



WEEK
FOUR
SEPTEMBER 2024

LARGE GROUP
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STARTER

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

Carry You
Sharing God's Comfort
2 Corinthians 1:3-4

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Comfort others the way
God comforts you.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

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

15
MIN

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**

Opener
Worship ("Love One Another" from *Make a Move*, and "Love Like You" from *Make a Move*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
What's Our Part in the Story?
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Spotlight or Nightlight?
Application Activity: 5-4-3-2-1
Memory Verse Activity: Searching for the Light
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

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



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

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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, wearing a headlamp (turned on).

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME INTRO

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

OPENER

LEADER: "Hi, everyone! It's great to be back for another exciting day here at [your environment's name]. This month we're finding out what it means to shine Jesus' light. We've experienced Jesus' love for ourselves, and that makes us want to share His love with the people around us.

"We'll talk about an important way we can do that in today's Bible Story. But before we get into that, let's play another light-up game!

Walk over to the row of ten tap lights in front of the kids.

"This one is a trivia game . . . with ten questions about light. We have ten questions and a tap light that goes with each question. I want to see if you can work together to answer all ten questions correctly and light up all ten of these tap lights.

Tap on a tap light, then tap it off again.

"You'll have two minutes to work as a team and get all ten questions right!

"After I read a question, you can't just shout out the answer. You need to raise your hand. If I call on you, you can run up here to the front and shout out your answer so everyone can hear.

"If your answer is correct, I'll do this. *(Give a forceful thumbs-up.)* Then you can tap on the light for that question.

"If your answer is not correct, I'll do this. *(Do a 'no good' signal while crossing your arms, like a football referee.)* Then I'll call on someone else to come up and try.



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“Oh—and one other thing. You can only light up ONE light, and then you can’t answer any more questions after that. Instead, you’ll cheer for your teammates—but without shouting out any answers!

“Let’s see if you can light up all ten of these lights. Two minutes on the clock—go!

LIGHTS: DIM

AUDIO: FUN, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (5-MINUTE VERSION, CUED UP TO 2:00)

If you’re not using an on-screen countdown, set a timer on your phone for two minutes.

Use the headlamp as you read the questions from the Light Trivia Game Sheet and play the game, calling on one kid at a time to come up and tell you their answer. Then, if they get it right, let them hit the tap light corresponding to that question. If their answer isn’t right, call on a different kid. Continue through all ten questions, one by one.

If the kids are stumped on a particular question, you can use the clue on the sheet to help them. Make sure kids aren’t shouting out answers, and make sure each kid only answers one question so that others can have a turn.

The game is over when the two minutes are up, or when all ten tap lights are on.

LIGHTS: UP

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

“Nice job, everyone! You worked together and got all ten lights on. Now let’s all get up on our feet so we can lift our voices and worship God.”

Clear the tap lights.



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LEADER: "We can shine Jesus' light in lots of ways, but all of it comes down to this one thing: that we love God and love other people. We show the world who God is when we love like God does! Let's sing out loud about how we'll choose to love one another."

AUDIO: "LOVE ONE ANOTHER" / TRACK 7 FROM MAKE A MOVE

"In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he wrote this: *'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you'* (Ephesians 4:32, NIV). God showed the greatest example of kindness and compassion by sending Jesus to be our Savior. God loves us more than we can imagine . . . and every day we can choose to share God's love with the people around us. Let's sing this song and tell God, 'We want to love like You.'"

AUDIO: "LOVE LIKE YOU" / TRACK 9 FROM MAKE A MOVE

"Thanks for singing, everyone! You can have a seat."



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

SETTING UP THE STORY

LEADER: “Today we’re looking at an important way that we can share God’s love and compassion with others. We can read about this idea in the book of 2 Corinthians in the Bible. *(Hold up the Bible).*”

“The book of 2 Corinthians is actually a letter written by the apostle Paul. It’s one of 21 letters that we find in the New Testament. The leaders of the early church wanted to teach Jesus-followers what was true, and they often wrote letters to do that.

“Paul sent several of these letters to the believers in the church at Corinth. Earlier, Paul had spent more than a year in Corinth, telling people about Jesus. Later, Paul learned that some people in Corinth were speaking against him. People were arguing with each other about all sorts of things. So Paul wrote a letter to encourage them to get along . . . and to stay strong through hard times.

Move behind the table and prop box (on the left side of the table, from the kids’ perspective).

COMFORT COMES FROM GOD

LEADER: “Paul had heard that some of the leaders of the Corinthians were saying that he wasn’t really led by God’s Spirit. These leaders said that the fact that Paul had faced so much trouble proved that God must not be with him.

“This is what Paul wrote in response.

Open the Bible to 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIRV) and read.

Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He is the Father who gives tender love. All comfort comes from him. He comforts us in all our troubles. Now we can comfort others when they are in trouble. We ourselves receive comfort from God. (NIRV)

“Paul knew what it meant to receive comfort from God when things were hard. He had been through a lot! He had been arrested—just for telling people about Jesus.

Hold up the toy handcuffs, then set them on the table.

“He had been beaten, and had trouble sailing at sea.

Hold up the toy ship, then set it on the table.

