

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

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

1. Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

- Opener
- Worship ("Follow You" from Ready, Set, Move!, "You're Right There" from You're Right There single, and "Ready, Set, Move!" from Ready, Set, Move!)
- Bible Story
- Bottom Line
- What's Our Part in the Story?
- Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. Bible Story Review: Jacob's Wild Journey (K-1st grade), Joseph's Memory Math (2nd-3rd grade), Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions (4th-5th Grade)
2. Application Activity: Tough Stuff (K-1st grade), Joseph's Faith Circle (2nd-3rd grade), Take a Snapshot (4th-5th Grade)
3. Memory Verse Activity: Balancing Act (K-1st grade), Verse Master (2nd-3rd grade), Verses to Take with You (4th-5th Grade)
4. Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue App and ParentCue.org

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Joseph Genesis 37, 39-45

Bottom Line

You can trust God when things get tough.

Memory Verse

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.
Hebrews 11:1 (NirV)



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Opener

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE → Theme

OPTIONAL VIDEO → Theme Loop

- *Host enters carrying a stack of laundry baskets with the paper plates inside sets them down at varying distances from a pre-taped starting line.*

OPTIONAL VIDEO → Countdown

OPTIONAL VIDEO → Theme Intro

OPTIONAL VIDEO → Theme Loop

HOST: "Welcome back, everyone! We've been having an awesome month filled with epic origin stories from the Bible. If you joined us at all this month, then you know we've also been doing some intense superhero training. From rescuing frozen people to shooting evil jellyfish. Today's challenge will be about protection!

"Teams will take turns tossing their shields in these targets (**REFERENCE THE BASKETS**). Because what's the point of a shield if it can protect exactly where it needs to be, right? Now, I understand you all might be throwing shields for the first time, so I have lots to practice with.

- *Take out the stacks of plates with the superhero logos on the front. There should be an equal number of plates per group that's playing. Each group gets a different color plate set.*

"One kid from each team will play at the same time per each round. You'll have 30 seconds to see how many plates you can land in the baskets. The targets that are further away are worth more points, but if you land a lot in the closer baskets, you might get more points. I'll be keeping score of how many points each team gets after each round (**REFERENCE YOUR DRY-ERASE SCOREBOARD**).

- *Pick three kids per team to play. Play youngest to oldest, with kids of relative same ages throwing at the same time.*

VIDEO → 30 Second Countdown

- *After each round, total the number of plates in each of the baskets and announce the points. After all the rounds have been played announce the winning team.*

K-5th

Large Group

August — Week 5

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"You guys have learned a lot this month about how to be superheroes. But those superheroes are only in stories. But there's SOMEONE even way better than a superhero—and He's real! There is only One True Hero who literally saves us all, that's Jesus. We praise and worship Him because He sacrificed His life for us. So let all stand and praise Him for that now."

10 MINUTES

Worship

② Worship

→ *Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey! I'm excited to worship with you today! Worship is giving honor to God through singing and dancing. Let's go ahead and worship together.

AUDIO → "Follow You" / track 7 from Ready, Set, Move!

VIDEO → "Follow You" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video

"Great job! God is always with us, no matter how alone we can feel. Let's sing this song as a reminder that God is always with us.

AUDIO → "You're Right There" / from You're Right There single

OPTIONAL VIDEO → "You're Right There" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video

"He is always there matter what! When we know this, we can go and tell others about God! Let's sing this next song together.

AUDIO → "Ready, Set, Move!" / track 1 from Ready, Set, Move!

OPTIONAL VIDEO → "Ready, Set, Move!" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video

"Great job everyone! Let's go ahead and sit down and hear our Bible Story today.

25 MINUTES

Story

③ Bible Story

SLIDE → Theme Background

→ *Storyteller enters pushing a clothing rack with the coats hanging on it as Worship Leaders exit.*

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Hi, everybody! We’re doing something so awesome this year, and I’m so excited to tell you about it! We’re going to go through the story of the entire Bible together! Yes! Each week, we’ll talk about a new story from the Bible, we’ll add a picture of it to our timeline here, **(GESTURE TO THE TIMELINE)** and as we go through the year, we’ll learn the entire story of the Bible! But, more importantly, we’ll learn about the God who wrote it! That’s one of the important reasons God gave us the Bible in the first place—so we can get to know Him. God wants us to know Him! That’s so awesome! So we’re going to go through God’s Big Story all year long!

SLIDE → God’s Big Story

“This week, we’ll be looking at one more story that’s found in the book of Genesis—that’s the very first book of the Bible. **(HOLD UP BIBLE.)** It tells all about the beginnings.

“We’ve been reading stories in the book of Genesis all month! Together we’ve learned about how in the beginning, God created the heavens and the Earth, and everything on the Earth—including people!

