

Today's Suggested Schedule—May 2022, Week 4

Note: This version of the curriculum is designed especially for churches with fewer leaders and kids. You may want to use it if you have just one or two leaders and if you combine all your kids in both Large and Small Group time.

Today's Bible Story: Glory Days (Heroes of the Faith) • *Hebrews 11*

Today's Bottom Line: Trusting God can help you get back up.

Monthly Memory Verse: *But those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.*
Isaiah 40:31 (NIRV)

Monthly Life App: Resilience—Getting back up when something gets you down

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

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

Early Arriver

Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP (35 minutes)

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

Welcome/Opener

Worship ("I Run to You" from *Make a Move* and "Your Way" from *Make a Move*)

Bible Story

Bottom Line

Prayer

Closer

SMALL GROUP (25 minutes)

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Bounce Back Heroes

Application Activity: Bounce Back-O-Meter

Memory Verse Activity: Heroes Tag

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

Devotionals for Kids

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.

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Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

Leader enters.

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

Video (Media Package): Theme

Debby - Bounce Back Heroes

Fanny - OPENER (Blue tarp & “boardwalk”)

LEADER: “Hello, my resilient friends! I'm so glad we're all here at [your environment's name] together. This month, we're finding out what resilience is all about. It's about 'bouncing back' and . . .

Video (Media Package): Theme Transition to Life App

“getting back up when something gets you down.

Video (Media Package): Life App Transition to Theme

“You see, all of us will have to face tough challenges in life. But with God's help, we can bounce back and push through. We can make it through even the most difficult situations when we remember that God loves us AND God is always with us!

“Now, we've been testing our resilience with some fun challenges this month, and today is no different.

Walk to the tarp with the board on top.

“As you can see, we have an (*air quotes*) ‘ocean’ over here, and we need to find a way to cross it.

“Thankfully, we have a bridge (*reference the board*). But it’ll take some balance to cross. And it’ll be a little tricky, because you’ll be blindfolded as you go! But don’t worry. If you fall off, all you have to do is ‘bounce back’ and get back up on the board.

If you’ve been doing a team competition all month, you can continue that by seeing which team can get all of its team members across the bridge first. If it’s a group competition, you can set a timer for all of the kids to try to beat.

“Everyone, line up. Let’s see how quickly you [and your teammates] can make it across the bridge. Just make sure the person in front of you is completely done before you start walking. Remember, if you fall off, get back up on the bridge, right where you fell off, and keep going! Just keep moving, because there might be sharks in these waters!

Once everyone is lined up, hand out the blindfolds. Have an adult volunteer nearby who can help kids get blindfolded quickly, just before it’s their turn to hop on the beam. (Or you could just have the kids close their eyes—i.e., the honor system.)

“Ready, set, go!

AUDIO: Fun music

If you’re playing the game as a race against the clock, set a timer on your phone.

Lead the kids in cheering each other on, especially as kids fall off and have to get back up again. If the game goes quickly, consider a round two with different obstacles, such as spraying them with water or gently throwing beach balls at them (in either case, they shouldn’t be blindfolded).

Collect the blindfolds as you dismiss the kids to their seats.

“You all rock! It’s not easy to get back up when you’ve fallen down. But when you do, you find that you can still finish strong. Let’s dance and sing and celebrate our God who helps us when we fall!”

WORSHIP - Fanny & Debby

LEADER: “It’s easier to get back up again when you remember that God is with you—ready to help you bounce back! As David wrote in Psalm 54:4 (NIV), ‘I know that God helps me. The Lord is the one who keeps me going.’ Let’s sing out and worship our God who helps us keep going!

AUDIO: “I Run to You” / track 6 from Make a Move

SLIDE: Theme Background

“Yes! God is always there for us, always ready to help us. Wherever God leads, we can choose to follow. That’s what this next song is about. Let’s sing it together!

AUDIO: “Your Way” / track 3 from Make a Move

SLIDE: Theme Background

“God’s way IS the best way! And I know **[Basic Truth] I can trust God no matter what.** In our Bible story, we’ll find out about a lot of other people who believed that, too. So you can have a seat.”

Video: Bible Story

BIBLE STORY - Fanny (with printed pictures & clothes line & clothes pins)

SLIDE: Theme Background

SETTING UP THE STORY

Before you begin, take a moment to hang up the three stacks of papers on the clothesline—with the names (Abraham, Joseph, Moses) at the front of each stack so they’re visible to the kids. These should be spaced evenly apart, with Abraham on the far left, Joseph in the middle, and Moses on the far right. That way you’ll have space to add the other illustrations to the clothesline, in order.

LEADER: “If we’re honest, some days just seem a lot harder than others. You might feel like staying in bed and tugging the covers over your head. You don’t want to have to face what’s out there, the things you have to do, or the things that seem to be going wrong.