“Paul understood that God is always with us, no matter what we’re going through . . . and God is the source of all comfort.

Hold up the heart pillow (or balloon), then set it on the table.

HARD TIMES

LEADER: “Let’s look again at what Paul wrote and break it down a bit. Paul said that God . . .”



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Open the Bible to 2 Corinthians 1:4 (NirV) and read.

... comforts us in all our troubles. (NirV)

Slide the prop box down to the center of the table and set the globe on the table.

"That's really good to know . . . because the truth is, we live in a broken world. Every single one of us experiences hard times.

"Some people are sick.

Hold up the box of tissues, then set it on the table.

'Some people don't have enough money to pay their bills.

Hold open the empty wallet and set it on the table.

"There are big things that make us feel scared, angry, or confused. And there are smaller things that are still really hard . . . like math problems we don't understand . . . being left out . . . or not making the team.

"Unfortunately, we can't escape trouble right now. Jesus even told His friends:

Open the Bible to John 16:33 (NirV) and read

"In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world." (NirV)

"We can take comfort in knowing that in the end, God will make everything right. When we're going through hard things, we can find comfort by remembering that God is with us, no matter what's going on. We can pray and ask God for help.

"Sometimes, God simply gives us a sense of peace in the middle of the hard things we're facing. But often, God comforts us through other people (*gesture to the kids around the room*)—like friends who are there to listen on a hard day. Or people who show kindness when something goes wrong.

WE CAN COMFORT OTHERS

LEADER: "And here's the thing. Just like God can work through other people to comfort YOU . . . God can use YOU to comfort others. Remember what Paul wrote:

Open the Bible to 2 Corinthians 1:4 (NirV) and read.

[God] comforts us in all our troubles. Now we can comfort others when they are in trouble. (NirV)

"You can comfort someone with your words. You could write a note or send a picture to someone to let them know you care.

Slide the prop box down the table. Hold up the drawing and look at it gratefully while you say, "Awwwww." Then set it on the table.



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"You can comfort someone by bringing them something to cheer them up. I'm just saying, I think cookies are ALWAYS a good idea.

Hold up the foil-wrapped plate and pull out a cookie. Then put the plate on the table.

"You can offer help to someone who needs comfort. Maybe your sister is struggling with her homework. You can offer to help her study . . . or maybe do her chores for her so she can focus on her work.

Hold up the duster, then set it on the table. Then start to place the two chairs together, next to the table.

"Sometimes the best way to comfort someone is simply by being WITH them—even if you aren't sure what to say or do.

Sit down in one of the chairs and put your arm around the back of the other chair. You can stay seated as you wrap up.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

LEADER: "Trouble is a part of life. All of us need comfort sometimes. But we can remember that God is ALWAYS with us. God is there to comfort us in the middle of hard situations. And once we've received comfort from God, then we can comfort others. We can see what others need . . . and do something to help.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Comfort others the way God comforts you. Say that with me."

LEADER AND KIDS: "Comfort others the way God comforts you."

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Stand up.

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

LEADER: "Like Paul wrote in his letter, we know that ALL comfort comes from God. God sees when we're in trouble, and God is there to give us comfort and compassion. Because of that, we can offer compassion to others and help to meet their needs. It's like a gift we can give.

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

"Remember, compassion means **caring enough to do something about someone else's needs.**

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP



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“Jesus showed us what God’s comfort looks like with the way He treated people. We can follow His example and look for the things other people might need. We can live the way Jesus taught us to live, by **[Basic Truth] treating others the way we want to be treated.**”

“Think about what that might look like for you. You could comfort and encourage someone with your words. You could remind them that God is always with them—and that you’re there for them too. You could think of something that would help them and offer to do it. Or . . . you could just BE with them and let them know you care.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us comfort the people around us.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You for caring enough to do something about our needs—and especially our need for a Savior. You showed compassion by sending Jesus for us. And we can see the way Jesus showed compassion to everyone He met. Please help each of us in here to see when the people around us are hurting . . . and please show us how we can share Your comfort with them. 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.

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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
- Headlamp for the leader, with batteries
- Light Trivia Game Sheet, printed from the LG Assets PDF
- 10 tap lights, with batteries
- 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
- Light Trivia Game Sheet (printable)

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

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Countdown (5-minute version)
- Theme Intro

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.ThinkOrange.com.
- Place the 10 tap lights in a row on the floor in front of the kids.

2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Love One Another" from *Make a Move*
- "Love Like 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
- Two chairs
- Prop box containing:
 - Toy handcuffs
 - Toy ship
 - Heart pillow (or a heart mylar balloon, tied to a balloon weight)



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- Globe (or globe beach ball)
- Box of tissues
- Empty wallet
- Drawing that a kid has made, in crayon (representing a drawing to cheer someone up)
- A plate wrapped in foil (so it looks like there is something under it) with one cookie on the plate
- Duster

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

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).
- Place the props in the box and place the box on the table—on the left side of the table, from the kids' perspective. You'll place the first three props on the left side of the table, then the next three props in the center of the table, then the last three props on the right side of the table.
- Place the table on the stage, but out of the way of the Opener.
- Place the two chairs on stage, near the right side of the table (again, from the kids' perspective).

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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- 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