

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: Right Now (Timothy) • *1 Timothy 4:12 (supporting: Acts 14–17; 1 Timothy 4:14; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 16:10)*

Today's Bottom Line: You can make a difference right now.

Monthly Memory Verse: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* Psalm 139:14 (NIRV)

Monthly Life App: Individuality—Discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Leader enters.

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

Leader enters.

Video (Media Package): Theme

OPENER

Kara: “Hello, friends! I’m so glad you’re here at Kidzone. We’ve been like kids in a candy store all month. We’ve played lots of fun games that have to do with, well, candy! All different KINDS of candy.

“You see, every single one of us is a custom creation. We were all made in God’s image, with our own individuality.

Video (Media Package): Theme Transition to Life App

“Individuality is discovering who you’re meant to be so you can make a difference.

Video (Media Package): Life App Transition to Theme

“Some of you like really sweet candy. Some of you like it super-sour. And some people even like the super-spicy, red-hot stuff. We all like different things because we’re all one-of-a-kind creations ourselves! God made us that way—and with His help, we can use our individuality to make a big difference in this world.

“Since we all like different things, I thought we could play a fun game to see which candy is the most popular. This game is like Four Corners but with a twist. For each round, I’ll assign a different type of candy to each corner. You pick the type of candy that you like the BEST of the four and run to that corner.

“Once everyone chooses a corner, I’ll draw one of those four types of candy from a bowl. If you’re in the corner matching the candy I chose, then I’m sorry, but you’re out! We’ll switch it up with four NEW types of candy for each round. We’ll keep going until we get down to one winner—or until I run out of candy! Let’s play!

Gather the kids in the middle of the room. Then post the printed pictures of the first four types of candy in the four corners of the room. Announce the types of candy out loud as you do this.

Once you’re done, give the kids some time to run to a corner (i.e. their favorite candy out of those four choices). Once everyone is in place, do a blind draw from the bowl, using the same four types of candy represented in the four corners.

“All right—the candy I drew is [type of candy]. So everyone in that corner, you’ve got to come to the middle and sit down. But everyone else, you’re still in the game!

Continue with the next round, using four new types of candy. (You can always re-use some of them if you’d like.) Play as many rounds as you can until you get down to one kid—or until you run out of candy options.

If allergies aren’t a concern, you can give a piece of candy to the winning kid (i.e. give her the one she chose that you DIDN’T draw in the final round). Or you can give a piece of candy to everyone—but make sure it’s fruit-flavored to avoid any allergy problems.

“It was super-interesting to see which types of candy were the most popular! I, for one, LOVE a good [your favorite candy]. I also love playing games with all of you, AND I love it when we sing and worship God together. So let’s do that now! Everyone, back on your feet!”

WORSHIP

Kerri: *(Hold up one of the fun size pieces of candy.)* “Sometimes we can feel a little bit like a fun size piece of candy. Like here’s little old me. *(Hold up the candy.)* What can I do to make a difference in the world? Well, I’m here to tell you that God created each of you do a great work. He created you in His image, so you can show what He’s like in your own special way. You can make a move for Him today! Let’s sing about it.

VIDEO: “Make a Move”

“That’s right—you CAN make a move for God. You can use your individuality to share His love with others. And don’t forget—if you ever get stuck or you’re not sure what to do, you can ALWAYS run to God. He’s always there to help you figure it out! Like David wrote in Psalm 55:22 *(NirV)*. ‘*Turn your worries over to the Lord. He will keep you going.*’ Let’s worship God and thank Him, because **[Basic Truth]** we can trust Him no matter what.

VIDEO: “I Run to You”

SLIDE: Theme Background

“That was so fun! I love singing with all of you. You can have a seat.”

BIBLE STORY

Kara and Mom!!!! :)

VIDEO: Bible Story

SLIDE: Theme Background

SETTING UP THE STORY

LEADER: “There are some people in the Bible that we talk about a lot like Moses, Paul, or Jesus’ disciples. *(Hold up Bible.)* One guy you might not have heard as much about is Timothy.

Hold up the fun size “TIMOTHY” bar. (The wrapper will be in the style of a Hershey® bar.)

“Timothy was actually a pretty young guy when we first come across his story in the Bible. That’s why he’s . . . you know . . . fun size.

Hold up the “TIMOTHY” bar again.

“Timothy was from a town called Lystra.

Reveal the cardboard box with the cityscape and set it on the table. Set the “TIMOTHY” bar against the box so the kids can still see it.

