



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

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

### BIBLE STORY

God has plans for me.

**JOSEPH**  
**GENESIS 37, 39-47**

### MEMORY VERSE

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wherever you go."

**JOSHUA 1:9, NLT**

### KEY QUESTION

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### BOTTOM LINE

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### BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

### 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

Flight Plan

### LARGE GROUP

**20**  
MIN

#### WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

#### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Always with Me"

Bible Story

Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN

#### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Move Through the Story

Colorful Coat Obstacle

Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)

Parent Cue App



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## LARGE GROUP

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

## WORSHIP

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "Always with Me," included in your monthly files; *Optional: Dance Moves Video for "Always with Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com*

**LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO excited to see you today! We're learning this month that God is always with us. God is always with you and **God is always with me. Who is always with you?"**

**CHILDREN AND LEADER: "God is always with me."**

**LEADER:** "Yes, **God is always with me.** If I'm happy or if I'm sad, on the best days and when it's bad, **God loves me.** Sing this out with me!"

*Lead children in singing "Always with Me," this month's worship song.*

"Yes! **God is always with me!** And the Bible teaches us that, 'God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*) is with you (*bring two fists together*) wherever you go,' (*march in place*) Joshua 1:9. (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Let's say it together.

*Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.*

"Great job, friends! 'God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*) is with you (*bring two fists together*) wherever you go.' (*March in place.*)

"Thanks for worshipping with me today! [**Transition**] And now it's time to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*), so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"



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## STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

*Open Bible for children to see, then set it down.*

"Today's true story from the Bible is about a young man named Joseph.

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)*

"Joseph's dad gave him a very special coat. And this made some of his brothers very mad! They were so mad they sent Joseph far away to work in a place called Egypt.

"Do you think God was with Joseph in Egypt?

*Cup one hand behind ear and nod to encourage responses.*

"Yes! God was always with Joseph, and God had plans for Joseph.

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)*

"While Joseph was working in Egypt, he was sent to jail for something he didn't do!

"Do you think God was with Joseph in jail?

*Cup one hand behind ear and nod to encourage responses.*

"Yes! God was always with Joseph, and God had plans for Joseph.

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)*

"One day, the king of Egypt, named Pharaoh, had a dream, and he didn't know what it meant. He heard that Joseph was very good at understanding dreams so he had Joseph brought to the palace to talk to him.

"Do you think God was with Joseph when he talked to Pharaoh?

*Cup one hand behind ear and nod to encourage responses.*

"Yes! God was always with Joseph, and God had plans for Joseph.

"Joseph listened to Pharaoh, and God helped Joseph understand the dream. It meant that lots of food would grow for seven years. But after that, there would be seven years where no food would grow.

"Pharaoh was SO happy that Joseph helped him that he put Joseph in charge of all of Egypt.

"Do you think God was with Joseph when he was in charge?"



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*Cup one hand behind ear and nod to encourage responses.*

"Yes! God was always with Joseph, and God had plans for Joseph.

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 04)*

"There is more to our story. Joseph got to work saving food in Egypt for seven years.

"Let's count to seven together. One . . . two . . . three . . . four . . . five . . . six . . . seven!

"Joseph saved so much food! Which is good, because just like God said, after seven years the food stopped growing. Now, everyone needed food to eat—including all of Joseph's family.

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 05)*

"Yes, all of Joseph's brothers, who had been so mean to Joseph, didn't have any food, but . . . who saved up all the food in Egypt? Their brother, Joseph!

"When Joseph's brothers came to Egypt for food, Joseph forgave them for being mean to him. Joseph gave them a big hug and made sure everyone in his family had food.

"Wow! God did have plans for Joseph, and God was always with him.

*Make the ASL sign for "with": Bring two fists together.*

"God is always with you too. **Who is always with you?"**

**CHILDREN AND LEADER: "God is always with me!"**

**LEADER:** "Yes, **God is always with me.** **[Transition]** Our story time is over (*pick up and close Bible*), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

## PRAYER

**LEADER:** "God, thank You for always being with us. We are so grateful You were with Joseph when things were hard and when things were going really well. Just like You were always with Joseph no matter where he was, we know You are with us wherever we go. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**[Transition]** "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

*Lead small group to the first activity.*



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## GETTING READY

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

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive Worship and the Bible Story. The Rug Script is written for those who pull their children to a rug (or area) to one side of their preschool space to tell the Bible Story. If you gather your preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible Story, you may benefit from using the Stage Script.

### WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

A leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

### STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible Story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advance preparation is necessary.

#### 1. WORSHIP

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Instruments or music player
- "Memory Verse Card" from Week One, placed in Bible at Joshua 1:9

##### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Always with Me," included in your monthly files

##### OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "Always with Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com

##### WHAT YOU DO:

- Download the song and have it ready to use.

#### 2. BIBLE STORY

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

##### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W3 01
- Story Image W3 02
- Story Image W3 03
- Story Image W3 04
- Story Image W3 05

##### WHAT YOU DO:

- *Option: Copy the Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.*

#### SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

**WONDER! LOOK AT GOD'S STORY:** First Look offers weekly videos to engage preschoolers with the Bible Story. Join our Bible storytellers, Clubhouse friends, and, of course, Ollie the Owl to discover the wonder in God's story. Available in the First Look Media Package or can also be purchased monthly at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

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