

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2022, Week 3

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: No Matter What (The Fall) • Genesis 3 (Genesis 2:15-17; The Gospels)

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Monthly 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)

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

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 "How Amazing" from *Everything to Me*)

Bible Story

Bottom Line

Prayer

Closer

SMALL GROUP (25 minutes)

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Once Upon a Time

Application Activity: Books and Bounces

Memory Verse Activity: Back Together Again

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, holding the superhero poster turned around backward.

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

Video (Media Package): Theme

OPENER - Fanny & James

LEADER: “Hey, everyone! Welcome back to an EPIC month here at [your environment's name].

“Why is this month so epic? Because this month is all about the most EPIC and true of all stories—God's story—which we can find here in the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) It's a love story for the ages!

“Because we've experienced God's love for ourselves, we can choose to show God's love to other people. Remember . . .

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's story is the most epic love story of all because God showed us how much WE matter—and it's a WHOLE lot! God sent Jesus to rescue us. That's real love, right there!

“We love rescue stories, don't we? I think that's why we love comic books and superheroes. We love the idea that there's someone out there who's stronger and braver than we are—who can take care of us and protect us!

"I actually have a poster of three amazing superheroes.

Reveal the superhero poster.

"On the count of three, everyone shout out which of these superheroes you think is the best: Spider-Man, the Hulk, or Batman. One . . . two . . . three! *(Pause for response.)*

"Nice. It sounds like everyone has their own opinion, and you feel VERY strongly about it. But for today's game—which is like a version of Rock, Paper, Scissors—you'll use this key here to determine who is better. *(Point to the poster.)* As you can see, the Hulk beats Spider-Man, Batman beats the Hulk, and Spider-Man beats Batman. I can't explain it. That's just the way it is—for today, anyway.

"You'll partner up with someone, and when I say 'Go,' you'll strike a pose. For Spider-Man, you'll throw a web. *(Demonstrate a web-slinging hand motion.)* For the Hulk, you'll puff yourself up like this. *(Demonstrate a lower arm flex, with both arms.)* And for Batman, you'll do his iconic pose. *(Demonstrate the stoic stance.)*

"Then, depending on what your partner does, that will determine who wins. If you can't remember who beats who, I'll be walking around with the poster to remind you.

"We'll play three times the first round, and the person who wins the most of those three turns will be the winner to move on to the next round. We'll keep playing until we have the ultimate superhero. Any questions?

You may want to demonstrate the moves one more time before starting the game.

"Okay, everyone stand with your back to your partner. When I say 'One, two, three, GO,' on the word 'GO,' turn around and strike a pose!

AUDIO: Fun superhero music (suggestion: "The Glory Days" by Michael Giacchino)

Walk around with the poster, reminding kids which superhero wins in each standoff. Count to three and let them pose, three times total. Then have the kid who won at least two turns remain standing, while the other kid sits down.

Then have the kids find a new partner who's still standing, and repeat the process. Continue this until you get down to one kid left standing. Whatever superhero they chose to win the game is the ultimate champion!

“EPIC! It looks like [winning superhero’s name] and [winning kid] are our winners! Way to go! I know [your environment’s name] is safer with you two lurking around. Everyone, back on your feet, because now it’s time to celebrate our God who’s more powerful than ANY hero.”

WORSHIP - James

LEADER: “Our God is there for us no matter what. *[Basic Truth]* **We can TRUST God no matter what.** God is all-knowing and all-powerful! Not only that, we know that God always loves us. In those times when we feel stuck or we don’t know what to do, we can ALWAYS run to God for help. Let’s sing this song and celebrate, because God is all we need!

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

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

“Before we sing our next song, let’s watch this.

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

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

“It’s amazing that the God of the universe—who made everything, sees everything, and knows everything—loves each one of us SO much! Paul wrote in Romans 8:39 *(NirV)*: *Not even the highest places or the lowest, or anything else in all creation can separate us. Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love. That’s because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.* Let’s sing and thank God for loving us!

Video (Media Package): “How Amazing” Dance Moves Music Video

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

“God’s love IS amazing! We are so deeply loved by God no matter what. You can have a seat for our story.”