“Of all the creatures God created, He made people special. We’re all made in His image, which means we were created to show each other what God is like. We can be loving, kind, and fair—just like God is!

“But rather than listening to their friend God and obeying Him, Adam and Eve, the first people, chose to do something different. They sinned. Sin is anything that goes against who God is and what God says. Sin is awful.

“When Adam and Eve sinned, they ushered in a curse that infected their hearts and the hearts of everyone who would live after them. This curse of sin pulled them away from God. And it would pull everyone else away from God too. Everyone’s relationship with God was broken.

“It also did something else awful. It brought sickness, pain, suffering, and death into the world. We all know what it feels like to live in a world that’s broken. It hurts so much.

“But God didn’t want to leave things that way! He loves us! From the beginning, God had a plan to rescue us and bring us back into relationship with Him!

25 MINUTES

Story

"God's rescue plan was unique. He was going to rescue the world through a family! So, sometime after Adam and Eve, God spoke to a man who'd eventually be named Abraham. Abraham didn't have any children, but God was going to change that. He promised that He would bless the whole world through Abraham's family. To start that promise, God gave Abraham and his wife Sarah, a child, Isaac. And if you remember from last week, Isaac had twins—Jacob and Esau. Even though Jacob was the second born, he wheeled and dealt his way to being the head of the family. Jacob ended up having 13 children, and 12 of them were sons. Abraham's family was growing—just like God had promised it would.

"And that's where we are in God's Big Story! Let's get into our story for today.

FROM BAD

STORYTELLER: "Now it's a time-honored rule that parents aren't supposed to have favorite children. I'm sure all your adults love each of you and your siblings equally. But Jacob, he had a favorite kid of all of his many kids—can you believe it!? It was his second-youngest son, Joseph. Jacob was shameless about having a favorite too. He even gave Joseph a fancy and colorful robe.

→ *Storyteller put on the colorful robe over your regular clothes.*

"It was very expensive to have fabrics at that time, and it's likely that the coat Jacob gave Joseph was long-sleeved. We don't know exactly why the coat was special, but if it was because it was long-sleeved, Jacob was saying, 'Joseph's not going to get his hands dirty with daily work like you guys are. He's in charge.'

"As you can imagine, his brothers were very jealous. Imagine if your adult bought your sibling an X-Box Series X, but not you. Yeah, you'd be upset too! The Bible says:

→ *Open the Bible to Genesis 37:4 (NirV) and read.*

So they hated Joseph. They couldn't even speak one kind word to him.

"To add to the drama, Joseph told his family about two different dreams he had where all his brothers and his parents would bow down to HIM. This was pretty wild for him to claim since, normally, as the second-youngest son, HE should be bowing to them.

"After this, his brothers really loathed Joseph and made plans to get rid of him. The ten oldest brothers were watching over the sheep, when in the distance, they could see Joseph in his fancy coat coming to join them. This is what they did.

→ *Open the Bible to Genesis 37:23-24 (NirV) and read.*

When Joseph came to his brothers, he was wearing his beautiful robe. They took it away from him. And they threw him into the well. The well was empty. There wasn't any water in it.

25 MINUTES

Story

→ *Storyteller takes off the colorful coat and put on a plain tunic robe.*

"Then the brothers took him from the well and sold him to a passing trader. The trader was going to Egypt where he would sell Joseph as a slave."

TO WORSE

STORYTELLER: "When Joseph was in Egypt, he was sold to a man named Potiphar. Potiphar was one of King Pharaoh's officials—he was the captain of the palace guards. God was still with Joseph. So, Joseph worked hard and did his best in Potiphar's house. Potiphar saw that God was with Joseph, and that he worked really hard, so Potiphar put Joseph in charge of his whole household and everything he owned. The Bible tells us that:

→ *Open the Bible to Genesis 39:6 (NirV) and read.*

With Joseph in charge, Potiphar didn't have to worry about anything.

"But Potiphar's wife tried to hurt Joseph and lied about him! She took his coat as proof of her lies, so Potiphar believed her and threw Joseph in jail.

→ *Take off the plain robe and put on a striped prisoner's jacket.*

"Joseph's situation kept getting worse and worse—but even in prison, God was with him. The Bible says that:

→ *Open the Bible to Genesis 39:23 (NirV) and read.*

The LORD . . . gave Joseph success in everything he did.

"So even in prison, Joseph worked hard and was put in charge of all the other prisoners.

"One day, two new prisoners showed up, both worked for the Pharaoh. One was a drink tester, and the other was the baker. As time passed, each of the two men had a strange dream on the same night! When Joseph saw them, he could see they were upset and asked them why they were sad. This is what they said.

→ *Open the Bible to Genesis 40:8 (NirV) and read.*

"We both had dreams," they answered. "But no one can tell us what they mean."

