

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2022, Week 2

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: I'll Take Care of You (Creation) • *Genesis 1–2*

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Monthly Virtue: Love—Showing others how much they matter to you

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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 ("Love Like You" from *Make a Move* and "Love One Another" from *Make a Move*)

Bible Story

Bottom Line

Prayer

Closer

SMALL GROUP (25 minutes)

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Fingerprints and Flowers

Application Activity: Cupcake Walk

Memory Verse Activity: Verse Tag

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

Devotionals for Kids

Parent Cue App

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, holding the box with the game cards.

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

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

OPENER

LEADER: “Helloooooo, my fellow EPIC adventurers! I’m glad to see all of you here today.

Set the box down at your feet.

“This month is all about epic stories, because we’re talking about the MOST epic of stories: God’s story! (*Hold up Bible.*) It’s a love story for the ages. God has been showing love since the very beginning. And now WE can choose to share God’s love with others!

“What is love, exactly?

Video (Media Package): Theme Transition to Virtue

“Love is showing others how much they matter to you.

Video (Media Package): Virtue Transition to Theme

“God made us, and God loves us. God also made us to love and take care of each other. I’ve got a fun way for us to practice that with our game today.

(*Reference the box.*) “Inside this box, I’ve got some pages that we need to put together for our Bible story. On each page, there’s a picture. In a minute, I’ll hand out a page to each of you, and you can pick a partner. You won’t look at the picture, but you’ll hold it out in front of you (*stretch out your arms to demonstrate*) so that your partner can see it. Then you and your partner will take turns asking each other ‘yes’ or ‘no’ questions to try to figure out what your picture is. That means you can only ask the question if the answer can be yes or no.

“So what questions should you ask? Well, it could be anything! You could ask, ‘Do I have fur? Am I a reptile? Am I part of Earth? Am I a plant? Am I human?’

“At any time, if you think you know what’s printed on your page, you can ask the question, ‘Am I a . . .’ and fill in the blank with your guess. Take turns asking questions with your partner, and as soon as you both guess what’s on your page, you can have a seat.

Note: If you’d like to play multiple rounds, then give the kids instructions on how to get their next set of pages.

We’ve provided several pages of fish, birds, and other animals as a buffer; you don’t have to use them all. Use only as many as you need for the kids you have in the room. But make sure you DO use all the other pages, because you’ll need them for the story (light, sky, mountain, ocean, tree, flower, vegetable plant, sun, moon, stars, Adam, Eve, people).

“Once time is up or everyone has guessed their pages correctly, the game is over. Any questions?

Answer any questions, then divide everyone into partners. (If there’s an odd number of kids, you can play yourself.) Hand out the pages and make sure everyone is holding them out correctly.

“On your mark, get set, go!

Walk around the room and make sure kids aren’t looking at their own pictures and are only asking yes/no questions. If younger kids get stumped and can’t think of questions, you can give them prompts.

When all of the pages have been guessed, collect them and hand them off to your volunteer(s) who will re-order them and get them ready (i.e. thread the string through them) for the Bible story.

“You all did great with that! It’s trickier than you’d think. But when we take care of each other and help each other, we can do hard things! We’ll see what happens with all those pages in a minute. But first, everyone back on your feet. It’s time for us to worship God together!”

WORSHIP

LEADER: “God gave us the greatest example of what love is all about. God loved us enough to send Jesus to be our Savior!

“As we read in our memory verse, First John 4:10 . . .

SLIDE: 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. (NlrV)

“We can work together to show God’s love to the world. Let’s start by singing this song out loud together!

Video: “Love Like You” / track 9 from Make a Move

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

“God created us to show love to each other. When we do that, we show people how much God loves them, too! How cool is that? Let’s sing about that as we continue to worship God.

Video: “Love One Another” / track 7 from Make a Move

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

“Yes, God can help us live a life of love, every day! You can have a seat now for our story.”

BIBLE STORY

As the Leader is beginning to tell the story, the volunteer(s) should hang the string with the pages hung in order, in the pre-determined place. The pages should be bunched on the left side of the string. Volunteer(s) exit.

Leader: As you reference each page in the story, you'll turn it so the kids can see it, then slide it down the string as far to the right as it can go (from the kids' point of view). By the time the story is finished, the entire string will be full of all the pages. You'll eventually tie the string to make the pages into a "book."

SETTING UP THE STORY

LEADER: "Today, we're starting at the beginning of God's story—the VERY beginning—where there was nothing except God. Then God began to create the world. God created everything that we can see . . . out of LOVE.