“The person who wrote the book of Hebrews knew all about that feeling. This person loved God deeply. They understood that the more we discover about what God has done in the past, the more we can trust God to act right NOW. This person was writing after Jesus had died and come back to life. They were connecting how God’s story from the past led up to Jesus.”

WHAT IS FAITH?

LEADER: “Listen to these words from Hebrews, chapter 11.

Open the Bible to Hebrews 11:1-2 (NirV) and read.

“Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. That is what the people of long ago were praised for.

“You see, faith isn’t just hoping for the best when you get out of bed. It’s being sure of the things you can’t see—like the fact that God loves you and is always with you. It means that you choose to **[Basic Truth] trust God, no matter what.** You believe that God has a bigger plan, even if you can’t always see it.

(Hold up Bible) “As we read this chapter of Hebrews, we can look back at God’s work through history. We can see how God worked in the lives of many different people who faced difficult times, yet still had great faith. These men and women got back up, even when things might have seemed impossible. We can look at THEIR stories and remember that God can work in the hard parts of OUR stories, too.”

ABRAHAM

LEADER: “Just think about Abraham!

*Pull down the stack of papers labeled “Abraham.”
Set the stack down on the stool and re-hang the
“Abraham” page on the line. (Make sure it’s all the
way to the left so you have room to add the other
Abraham illustrations.)*

“God called Abraham to leave his comfortable life and go somewhere new. As we read in the book of Genesis, God told Abraham . . .

Open the Bible to Genesis 12:1-2 (NirV) and read.

“Go from your country, your people and your father’s family. Go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. And I will bless you. I will make your name great. You will be a blessing to others.

*Hold up the Abraham illustration, then hang it on
the clothesline to the right of the “Abraham” sign.*

“Abraham trusted God, even though he didn’t know what would happen next. Check out how the writer of Hebrews put it.

Open the Bible to Hebrews 11:8-9 and read.

“Abraham had faith. So he obeyed God. God called him to go to a place he would later receive as his own. So he went. He did it even though he didn’t know where he was going. Because of his faith he made his home in the land God had promised him.

“Abraham and his wife, Sarah, didn’t have any children at that point. And yet, God promised Abraham that he would have enough kids and grandkids to fill an entire country! Abraham would have more descendants than there were stars in the sky!

Hold up the Abraham/night sky illustration, then hang it on the clothesline to the right of the Abraham illustration.

“Abraham took a journey of faith. And that led to God’s gift of a son: Isaac!

Hold up the illustration of baby Isaac, then hang it on the clothesline to the right of the Abraham/night sky illustration.

“In fact, the entire story of God’s people starts with Abraham’s simple act of faith.”

JOSEPH AND MOSES

LEADER: “Now, let’s take a look at Abraham’s great-grandson: Joseph.

Pull down the stack of papers labeled “Joseph.” Set the stack down on the stool and re-hang the “Joseph” page on the line to the right of baby Isaac.

“Joseph was his father’s favorite, and he had a colorful coat to prove it.

Hold up the illustration of Joseph wearing the coat. Then hang it on the clothesline to the right of the “Joseph” sign.

“Joseph shared his dreams with his older brothers—dreams that showed his brothers would one day bow down to him. Joseph’s brothers were so angry that they sold him into slavery!

“Joseph ended up far away in Egypt, and he went through many ups and downs in his life. He was even thrown in prison for something he didn’t do.

Hold up the illustration of Joseph in prison, then hang it on the clothesline to the right of the Joseph coat illustration.

“But through all the challenges he faced, Joseph made the choice to trust God.

Hold up the illustration of smiling Joseph then hang it on the clothesline to the right of Joseph in prison.

“In the end, Joseph was made second-in-command to the Egyptian pharaoh. Because of this, Joseph was able to store up food and save his family from starvation—and the rest of God’s people as well.

“In the book of Hebrews, we read this about Joseph.

Open the Bible to Hebrews 11:22a and read.

“Joseph had faith. So he spoke to the people of Israel about how they would leave Egypt someday.

“You see, Joseph believed that one day, God would lead the Israelites out of Egypt and into a land God had prepared for them.

“Hundreds of years later, God’s people had grown into a great nation. But they were forced to work as slaves. So God called a man named Moses.

Pull down the stack of papers labeled “Moses.” Set the stack on the stool and re-hang the “Moses” page on the line to the right of smiling Joseph.

“Moses, an Israelite, had been raised as the pharaoh’s grandson. But when he grew up, he ran away from Egypt. Moses lived a quiet life—until God called him from a burning bush.

Hold up the illustration of Moses and the burning bush, then hang it on the clothesline to the right of the “Moses” sign.