Then Joseph said to them, "Only God knows what dreams mean. Tell me your dreams."

"Joseph listened to each of their dreams, then he interpreted the dreams for them. That means, with God's help, he told them what their dreams meant. Joseph told them that the drink tester would soon be freed from prison, but the baker wouldn't get his job back.

25 MINUTES

Story

"Joseph asked the drink tester for a favor. Joseph asked him to plead his case to Pharaoh once the drink tester was out. Joseph asked the drink tester to remember him and help him get out of prison. But when the drink tester was freed three days later, he forgot! Poor Joseph couldn't catch a break!

TO THE BEST

STORYTELLER: "Two full years passed with Joseph still in prison. At that time, Pharaoh had a couple of crazy dreams as well, but no one could tell him what they meant. That's when the drink tester remembered the young Hebrew man in prison who had interpreted HIS dream all those years ago. The drink taster told the Pharaoh about a prisoner who might be able to help him, named Joseph. Pharaoh immediately called for Joseph to be brought to him. They cleaned him up and presented him to Pharaoh.

→ *Take off the prison jacket and put on the plain robe again.*

"Pharaoh told Joseph all about the two weird dreams he'd had, and asked Joseph if he knew what they meant. Joseph reminded him that he couldn't do it, but God could help him interpret the dreams. Then Joseph said this:

→ *Open the Bible to Genesis 41:28-30, 33 (NIRV) and read.*

"God has shown Pharaoh what he's about to do. Seven years with plenty of food are coming to the whole land of Egypt. But seven years when there won't be enough food will follow them. Then everyone will forget about all the food Egypt had . . .

"So Pharaoh should look for a wise and understanding man. He should put him in charge of the land of Egypt."

"Joseph told them a plan for how they could store up enough food for the upcoming famine. Pharaoh liked the idea so much he put JOSEPH in charge of it!

→ *Take off the plain robe and put on a regal king's cape.*

"Joseph became second in command to the king himself over all of Egypt!

"For seven years, there was a great harvest of food in Egypt. Joseph stored up the extra food each year. Then, just as God had warned them, the crops failed year after year for seven years. Everyone in the region came to Egypt for some grain to eat.

"Even Joseph's family in Canaan had no food, so Jacob sent his sons to Egypt, to Joseph, to buy some. This happened twice, and each time they didn't recognize Joseph, their brother. Joseph, however, did recognize his brothers. At first, he was upset with them, but finally when he saw how they protected their youngest brother Benjamin, he broke down and confessed. He said:

25 MINUTES

Story

→ Open the Bible to Genesis 45:4-5 (NIRV) and read.

"I am your brother Joseph. I'm the one you sold into Egypt. But don't be upset. And don't be angry with yourselves because you sold me here. God sent me ahead of you to save many lives."

"Joseph then went to see his father and wept with joy. Then he brought all of his family and all their possessions to Egypt to live there so they would have enough to eat through the rest of the years of the famine."

④ Bottom Line

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Joseph realized that all his years of hardship were so he could be in the right place at the right time to help a lot of people. God had been working in all of the difficult things Joseph had gone through. Joseph told his brothers, 'You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good.'"

"Joseph continued to trust God even when things were tough—and it was so wise to trust God! Trusting God is always the wisest thing to do. Because God was working in the hardship to save Joseph's entire family! God continued growing Abraham's family line, just like He promised! And years later, Jesus would come from that same family—the One who would save us all!"

"So, when times get hard in your life, lean on God and trust in Him. He is always worthy of your trust."

SLIDE → Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "You can trust God when things get tough. Say that with me."

STORYTELLER and KIDS: **[BOTTOM LINE]** "You can trust God when things get tough."

SLIDE → Theme

OPTIONAL VIDEO → Theme Loop

25 MINUTES

Story

⑤ What's Our Part in The Story?

HOST: "Joseph's story kept getting worse and worse, I didn't think anything good was going to come out of that story! But God was working, even in the hard. And He turned it around in a big way! God took Joseph from the prison to the palace. That's a big glow up!"

"Joseph's story shows us that we can have faith because God can bring good out of even the most difficult circumstances. We can all learn to be little more like Joseph and trust God to work even when things are tough. Instead of staying in our discouragement, we can be like Joseph and keep going with faith and trust in what we can't see because we know God is good and we can trust Him—even when life is hard."

"There were so many ways that God was at work in Joseph's life, even when he was in a rough spot. So even when bad things happen to us, we can know that God is still working and that we **[BASIC TRUTH]** can trust God no matter what."

"This is even something Jesus faced. The night before He was about to be put on the cross, Jesus was overwhelmed with what was coming. But He knew God had a plan. So, because of what Jesus did, He paid for sin and broke the curse. We can all now have a relationship with God again! Jesus loves us so much that He went through something awful and scary, and He trusted that His Father would help Him get through it."