“His mother and grandmother were both Jewish, so they believed in the one true God. Timothy’s mom’s name was Eunice, and his grandmother was Lois.

Hold up the full-size “EUNICE” and “LOIS” bars. Then set them against the box representing the city.

“Timothy’s father was Greek, and he was likely not a believer.”

PAUL AND BARNABAS IN TOWN

LEADER: “One day, two men, Paul and Barnabas, arrived in Lystra.

Hold up the king-size “PAUL” and “BARNABAS” bars.

“These two guys were traveling around to different places and telling people about Jesus. Timothy might have even been in the crowd to hear them speak. Through God’s power, Paul even healed a man who had never been able to walk! The people were amazed. They actually tried to offer sacrifices to Paul and Barnabas, as if they were gods. But Paul said . . .

Hold up the “PAUL” bar in one hand while you read from the Bible (Acts 14:15, NIV) in your other hand.

“Friends, why are you doing this? We are only human, just like you. We are bringing you good news. . . Turn to the living God.

“Unfortunately, in the middle of the chaos, a group of people from nearby towns showed up, and they were upset about what Paul and Barnabas were doing. They convinced the crowd to attack Paul with stones. Yikes!

(as Paul) “OW! Ow. Ow.

Set the “PAUL” bar on the table, as though it’s “on its back.”

“The people dragged Paul outside the city and left him there . . . but the other believers came and gathered around him.

Get some of the candy from the Opener and set it around the “PAUL” candy bar.

(as the other believers) “Paul . . . Paul . . . are you okay, man?”

“Paul got back up, and he went right back into the city.

Hold up the “PAUL” bar. Then prop both the “PAUL” and “BARNABAS” bars against the box representing the city.

Hold up the “TIMOTHY” bar.

“Timothy must have heard about everything that had happened right there in his town. Maybe he started to think about what Paul had said—that God had sent His Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world.”

Set the “TIMOTHY” bar back against the city.

GOD CALLS TIMOTHY

LEADER: “Paul and Barnabas left for a town called Derbe.

Pick up the “PAUL” and “BARNABAS” bars and move them off to the side.

“But later, they returned to Lystra.

Move the “PAUL” and “BARNABAS” bars back to sit against the city.

Hold up the “TIMOTHY,” “LOIS,” and “EUNICE” bars.

“Timothy and his mother and grandmother had listened to Paul’s teachings . . . and at some point, all three of them became believers in Jesus!

(as the three of them) “YAY! We believe!

Set the “TIMOTHY,” “LOIS,” and “EUNICE” bars against the city. Pick up the “PAUL” and “BARNABAS” bars and move them off to the side.

“Paul continued on his journey, but he left behind a small, thriving new church in Lystra.

Hold up the “PAUL” bar.

“By the time Paul returned, several years later . . .

Hold up the “TIMOTHY” bar in your other hand.

“. . . Timothy had become such a faithful disciple of Jesus that everyone in the church spoke well of him.

Put the “PAUL” and “TIMOTHY” bars down, and hold up the pile of miscellaneous candy from the table.

(as the believers) “Timothy is awesome!

Pick up the “PAUL” and “TIMOTHY” bars again.

“Paul was looking for someone to help him encourage the new churches—someone who knew God’s Word and could speak to people from all different backgrounds. Timothy was a perfect fit! He was the one God had chosen for the job.

“The elders of the church prayed for Timothy. And God’s Spirit provided Timothy with everything he would need for the work ahead.”

DYNAMIC DUO

Carry the “PAUL” and “TIMOTHY” bars around the stage.

LEADER: “Over the next years, Timothy traveled all over with Paul. Together, they encouraged believers and helped to start new churches.

(as Paul and Timothy, talking to imaginary churches around the stage) “You’re doing great! Nice job. Keep following Jesus.

“While they spent time in Ephesus, Paul gave Timothy a special mission: go to the church in Corinth—all by himself.

Hold up the “TIMOTHY” bar by itself.

“The church there needed to see an example of what it meant to follow Jesus. Over the years, Timothy became Paul’s right-hand man.

Put the “PAUL” and “TIMOTHY” bars in the same hand, and hold them up emphatically.

“Eventually, Paul even put Timothy in charge of the church back in Ephesus.

Hold up just the “TIMOTHY” bar.

“Timothy might have felt like he was too young for such a big job. But Paul wrote letters to encourage him. Paul wrote . . .

