

Today's Schedule—May 2021, Week 2

LARGE GROUP: Story (25 minutes) • Worship (10 minutes)

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

Today's Bible Story: Til I Hear It from You (The Wise and Foolish Builders) • *Matthew 7:24-29*

Today's Bottom Line: Practice hearing from God.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come.* 1 Timothy 4:8, NIV

Monthly Life App: Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice

Basic Truth: I need to make the wise choice.

OPENER

FANNY: “Hey boys & girls! It’s good to see you! I was just jamming to my favorite workout playlist. It really gets me pumped up before a run, but it’s also just fun to listen to!”

“If you missed last week, you might wonder why I’m talking so much about running. Well, this month, we’re talking about commitment! **LET’S TAKE A LOOK AT THE SCREEN**”

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Video (Media Package): Theme Transition to Life App

“Commitment is making a plan and putting it into practice.

Do you know what commitment means? It’s picking something you want to do and sticking to it! Raise your hand, Is there something you practice doing to get good at it?

Let’s watch this video

SLIDE: Theme

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Optional Video (Media Package): Life App Transition to Theme

“If you want to run a long race like a 5K, that requires a LOT of commitment. The training . . . the cross-training . . . **like if you were here last week, we lifted weights, did jumping jacks,** When training, you may need to run in the **heat, the rain, and the cold** . . . you really have to be **committed** to see your plan through!”

“Then there are the things you need to prepare for that you might **NOT** think about.

- Like what happens if your shoe gets untied?
- How do you stop to tie it without tripping everyone behind you?
- Or what happens if you slow down to pick up a cup of water at the water station (*act this out in slow motion*) **JAMES hands Fanny Dixie cup** but you drop the cup when they hand it to you, and it spills all over the ground? I’m telling you, that water handoff is more difficult than you might think!

“Well, don’t worry, because **THAT’S** what we’re practicing today: our water handoff. I call it the **H2O** Handoff. Are you ready to try it out?”

KIDS RUNNING (SLOW JOG) IN A RACE AND TEACHERS HAND THEM DIXIE CUPS OF WATER (SMALL AMOUNT) AS THEY RUN AROUND PERIMETER OF THE ROOM.

Prepare Dixie cups and water ahead of time.

Teachers to hand out the cups of water

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AUDIO: Fun music

FANNY “Nice job, everyone! I hope you feel more prepared for the H2O handoff the next time you run. I know I do! And now we’re all nice and warmed up for **worship!**”

WORSHIP

LEADER: “Before we sing and worship God together, **watch this.**”

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Video (Media Package): Live Loud Video from Get Reel

“I’m so glad that God has a good plan that He’s working out in our lives. The apostle Paul wrote about that in his letter to the believers in Rome. He wrote, *‘We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.’* (Romans 8:28, NIV) Let’s sing this song that reminds us that God is faithful and that we can be committed when we put our trust in Him!

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Video (Media Package): “You Are Faithful” Dance Moves Music Video

“This next song reminds me that ALL my strength comes from God. He’s right there with me as I run the race of life. With His help, I can choose to live His way every day. Let’s take time to thank God as we sing to Him now.

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Video: Jesus I will Trust you, Track 2

FANNY “That was so much fun! You can have a seat.” Hey James...

BIBLE STORY

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SLIDE: Theme Background

SETTING UP THE STORY

JAMES - LEADER: “Wherever Jesus went, crowds of people followed Him. One day, Jesus climbed a mountainside and sat down to teach His closest friends. Many others followed and listened in as well. “As Jesus spoke that day, He shared all kinds of wisdom about how God wants us to live. He finished with a word picture that helps us understand an important way we can train and grow stronger in our relationship with God.”

Let’s **watch** this story to get an idea about what Jesus said that day.

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Video (Media Package): Bible Story

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Video (Media Package): Theme

LEADER: “What a great story! Let **JAMES** show you what Jesus was talking about in another way.”

BUILDING ON ROCK

JAMES - LEADER: “Here’s what Jesus said.
Open the Bible to Matthew 7:24 (NirV) and read

“Everyone who **hears** my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock. **SHOW ROCK**

“Did you catch that?”

“Everyone who HEARS Jesus’ words . . . and puts them into PRACTICE . . . is wise. It’s like they’re building a house on a firm foundation made of solid rock.”

BUILDING ON SAND

LEADER: “Jesus also said this.

JAMES - *Open the Bible to Matthew 7:26 (NirV) and read.*

“But everyone who **hears** my words and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man. He builds his house on sand.

“Hmmm. Anyone who hears Jesus’ words but DOESN’T put them into practice is NOT wise. It’s like they’re building a house on sand.” **SHOW SAND BAG**

WHEN THE STORM COMES

FANNY - LEADER: “Which do YOU think is a better idea? Building on rock? Or building on sand? Let’s try this!

KIDS BUILDING WITH TOY BLOCKS ONE HOUSE ON A ROCK AND ONE HOUSE ON SAND (TWO TEAMS OF KIDS)

“After all, what do you think would happen if a storm came? What if the wind picked up?

“Hmmm. That doesn’t bode well for what comes next . . . when it starts to rain!

“When the rain REALLY comes down, the water rises.

“Hmmm. Let’s see. Which foundation would you rather build your house on?

“You see, when the storms come, the house built on the rock will stay standing.