STORYTELLER: "Even when He was facing a lot, Jesus chose to trust that God would work amazing things in the world and in us, through His hard trials. Because Jesus faced really hard things, we can have a relationship with God forever."

"Let's look at our timeline, at what we've learned about God's Big Story so far."

SLIDE → God's Big Story

SLIDE → Week 5 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.*

"This week we saw how Joseph trusted God when things got tough. Over and over in Joseph's story, the Bible says: 'And God was with him.' The same is true for you. When you follow Jesus, God's very Spirit lives in you—God is not just with you, but He's in you! God is with you when things are tough, and you can trust Him."

All throughout this timeline, even though we just started, we can see a lot of stories of tough things happening. But in every situation, God was faithful, and the people in the stories could trust God would do what He said He would do. When you are in a hard situation too, and you don't know what to do, the best place to start is by talking to God in prayer and asking Him to help you remember that He is with you. Let's go ahead and pray together."

25 MINUTES

Story

⑥ Prayer

HOST: "God, thank You that You are with us in the really tough times. Help us to feel Your presence and see Your goodness when times get hard. We know that we won't always know why bad things happen, but we can trust You in the midst of them, like Joseph did. Thank You that You are always good and are worthy of our full trust. Please teach us how to trust You. 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 → Theme Loop

Getting Ready: Opener

What You Need

- ☐ Host
- ☐ Laundry Baskets (see What You Do)
- ☐ Paper
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Paper Plates (see What You Do)
- ☐ Whiteboard
- ☐ Dry Erase Marker

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Slide

Optional Videos

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ 30 Second Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

Opener

What You Do

- 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 have a countdown clock built into the program that you can overlay on a still image.
- Tape different point values on each basket. Line the baskets up leading away from the starting line, with the higher point values farther away.
- You'll need 20 – 30 plates per team. There should be a different color set of plates per team. Play with 3 - 4 teams. Too many teams and the plates will just be bouncing off each other. Consider adding the Captain America® logo to the center of the plates to make them look more like shields.

APlay

Get the most out of your curriculum with APlay! JoinAPlay.com is an all-in-one media organization and presentation tool. Experience all of your Orange Curriculum media assets, now pre-built and fully customizable. No more sorting through multiple download folders.

APlay is free with your curriculum subscription and packed with features to help your weekly experience run smoother. APlay gives you more time to focus on what truly matters — more ministry, less media management with Apple TV-based media solutions.

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Follow You" from Ready, Set, Move!
- ☐ "You're Right There" from You're Right There single
- ☐ "Ready, Set, Move!" from Ready, Set, Move!)

Optional Videos

Available at [Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://store.thinkorange.com)

- ☐ "Follow You" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video
- ☐ "You're Right There" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video
- ☐ "Ready, Set, Move!" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video

Worship

A Worship 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.

What You Do

- Prepare all songs and have them ready to use. Note: Make sure your church has obtained licensing rights to play or perform music. You can obtain a license to perform worship music from Christian Copyright Licensing International (www.ccli.com). It covers over 200,000 worship songs for congregational singing. You are responsible for including the copyright information on all songs reproduced under the Church Copyright License (including song lyrics projected onscreen). This includes the song title, writer credit(s), copyright notice, and your church's CCLI license number. You can include this information on one of the lyric slides, or you can create a separate slide detailing this information, but the copyright information must appear at least once for each song you play or perform. For example:

"Hallelujah" words and music by John Doe
©2000 Good Music Co.
CCLI License # 0000

- Dance Moves Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit [Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://store.thinkorange.com).

Getting Ready: Bible Story

What You Need

- ☐ Storyteller
- ☐ Host
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Rolling Clothing Rack
- ☐ 4 Hangers
- ☐ Coat of Many Colors
- ☐ Plain Robe
- ☐ Striped Prisoner Jacket
- ☐ Royal Cape or Robe
- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room (see "What You Do")

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- ☐ Theme Background Slide
- ☐ Bottom Line Slide
- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ God's Big Story Slide
- ☐ Week 5 Timeline Image Slide

Optional Videos

(available for purchase through the 252 Media Package)

- ☐ Theme Loop

Bible Story

What You Do

- Prepare 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).
- We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed timeline images in order, week by week. We'll provide a timeline image for each week of curriculum. A [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

Alternative Teaching Options:

- If you cannot have different costumes, you can print off a sign with each image on it to represent the wardrobe.
 - An image of a colorful coat
 - An image of a plain white coat
 - An image of prison clothes
 - An image of royal clothes

Getting Ready

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):

→ StoryLab: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

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

→ The So & So Show: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a YouTube-style show full of humor and lots of zany fun.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Themed audio transitions
- Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)
- Dance moves music video for an additional worship song related to the monthly virtue