TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

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

All I Have to Give Lydia Acts 16:13-15

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Use your gifts to make a difference.

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 VIRTUE

Uniqueness—Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.

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



SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35 MIN STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

Openei

Worship ("More Like You" from This Little Light, and "All to You" from My Life for You)

Bible Story Bottom Line

What's Our Part in the Story?

Prayer

SMALL GROUP



GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Color Theory Application Activity: Gift Bingo Memory Verse Activity: Uniquely You! Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

25 MINUTES

10 MINUTES

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LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Leader enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN
OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME INTRO
OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

OPENER

LEADER: "Hello, my fellow scientists! This month we've been putting on our lab coats as we discover all sorts of things together. Okay, I don't actually have a lab coat. But I do know that we're discovering who God MADE us to be!

"One of the many cool things about science is how it can be used for all different kinds of things—like cooking and baking! Once you know how different ingredients interact with each other, you can make all sorts of delicious creations, sometimes even without a recipe!

"Let's play a game right now to see just how much you know about the science of baking. First, let's break into two teams.

Divide the kids into two equal teams, assigning each team a name (A/B or other name of your choice). Have each team pick a captain before continuing.

Walk over to the table with the 12 different baking ingredients.

"As you can see, on this table, I have a lot of ingredients that are used in baking. Each of these ingredients plays a role in one or more of these three baked goods . . .

SLIDE: BAKED GOODS

"... pancakes, chocolate chip cookies, and brownies. You'll work with your team to guess which ingredients are needed for each baked item.

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

25 MINUTES 10 MINUTES

"As you can see, I've given you a hint. The number you see by each item tells you how many ingredients you need to make it. When it's your team's turn, I'll assign you one of these three items, and you'll have 30 seconds to discuss as a team which ingredients you think are required.

"After the 30 seconds are up, you'll send your captain up to move the ingredients you need up to the front of the table. Then your captain will ring the bell, and I'll tell you if you guessed all of the ingredients correctly.

"If you don't have all of the ingredients exactly right, then the other team will get a chance to guess. Whichever team gets all of the ingredients right will get the point for that round.

"First up: team A. Remember, you have 30 seconds first to talk about this as a team. Which eight ingredients do you think you need to make . . . pancakes? Talk it over for 30 seconds!

AUDIO: FUN, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC-FOR EACH ROUND

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30-SECOND VERSION)-FOR EACH ROUND

If you're not using an on-screen countdown, set a timer on your phone for 30 seconds.

"Time's up—now send up your captain. You can help your captain by shouting out which ingredients you think they should push to the front. Go ahead!

Watch closely as the team captain moves the ingredients forward. When the captain hits the bell, be prepared to confirm if they guessed the correct eight ingredients. Use the printed Ingredients List to check their work.

If they don't get all eight ingredients correct, play moves to the other team.

Play all three rounds of the game the same way.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

"It's pretty cool how you need a lot of the same ingredients to make all three of those uniquely delicious treats! Way to use your heads for all that baking science, friends. Let's keep the fun going as we sing and dance and worship God!"

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

WORSHIP

LEADER: "Let's check out this video together.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIVE LOUD VIDEO FROM GET REEL

"God made us and knows us completely. God knows the good things we have to offer the world—even if those things might not be easy for others to see. God once said this to the prophet Samuel, 'The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outside of a person. But the LORD looks at what is in the heart' (1 Samuel 16:7, NIrV). Let's sing this song and thank God for creating each person to be unique and special—inside and out!

AUDIO: "MORE LIKE YOU" / TRACK 7 FROM THIS LITTLE LIGHT
OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): "MORE LIKE YOU" DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO

"God has a good plan for our lives. God made each of us with a purpose. Each day, we can trust and follow God with every step we take. This song says, 'I'll give my all to You, whatever You choose for me to do.' Let's sing it!

AUDIO: "ALL TO YOU" / TRACK 1 FROM MY LIFE FOR YOU

"Great singing, everyone! I love hearing your voices as we worship God together. You can have a seat."

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

25 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

SETTING UP THE STORY

LEADER: "Today's story comes from part of the New Testament called the book of Acts. (*Hold up Bible.*) In this book, we can read the story of the early church as word about Jesus began to spread. We can see how the church grew as new believers trusted Jesus and received the help of the Holy Spirit.

"One of the leaders in the early church was a man named Paul. Before Paul put his faith in Jesus, he had been an important religious leader who tried to *stop* people from following Jesus. But one day, Paul saw a blinding light and heard the voice of Jesus . . . and everything changed! Paul became a leader in the early church. He traveled all over, telling people about Jesus and starting new churches in different cities and towns.

BY THE RIVERSIDE

LEADER: "On Paul's second long journey to tell people about Jesus, he and his friends visited a place called Philippi. At that time, Philippi was a busy city of the Roman Empire.

"Paul and his companions went out through the city gates and down to the river, looking for a place to pray. They found a group of women who had gathered there by the riverside. One of the women was named Lydia.

"Now, I thought it would be fun for us to imagine Lydia's story as if she was posting on social media. Of course, there was no such thing as social media back then—or smartphones, or any kind of phones at all. But this will be a fun way to see how Lydia used her uniqueness to make a difference. Is that cool with you? (Pause for responses.) Great!

SLIDE: STORY SOCIAL SLIDE 1

"Here's Lydia. It looks like her account is 'ilovepurple.' What does the caption say? (Reading from the screen) 'Hi, I'm Lydia. I love purple!'

"So, like I was saying before, Paul found Lydia and a group of women down by the riverside. Let's see what Lydia might have had to share about that.

