventually God sent Jesus to finally make things right once and for all.

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

“We shouldn’t hold anything back when it comes to loving God. We know that **[Basic Truth] we can trust Him no matter what!**

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Love God with everything you’ve got.

“When you pray, don’t just do the same short prayer that always sounds the same. Talk to God from your heart. Pray with everything you’ve got. When you sing in worship, don’t just stand there. Don’t just stare at the wall. Sing to God from your heart. Sing with everything you’ve got!

“You can show your love for God by spending time reading the Bible. You can show how much you love Him by talking about Him with other people. You can show how much you love Him by **SHARING** His

love with others. Whatever you do, don't just do it because you think you're supposed to. Do it because you're thankful for everything God has done for you.

"Let's head to our small groups and find other ways we can love God with everything we've got!"

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

SFX: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

(Media Package): Theme Loop