(Reference the box.) "I've got some pictures here that we can use to imagine how God made the world. Some of these pages might look familiar to you!"

GOD CREATES THE WORLD

LEADER: First . . .

Open the Bible to Genesis 1:3 (NIRV) and read.

"God said, 'Let there be light.' And there was light.

Turn the light page so the kids can see it. Then slide it down the string so it's all the way to the far right.

"God separated the light from the darkness. And God was just getting started!

"God separated the waters and made the sky.

Turn the sky page so the kids can see it, then slide it down the string.

"Then God said . . .

Open the Bible to Genesis 1:9 (NIRV) and read.

"Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place. Let dry ground appear.

"God called the dry ground 'land,' and the water 'seas.'

Turn the mountain and ocean pages so the kids can see

them, then slide them down the string.

“Next, God said . . .

Open the Bible to Genesis 1:11 (NIRV) and read.

“Let the land produce plants. Let them produce their own seeds. And let there be trees on the land that grow fruit with seeds in it. Let each kind of plant or tree have its own kind of seeds.

Turn the tree, flower, and vegetable plant pages so the kids can see them, then slide them down the string.

“Just like that, everything green covered the earth.

Open the Bible to Genesis 1:14 (NIRV) and read.

“God said, ‘Let there be lights in the huge space of the sky. Let them separate the day from the night.’ (NIRV)

“God created the sun, moon, and stars.

Turn the sun, moon, and stars pages so the kids can see them, then slide them down the string.

“Then God said . . .

Open the Bible to Genesis 1:20 (NIRV) and read.

“Let the seas be filled with living things. Let birds fly above the earth across the huge space of the sky.

Turn the various fish and bird pages so the kids can see them, then slide them down the string.

“God’s creation was very, very good! But God wasn’t finished yet.

Open the Bible to Genesis 1:24 (NIRV) and read.

“God said, ‘Let the land produce every kind of living creature. Let there be livestock, and creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals.”

Turn the various animal pages so the kids can see them, then slide them down the string.

GOD CREATES ADAM

LEADER: “God had created a beautiful world, full of all kinds of amazing creatures. But of course, God still wasn’t done.

Open the Bible to Genesis 1:26 (NIRV) and read.

“Then God said, ‘Let us make human beings so that they are like us. Let them rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the livestock and all the wild animals. And let them rule

over all the creatures that move along the ground.'

"So God got down in the dust of the earth and formed a man: Adam.

Turn the Adam page so the kids can see it, then slide it down the string.

"God placed Adam in a beautiful garden and told Adam to take care of the land. God also brought all the animals to Adam so he could name them." *(Reference the animal pages on the string.)*

GOD CREATES EVE

LEADER: "Adam had an amazing world to enjoy and take care of, full of plants and animals. But he had no one to share it with—no other human to care for and who could care for him.

"So God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. While Adam was asleep, God created a woman: Eve.

Turn the Eve page so the kids can see it, then slide it down the string.

"Adam and Eve were an extra-special part of God's creation, because people are created in the image of God! God had a special assignment for Adam and Eve as well.

Open the Bible to Genesis 1:28-29 (NirV) and read.

"God blessed them. He said to them, 'Have children so that there will be many of you. Fill the earth and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Rule over every living creature that moves along the ground.' Then God said, 'I am giving you every plant on the face of the whole earth that produces its own seeds. I am giving you every tree that has fruit with seeds in it. All of them will be given to you for food.'"

"At last, God's creation was complete. God saw that it was VERY good. And finally, God rested."

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

Stand back and reference all the pages on the string.

LEADER: "The world God made is truly incredible! God created everything out of LOVE—from light and dark . . . to the sun, moon, and stars . . . to the land and the sea . . . plants and animals . . . and finally, people!

"God made all of this—and God also made you and me.

Turn the people page so the kids can see it. (This will be on the far left of the string.)

"We get to be part of God's Big Story! God made us out of love. And God made us to SHARE love with the world.

Pick up the ends of the string and pull them together (making sure not to let the pages fall off). Tie the ends of the string together so that the pages form a "book."

“God’s story is SO epic that it even includes us today!

Thumb through the pages of the “book,” ending on the last page (people).

“We were made in God’s image. We were made to share God’s love with each other and all of creation.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “God made us to take care of each other.

“We need people to take care of us. And we need people that we can take care of, too. We can show love by taking care of each other and showing people that they matter to us.

Video (Media Package): Bible Story

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

“Let’s pray and thank God for letting us be a part of the most epic love story ever told!”