SLIDE: STORY SOCIAL SLIDE 2

(Reading from the screen) "'Always love our prayer time down by the river. Today we had some guests join us. More to come later.'

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

LYDIA BELIEVES

LEADER: "There are some things you should know about Lydia. She came from a city called Thyatira, and she ran a successful business selling purple cloth. Lydia's successful business had earned her great respect in Philippi.

"What do we have here?

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

25 MINUTES

SLIDE: STORY SOCIAL SLIDE 3

"Oh, it looks like some purple cloth that Lydia made.

(Reading from the screen) "'Really pleased with how this one turned out.'

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

(Hold up Bible.) "We read in the book of Acts that Lydia was a 'worshiper of God' (Acts 16:14, NIrV), although she hadn't heard about Jesus yet. That day, Lydia and the women had gathered by the river when Paul and his friends arrived.

"Paul shared the good news about Jesus, and God opened Lydia's heart to understand!

SLIDE: STORY SOCIAL SLIDE 4

"What is she saying there?

(Reading from the screen) "'I believe! God sent Jesus to be our Savior!'

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

LYDIA'S HOME

LEADER: "Lydia was so excited that she got baptized. And her family did too!

"And listen to what Lydia said to Paul next.

Open the Bible to Acts 16:15 (NIrV) and read.

"Do you consider me a believer in the Lord?" she asked. "If you do, come and stay at my house." (NIrV)

SLIDE: STORY SOCIAL SLIDE 5

"Or maybe this is what she would post . . . you know, if she could post.

(Reading from the screen) "'Setting a few extra places tonight. Can't wait to share more about our special guests.'

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

LEADER: "Paul and his friends went to stay with Lydia. And that's not all. A brand-new church began in Lydia's home as the believers began to gather there!

"Lydia chose to share what God had given her. She used her skills and talents to be a successful businesswoman, but she didn't use her success just for herself. She opened up her home so the church would be able to grow. She made a difference for Paul and his friends, and for all the new believers in her town.

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

25 MINUTES

"In fact, when Paul and Silas were later thrown in prison for teaching about and following Jesus, Lydia welcomed them back into her home after they were released. And she continued to offer everything she had for the new church, even when Paul and Silas left to continue their journey.

"Lydia's life shows us something important that we can put into practice. Here it is.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Use your gifts to make a difference. Say that with me."

LEADER AND KIDS: "Use your gifts to make a difference."

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

LEADER: "Like Lydia, every single one of us has been created by God with a unique story. YOU have something to offer that no one else does. You have the one-of-a-kind uniqueness that God gave you!

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

"Remember, uniqueness is about learning more about yourself so you can make a difference.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

"Maybe you're good at staying cool, calm, and collected. If your friend gets hurt on the playground, you can help her stay calm and take some deep breaths . . . then go get a teacher to help.

"Or maybe you're good at making people laugh. You can lift your family's spirits in the middle of a stressful day.

"Or maybe you love to bake . . . and you give out your famous monster cookies to your friends or a teacher when they're feeling sad. Those are all great ways that you can [Basic Truth] treat others the way you want to be treated.

"If you aren't sure what your unique gifts are, start by thinking about what you have the most fun doing, or what comes easily to you. When you get to Small Group, you can talk about that with your friends for sure.

"As you grow up, you'll continue to discover your unique gifts . . . and God can help you find creative ways to use them. Let's pray and talk to God about that now."

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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

25 MINUTES

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for making each of us unique so that we can make a difference in the world. We see how Lydia used what she had to help Paul and give the new church a place to grow. Please help each of us to figure out how You made us unique... and show us how we can use the gifts You've given us to make a difference for others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

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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
- Ingredients List, printed from the LG Assets PDF
- Table
- The following ingredients in their original packaging:
 - Flour
 - Sugar
 - Brown sugar
 - Butter (can be an empty box)
 - Eggs (can be an empty carton)
 - Baking soda
 - Baking powder
 - Salt
 - Chocolate chips
 - Cocoa powder
 - Milk (can be an empty carton)
 - Vanilla
- Leader's phone

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Fun, instrumental music for the game

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Baked Goods Slide
- Ingredients List (printable from the LG Assets PDF)

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH THE 252 MEDIA PACKAGE):

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro
- Countdown (30-second version)

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.
- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.
- 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, has 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. Think Orange.com.
- Gather the ingredients from home, or borrow any that you need. There shouldn't be any need to buy any of them for this game. You're only using them as a visual, so you'll be able to use them afterward for baking as well.
- Place the table on the stage, and set all of the ingredients toward the back of the table.

2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "More Like You" from This Little Light
- "All to You" from My Life for You

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Live Loud video from Get Reel (available through the 252 Media Package)
- "More Like You" Dance Moves Music Video (available through the 252 Media Package)

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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

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. Think Orange.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. Think Orange.com.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader
- Bible

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

• Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- · Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- · Story Social Slides

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH THE 252 MEDIA PACKAGE):

- Theme Loop
- Theme Transition to Virtue
- Virtue Transition to Theme

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.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under 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):

 In StoryLab, two inquisitive young Hosts invite kids to engage with the month's Virtue, setting up a simple and direct telling of the Bible story by a professional Storyteller.

For 252 Preteen (4th and 5th grade):

 In The So & So Show, two Hosts and a Communicator 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 that will help kids learn basic faith skills. Use these videos in your FX (Family Experience), Large Group, or midweek programming, or share them with families in your church according to the terms of the 252 Enhanced Licensing Agreement.

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:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- · Themed audio transitions

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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

- Virtue and monthly widget promo videos (Melv and Greg)
- Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)
- Dance moves music video for an additional worship song related to the monthly virtue
- Retro Reel video to play on your fifth Sunday