“Moses was an old man by this time. But God called him to face down the pharaoh of Egypt—who was like the king—and demand that he release God’s people from slavery. Moses chose to trust God. Eventually, he led the Israelites out of Egypt and through the waters of the Red Sea, even as the pharaoh chased them.

Hold up the illustration of Moses and the parted Red Sea, then hang it on the clothesline to the right of Moses and the burning bush.

“As we read in the book of Hebrews . . .

Open the Bible to Hebrews 11:27 (NIRV) and read.

Because of his faith, Moses left Egypt. It wasn’t because he was afraid of the king’s anger. He didn’t let anything stop him. That’s because he saw the God who can’t be seen.

“For 40 years, Moses led the Israelites through the desert, facing attacks from outside and complaints from the people. At long last, Moses himself was able to glimpse the land that God had promised Abraham so long before.”

Hold up the illustration of Moses looking into the Promised Land, then hang it on the clothesline to the right of the Red Sea.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY - DEBBY

LEADER: “Abraham, Joseph, and Moses are just a few of the people we read about in Hebrews—like Noah, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, and many more. These people did amazing things through faith!

“There’s something important that we need to remember about faith, though. Faith in God doesn’t mean that everything will go perfectly. It doesn’t mean that things will go exactly the way we expect. I mean, look at what these three people went through. *(Reference the illustrations on the clothesline.)* They faced some real ups and downs! But having faith in God means we can keep going, because God knows the end of the story. God promises to make everything right—for these individuals in Hebrews and also for us.

“We have an incredible opportunity. When we choose to trust God, we continue the story of these amazing men and women mentioned in the book of Hebrews. *(Hold up Bible.)* Like them, we can face tough challenges with faith. We can live each day with the resilience that comes from our relationship with God.

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Trusting God can help you get back up.

“Each day, let’s choose to live with faith. In fact, let’s pray right now and ask God to help us do that.”

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAY - Fanny

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You for showing us that we can trust You. We can see that so clearly as we look at the lives of these ‘heroes of faith’ who have gone before us. Sometimes, things don’t go right in our lives—at all. But we know that in those times, we can still trust You. We know that You’ll help us get back up! This week, no matter what challenges each of us might face, help us trust You and get back up again. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

CLOSER - Fanny

Walk to the wooden board over the tarp from the Opener. Start to walk on the board, using your arms to steady yourself.

LEADER: “On a balance beam, you can keep your balance because you can see where you’re going—well, as long as you aren’t blindfolded [as long as your eyes aren’t closed].

Stop walking.

“In real life though, you don’t always know what’s going to happen next. Your path might take a sudden turn. Something might take you by surprise and really knock you down.

Fall off the board.

“Those are the times when you need to find resilience. You can do that if you choose to put your trust in God—like people have been doing all throughout God’s story.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Trusting God can help you get back up.

Get back up on the board.

“Say that with me.”

LEADER and KIDS: **[Bottom Line]** “Trusting God can help you get back up.”

LEADER: “Think about all the people who came before—like the people mentioned in the book of Hebrews. Think about how THEY trusted God, even when they couldn’t see the full story. Think about how they kept going.

“You see, we can be resilient if we put our faith in God, if we remember how much God loves us, and if we live like God is really WITH us. Remember, God knows what you’ve been through. God knows what you’re going through now, and even what you WILL go through. When you put your trust in God, it means you believe that God is in control. And knowing THAT can give you the strength to keep going.

“We’ll get to talk some more about that in Small Group, so let’s head that way now!”

Keep walking on the board as you dismiss kids to their small groups.

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

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

Adult helper to assist with blindfolds

Blue tarp

Long piece of lumber, either 2"x4" or 4"x4"

Blindfolds or handkerchiefs (one for each kid) or you can just have the kids close their eyes

Water spray bottle and/or beach balls (for round two—optional)

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.

Optional: Download a countdown video from a royalty-free site. Load it into your presentation software and have it ready to play during the Opener. You could also keep time on a smartphone or watch. *Note: Some presentation software such as ProPresenter® have a countdown clock built into the program that you can overlay on a still image.*

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.

Spread out the tarp on the ground and put the piece of lumber on top. Have the blindfolds nearby.

NOTE: You'll be making a large obstacle course next week, using all of these supplies again.

2. Worship

What You Need:

Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

"I Run to You" from *Make a Move*

"Your Way" 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

Clothesline

Bible Story Illustrations printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF

12 clothespins

Stool or side table

Large Group Visuals:

Theme Background Slide

Bottom Line Slide

Bible Story Illustrations (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 the "Bible Story Illustrations" on cardstock and put them in three stacks (Abraham, Joseph and Moses), with the pages in the order that you'll need them during the story. Place these stacks on the stool or side table on the stage.

Hang the clothesline somewhere that will be visible to the kids during the Bible story but will be out of the way for the Opener.

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

Bounce Back: Get back up again
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