BIBLE STORY - Fanny

SETTING UP THE STORY

LEADER: “Last week, we talked about how God created the world out of a deep, deep love. God created everything we see . . . and God filled the world with life.

Pull out the mounted nature poster and set it on the table, leaning up against the prop box. As you continue, set the plants/succulents around the table, too, as well as any stuffed animals or figurines you have. Place one large potted plant in the middle of the table.

“The earth overflowed with sound and color . . . mountains and oceans . . . trees and plants . . . fish, birds, and animals. But in all of the world, there was nothing quite like God—nothing that could think and feel and love like God.

“So God made human beings to rule over creation. God created a man and a woman—the very first people—made in God’s very own image.

Pull the two action figures out of the box.

“God placed them in a beautiful garden.”

Place the action figures in front of the nature poster.

A VERY IMPORTANT RULE

LEADER: “God gave Adam and Eve the world to care for, explore, and enjoy. They had only a single rule. Check it out.

Open the Bible to Genesis 2:16-17 (NirV) and read.

“The Lord God gave the man a command. He said, ‘You may eat fruit from any tree in the garden. But you must not eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you will certainly die.’

“One day, a serpent—a snake—appeared.

Pull the snake out of the box and have it slither up next to “Eve.”

“The writer of Genesis tells us that the serpent was cleverer than any of the animals God had made. And the serpent actually spoke to Eve! Listen to how that went down.

Open the Bible to Genesis 3:1 (NirV). Make the snake slither as you read.

“The serpent said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, “You must not eat fruit from any tree in the garden”?’

“Check out what Eve said in return.

Open the Bible to Genesis 3:2-3 (NirV). Hold up “Eve” as you read.

“We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden. But God did say, ‘You must not eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden. Do not even touch it. If you do, you will die.’

"That makes sense, right? God says don't do it, so you don't do it. But the serpent wasn't done.

Open the Bible to Genesis 3:4-5 (NirV). Make the snake slither as you read.

"'You will certainly not die,' the serpent said to the woman. 'God knows that when you eat fruit from that tree, you will know things you have never known before. Like God, you will be able to tell the difference between good and evil.'"

Set the snake down on the table.

FORBIDDEN FRUIT

LEADER: "Eve looked at the fruit on the tree.

Pull the apple out of the box and place it in front of Eve, with the bitten side hidden from the audience.

"She saw that it looked good to eat, and she saw that it would make a person wise. (Pause.) Eve took a bite.

Rotate the apple so the kids can see the bite.

"She also gave some of the fruit to Adam.

Hold the apple out in front of you. Then set it down.

"Adam ate it, too.

"Sadly, Adam and Eve had chosen to disobey God. They believed the serpent instead of following the good rule God had given them. As a result, Adam and Eve knew things they had never known before. For the first time, Adam and Eve realized they were weren't wearing clothes, and they were filled with shame. Quickly, they stitched together fig leaves to wear.

"Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden, and they were sorry for what they had done. They tried to hide from God.

Move the action figures behind the potted plant in the center of the table.

"Adam and Eve had broken their relationship with God. Sin had entered the world."

THE CONSEQUENCES

LEADER: "God called out to Adam:

Open your Bible to Genesis 3:11 (NirV) and read.

"Have you eaten fruit from the tree I commanded you not to eat from?"

“And get this—Adam blamed it all on Eve!

Open the Bible to Genesis 3:12 (NirV). Hold up “Adam” as you read.

“The man said, ‘It’s the fault of the woman you put here with me. She gave me some fruit from the tree. And I ate it.’

“God then asked Eve, ‘What have you done?’ (Genesis 3:13, NirV) And Eve blamed it on the serpent. She said . . .

Open the Bible to Genesis 3:13 (NirV). Hold up “Eve” as you read.

“The serpent tricked me. That’s why I ate the fruit.

“Sadly, there were consequences to the choices Adam and Eve had made. First, God spoke to the serpent and cursed it.

Pick up the snake and put it back in the box.