Set down the “TIMOTHY” bar. Pick up the “PAUL” bar in one hand. Hold the Bible in your other hand, and read 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIRV).

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure.”

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

Set down the Bible. Hold up the “PAUL” and “TIMOTHY” bars together.

LEADER: “Even though Timothy was a very young man when he met Paul, he was able to play an important part in helping Paul build up the early church. Together, they were able to share the incredible news of Jesus.

Set the candy bars down.

“Did you know that God can work through you, too—even if you’re in kindergarten or 2nd grade or 5th grade? He can help you use your individuality to make a difference . . . and you don’t have to wait.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “You can make a difference right now.

“Let’s ask God to show us how we can do that.”

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAY

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You for reminding us through Timothy’s story that we’re never too young to make a difference in the world. Help each person in this room believe that they can make a difference right now. Show them how You made them in an amazing and wonderful way, with their very own individuality. Show them how they can use their gifts to make a difference for You. I pray that You would show me and all of us adults how we can do that, too. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

CLOSER

LEADER: “Listen again to what Paul wrote to Timothy.

Open the Bible to 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIRV) and read.

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure.”

“Paul knew that Timothy could make a big difference, even though he was young. And that’s true for you, too.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “You can make a difference right now. Say that with me.”

LEADER and KIDS: **[Bottom Line]** “You can make a difference right now.”

LEADER: “You don’t have to wait until you’re older to show others what God is like. You can be an example for other people right now, with the way you choose to live your life. When a friend feels down, you can help them find their joy again. When you see two people having an argument, you can help them figure out how to make peace. You can live with honesty and integrity, even when it’s not easy.

“Above all, you can use your individuality and the way God made you to do big things—right here and now. Remember, by spreading God’s love to the people around you, you can actually point others to Jesus. God can work through you, at ANY age.

“Before we go to Small Group, let’s say our memory verse for this month, Psalm 139:14.”

SLIDE: Memory Verse

LEADER and KIDS: “How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.” (Psalm 139:14, NIRV)

LEADER: “God has made you amazing and wonderful, and you can make a difference right now! Let’s head to Small Group and talk more about what that could look like.”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

SLIDE: Theme 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
- Several different pieces of fun size candy (ideally about 20 pieces total, so you can play five rounds of the game; see "What You Do")
- Printed pictures or logos of the candy you chose (see "What You Do")
- Tape to attach the pictures to the wall
- Bowl
- Candy for the winner (or the whole room; optional; should be fruit-flavored to avoid allergy concerns)

Music and Sound Effects:

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

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Life App Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Memory Verse 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.
- Gather up as many different fun size pieces of candy as you can find. Ideally 20 pieces of candy so that you can play five different rounds of the game, each with four types of candy to choose from. Keep in mind that you could repeat some types of candy over the course of the game; the idea is for the kids to choose the candy they like best out of each specific group of four options.
- Find pictures or logos of the different candy that you gathered. Print a picture or logo for each one on a separate piece of letter-size paper.

- As you plan the groupings of candy (four per round), try to group together the candy packages that have similar shapes. That way your “blind draw” will be more up to chance.
- Allergy note: If you have peanut allergies in your group, choose peanut-free candy. If you have extreme airborne allergies, you could just draw pieces of paper from a bowl that have the pictures or logos of the various pieces of candy.

2. Worship

What You Need:

- Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- “Make a Move” from *Make a Move*
- “I Run to You” from *Make a Move*

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
- Upside-down box that can serve as a city backdrop (representing Lystra), with a skyline drawn in thick marker
- Several Hershey bars®:
 - One fun size (for Timothy)
 - Two regular size (for Eunice and Lois)
 - Two king size (for Paul and Barnabas)
- Candy Bar Name Wrappers (printed and cut out from the LG Assets PDF) attached in place of the regular wrapper around of the chocolate bars, for each person indicated above
- Several fun size pieces of candy from the Opener
- Small prop box

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Candy Bar Name Wrappers (printable)

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.
- Print and cut out the candy bar wrappers, and use them to re-cover the different Hershey® bars.

- Hand draw a simple city skyline on a box (with the box upside down). This will represent the town of Lystra, while giving you a place to set the candy bars down so that the kids can still see them (i.e. leaning up against the box).
- Set the table on the stage but out of the way for the Opener/Worship. Set the box under the table so you can reveal it during the story. Place the candy bars in a small prop box to keep near the table.

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