PRAY

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You for the story of creation that shows us just how much You love us and how You made us to take care of each other. Help us remember that when we show love to each other, we’re doing what we were created to do. Help us find ways this week to take care of the people around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

CLOSER

LEADER: *(Hold up the “book” from the story.)* “This storybook we helped build today shows us something really important about creation, and about us as people. God made everything we know and everything we can see, because God LOVES us.

SLIDE: *God's Big Story Timeline*

SLIDE: *Week 2 Timeline Image*

If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's timeline image on the clothesline.

“God gave PEOPLE the job of taking care of the world—and taking care of each other. That was true for Adam and Eve, and it's true for us today.

SLIDE: *Bottom Line*

[Bottom Line] “God made us to take care of each other. Say that with me.”

LEADER and KIDS: **[Bottom Line]** “God made us to take care of each other.”

LEADER: “We're just getting started with God's Big Story. It's amazing to read how God created the world.

Set down the “book” and pick up the Bible.

“And really, the WHOLE Bible tells a huge, EPIC story of God's love for people. I mean, God loved us enough to send Jesus to be our Savior. And Jesus lived a life of love! Jesus said that the most important thing we can do is love God and love each other.

“We can do that by TAKING CARE of each other. We can do that by **[Basic Truth]** **treating others the way we want to be treated.** We can spend time with people when they're feeling sad. We can share what we have. We can let others go first. We can encourage people with our words. There are so many ways we can take care of each other and show love, just like God made us to do!

(Hold up the Bible.) “God's story truly is epic, and it's really, really cool that we get to be a part of it! Let's head over to Small Group and talk about all the ways we can take care of each other and be a part of God's epic love story.”

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
- Student or adult volunteer(s) who can organize the pages after the game
- Bible
- "Creation Pages" printed on cardstock (for the Bible story, but also doubling as game cards; see "What You Do")
- Hole punch
- Small prop box
- Week 2 Timeline Image, printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF
- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room

Music and Sound Effects:

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

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- "Creation Pages" (printable)
- God's Big Story Timeline Slide
- Week 2 Timeline Image Slide
- Week 2 Timeline Image (printable)

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

- Theme Loop
- Countdown (30- or 60-second version)
- Theme
- Theme Transition to Virtue
- Virtue 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.
- Print the "Creation Pages" on cardstock. You'll use these for the game and also for the Bible story. If you anticipate having more kids than you have pages, you can print multiple sets of the fish, birds, and animals. (Just be sure that partners in the game don't get the same page.)

- You don't need to use all of the fish, bird, and animal pages. But make sure that you DO use all the other pages (light, sky, mountain, ocean, tree, flower, vegetable plant, sun, moon, stars, Adam, Eve, people), because you'll need them for the story.
- If you have fewer kids than you'd need to be able to use all the pages, you can have the kids play multiple rounds.
- Punch holes in the upper left corner of all pages. Place the printed pages in the prop box.
- Recruit volunteer(s) who can put the pages in order after the game. The order of the pages should be: light, sky, mountain, ocean, tree, flower, vegetable plant, sun, moon, stars, birds, fish, animals, Adam, Eve, people. Then the volunteer(s) should thread the string/yarn through the holes so the pages are on the string/yarn in the correct order. They will then hang the pages on stage (on the string/yarn) during the first part of the Bible story.
- See the August week 1 Large Group script for details about setting up a Bible-through-the-year timeline in your room.

2. Worship

What You Need:

- Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Love Like You" from *Make a Move*
- "Love One Another" from *Make a Move*

Large Group Visuals:

- Memory Verse Slide

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
- Student or adult volunteer(s), to organize the pages and set up the string
- Bible
- "Creation Pages" printed on cardstock (see "What You Do" above for the Opener)
- String/yarn
- Scissors

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- "Creation Pages" (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.

- Figure out where you'll hang the pages during the Bible story and cut string/yarn that will be long enough. (It's fine if the pages overlap on the string, as long as the Leader makes sure to turn them so the kids can see them before sliding them down the string.)
- See above for instructions for the volunteer(s) who are helping with the pages. They'll need to put the pages in order during Worship, then hang the pages on stage (on the string/yarn) during the first part of the Bible story.

Video Enhancements for Your Environment

Available for additional purchase at [Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://www.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
- Virtue and monthly widget promo videos (M.C. Haggis)
- Countdown videos (30 and 60 seconds)
- Music videos for original songs that highlight each Virtue
- Retro Reel video to play on your fifth Sunday