(Pick up Eve.) “God then told Eve that she would have great pain giving birth to children. (Pick up Adam.) Adam would have a very difficult time growing food from the earth. And one day . . . Adam and Eve would die.”

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

LEADER: “Adam and Eve could no longer stay in the garden.

Pick up Adam and Eve and put them back into the box.

“They had broken their relationship with their Creator. But even still, God’s deep, deep love for them had not changed. God even made clothes from animal skins for Adam and Eve to wear on their journey from the garden.

Walk in front of the table.

“And already, God had a plan. One day, God would send Jesus to save the world. When the time was right, Jesus would come and show people how to live in a relationship with God. Jesus would eventually lay down His own life to make things right, once and for all.

“That’s how big and EPIC God’s love is! God sent Jesus for ALL of us. God never stops loving us—even when we mess up.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “God loves us no matter what.

“Let’s pray and thank God for that now.”

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

PRAY - James

LEADER: “Dear God, it’s amazing to think about how You loved Adam and Eve no matter what. You loved them even when they messed up. You love each of US the same way. You love US no matter what! It’s so good to know that nothing can ever change Your love for us. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Video: Bible Story

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

CLOSER

LEADER: “It’s kind of hard to hear this story and think about how sin entered the world. Because we know that it wasn’t just Adam and Eve who messed up. WE mess up sometimes, too.

“But remember, God didn’t give up on Adam and Eve.

SLIDE: God’s Big Story Timeline

SLIDE: Week 3 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.

“Yes, they faced the consequences of their sin and had to leave the garden. But God loved them so much and had a plan to make things right again!

“All of us have sinned. We all do things wrong, just like Adam and Eve did. But God loved Adam and Eve no matter what.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

“And never forget that **[Bottom Line] God loves US no matter what.** Say that with me.”

LEADER and KIDS: [Bottom Line] “God loves us no matter what.”

LEADER: “That’s right! God loves us enough to make things right with us. That’s why God sent Jesus. Adam and Eve broke God’s rule and had to leave the garden. And just like they faced the consequence, we have to face the consequence of our sin. All of us have sinned, and that sin breaks our relationship with God.

“But the story doesn’t end there, because God sent Jesus to fix what was broken. Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins. Jesus came to rescue us!

“So even when you mess up and feel bad, remember that God loves you no matter what . . . and because of Jesus, we can be forgiven! Let’s do our best superhero walk over to Small Group and have some more fun talking about how much God loves us!”

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

Bible

Posterboard

Marker

Printed illustrations of Spider-Man, the Hulk, and Batman

Week 3 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

Fun superhero music (suggestion: "The Glory Days" by Michael Giacchino)

Large Group Visuals:

Theme Slide

Virtue Slide

Theme Background Slide

Bottom Line Slide

God's Big Story Timeline Slide

Week 3 Timeline Image Slide

Week 3 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.

Sketch simple illustrations of Spider-Man, the Hulk, and Batman on the posterboard. Even just their faces would be fine. (You'll need two sketches of Spider-Man.) Put the "less than" signs between them. So, "Spider-Man < Hulk < Batman < Spider-Man.

2. Worship

What You Need:

Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

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

"How Amazing" from *Everything to Me*

Optional Videos (available for purchase):

Live Loud Video from *Get Reel* (available through the 252 Media Package)

"How Amazing" 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

Prop box containing:

Printed and mounted/framed nature poster to represent the garden

Various small house plants or succulents

Various small stuffed animals or plastic animal figurines

Two superhero action figures to represent Adam and Eve (such as Spider-Man and Wonder Woman)

Jointed toy plastic snake (the kind that slithers back and forth when you hold the tail)

Apple with a bite taken out (see "What You Do")

Large Group Visuals:

Theme Background Slide

Bottom Line Slide

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Right before the story (i.e. during Worship), take a bite out of the apple. (Try to do this just before the story so it has minimal time to oxidize.)

Place all props in the box and place the box on the table.
Place the table on the stage, but out of the way for the Opener and Worship.

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*.

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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.

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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

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Epic: A love story for the ages

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