JAMES: *Open the Bible to Matthew 7:25 (NirV) and read.*

“As Jesus said . . .

“The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. But it does not fall. It is built on the rock.

“But the house that’s built on sand will crumble and fall.

JAMES: *Open the Bible to Matthew 7:27 (NirV) and read.*

“As Jesus said . . .

“The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. And it falls with a loud crash.”

FANNY – TEACH SONG “WISE MAN BUILT HIS HOUSE ON A ROCK” WITH HAND MOTIONS

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

FANNY LEADER: “The crowd was amazed by Jesus that day, because He spoke with authority—like He was really in charge. Which, of course, He was . . . and is!

“When we **HEAR** Jesus’ words and put them into practice, we’ll be like the wise man in Jesus’ message. Jesus made it clear that anyone who puts His teaching into practice builds their life on a foundation that will always stay solid—no matter what storms may come.

“Here’s what we need to do.

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SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Practice hearing from God.

“We can hear from God when we take the time to read what’s in the Bible. **(Hold up Bible AND BIBLE APP ON PHONE)** That’s where we find the words Jesus said . . . as well as the history, stories, letters, and poetry that fit together to make up God’s Big Story.

“If we **[Bottom Line] practice hearing from God, SAY IT WITH ME** we’ll grow stronger in our relationship with Him. And then we’ll be able to see how we can love Him and love others every day.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us HEAR from Him.”

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SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAY

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You for the Bible. Thank You for giving us such an amazing way to hear from You! Your wisdom is available for us all the time . . . right here, in Your Word. Help us read and understand the Bible so we can hear from You. And please help us not just HEAR Your words but **put them into action**. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

SMALL GROUPS AT TABLES (APPLICATION & CRAFT)

CLOSER

LEADER: “In some ways, we have it easier than ever to hear from God. We can read the words Jesus said, whenever we want to! We can pick up an actual Bible (*hold up Bible*), pull up a Bible app (*hold up your phone*), or even look up the Bible on a laptop or computer.

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SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Practice hearing from God. Say that with me.”

LEADER and KIDS: **[Bottom Line]** “Practice hearing from God.”

LEADER: “When we read the Bible, it’s a way for us to hear what’s true. It helps us **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice**. It helps us know God better. It helps us grow in our relationship with Him. It reminds us what’s important and what we might need to change.

“If you don’t have a Bible, ask the person you came with today or talk to your Small Group Leader. We want everyone to be able to hear from God—including you!

“And remember, there are other ways we can discover God’s Word, too. We can do our GodTime cards, or we can read a devotional that helps us understand what’s in the Bible in a new or different way.

“Hearing from God is a really important part of our training plan. Let’s side-shuffle over to Small Group and see how we can put that into practice!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

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Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop with music

GETTING READY

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways (25 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God (10 minutes)

1. Opener/Closer

What You Need:

- Leader
- Runner's outfit
- Headphones
- Tarp(s) for the kids to stand on if your floors can't absorb water spills
- At least two, one-gallon jugs of water—i.e. at least one jug for each team (see "What You Do")
- Two empty buckets marked with a fill line (see "What You Do")
- Plastic cups (one for each kid)
- Bible
- Leader's phone

Music and Sound Effects:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- Fun music for the game

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Life App Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

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 or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen 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.
- If your floors aren't built to handle minor water spills, you can set out tarp(s) for the kids to stand on.
- Use a marker to draw a fill line inside both buckets, at the exact same depth. (Alternately, you could create a fill line with a piece of masking tape.) The fill line should be slightly less than what the water of the entire gallon jug would reach—i.e. to account for some minor spills along the way. To play it safe, you could have extra jugs available so the teams don't run out of water before they reach the fill line.

2. Worship

What You Need:

- Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- “You Are Faithful” from *This Love*
- “(I Want to Say) Thank You” from *This Love*

Optional Videos (available for purchase):

- *Live Loud* Video from *Get Reel* (available through the 252 Media Package)
- “You Are Faithful” Dance Moves Music Video (available through the 252 Media Package)

What You Do:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.
- Dance Moves Music Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- 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.

3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Leader
- Bible
- Table
- Two colanders (matching, if possible)
- Two buckets filled with water (from the Opener)
- Enough rocks to mostly fill one colander
- Bag of sand to mostly fill one colander
- Two large, empty plastic bins (big enough to contain all the sand and water that will drain through the colanders)

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange’s permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Set up the table on the stage, but out of the way for the Opener. Place the colanders on the table, and place the plastic bins on the floor so that you can drain the water from the colanders directly into them. Place the rocks and sand nearby.

Video Enhancements for Your Environment

Available for additional purchase at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

FEATURE PRESENTATION: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic video storytelling experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum.

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.

GET REEL: Videos and graphics to enhance your 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum environments.

Four videos each month will help kids learn basic faith skills. Use them in your FX, Large Group, or as a promotional piece to show in your adult services:

Discovery—Listen to God's words (HEAR)

Dear God—Dialogue with God (PRAY)

One Thing—Articulate your faith (TALK)

Live Loud—Worship with your life (LIVE)

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Graphic motion loops
- Themed audio transitions
- Life App and monthly widget promo videos (M.C. Haggis)
- Countdown videos (30 and 60 seconds)
- Music videos for original songs that highlight each Life App
- Retro Reel video to play on your fifth Sunday