

# 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)

#### Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

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

- Opener
- Worship ("Yes I Am" from Everything to Me, "I Can Do All Things" from At the Top of My Lungs)
- Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are included as optional)
- Prayer

### Small Group (25 minutes)

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

1. Bible Story Review: True or False Flip (K-1st grade), The One and Only God (2nd-3rd grade), Bible Story Extension (4th-5th Grade)
2. Application Activity: Tower of Impossibility (K-1st grade), Built to Stand (2nd-3rd grade), Take a Snapshot (4th-5th Grade)
3. Memory Verse Activity: Fly Like an Eagle (K-1st grade), Move and Remember (2nd-3rd grade), Verses to Take with You (4th-5th Grade)
4. Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

#### Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- [Parent Cue App](#) and [ParentCue.org](http://ParentCue.org)



### Today's Bible Story

## Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

1 Kings 18:16-45

### Bottom Line

**God can do the impossible.**

### Memory Verse

**"Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak."**

Isaiah 40:31 (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.**

**Optional Video** → Countdown

**Optional Video** → Theme Intro

**Optional Video** → Theme Loop

**HOST:** “Hey there, builders! Welcome to Bedrock, where we’re learning how to build real confidence in God—block by block! I’m **[HOST NAME]**, and I’m super-excited you’re here today. Give me your loudest ‘Ready to build!’ on three! 1, 2, 3!” **(PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.)**

“That’s what I like to hear! This month, everything’s inspired by video games! We’re going on some big adventures, and today, we’ll see how trusting God can help us face stuff that looks ... well ... impossible.

“Let’s talk about that. Has anyone ever tried something that felt impossible? Like tackling a really hard math problem, or maybe solving a puzzle that was super-tricky? Or maybe there’s something you wish you could do, but you’re not sure you can. Well, today, we’re going to discover how God can do the impossible!

“But first—we need to kick things off with a little impossible challenge of our own. Who’s ready for a build-off? **(PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.)**

“Let me get four volunteers up here. **(PAUSE AS THE FOUR KIDS TAKE THE STAGE.)**

“Great! I’m going to divide you into two teams of two! And I’ll give you your building supplies.

→ **Put the two teams in two parts of the stage. Give each team 25-30 blocks.**

“Your goal is to build the tallest, strongest tower you can. But ... this is Bedrock, and nothing is as easy as it looks! Every round, you’ll get a new challenge to make it a little tougher. Maybe you’ll have to build with one hand. Maybe you can only use your elbows! Who knows? When time is up, we will measure the towers to see which one is the tallest!

“We’ll do each round for one minute. I’ve got my timer here! Are you ready? If you are, you can start building on my go. We’ll do the first round as a regular build. You two on each team will work together to build the tallest, sturdiest tower each round.

→ **Make sure the kids are ready. Then start the game.**

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"Ready? Set? BUILD!"

- **Let the kids build normally for a minute. Then once the timer has ended, see who has built the tallest tower.**

"Great job, team **[WHOEVER WON]**! Let's gently knock down our towers to start the next round.

"This next round we'll do a little differently! Let's build with our elbows! Ready, set, BUILD!"

- **Play several rounds for a minute, issuing a new challenge for each round after the team gently knocks down their tower they built the previous round. Consider the following challenge ideas.**

- **1. Pass the blocks to the other teammate to stack.**
- **2. Build with one hand.**
- **3. One member of the team wears a sleep mask, and the other team member instructs him/her. (BE PREPARED TO HAVE THE SLEEP MASKS READY FOR THIS CHALLENGE.)**
- **After the game, gather everyone's attention.**

"Let's give all our builders a big round of applause while they return to their seats! Sometimes building felt impossible, right? But you kept building. You tried new ways. And you didn't give up. Great, great job!"

- **Pick up a block and hold it up.**

"I think today is the perfect day to remember: God can do the impossible. When things feel too big for us, we don't have to give up—we can trust that God is bigger. That's a reason to celebrate, and to sing!"

"So, let's get ready to stand up, use those voices, and worship God together! Who's ready to sing? Let's go! Everybody up—let's worship!"

## ② Worship

- **Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Hey, builders! Are you ready to worship? I know I am! Today, we've been talking about how God can do the impossible. And when we believe that, that the God who is bigger than anything goes through life with us, we can have confidence no matter what comes our way.

"The God who is bigger than anything loves you so much! You are a child of the Father who can tackle anything! That's the first song we're going to sing: 'Yes I Am!' So stand up, shake out your arms, take a deep breath, and let's get ready to sing together!"

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**AUDIO** → "Yes I Am" track 1 from Everything to Me**Optional Video** → "Yes I Am" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Great singing! Let's keep going—this next song is all about how, with God's help, we can do things that might seem impossible to us. God helps us with all things, and since He is the strongest One of all, we can do big things with Him! So, let's sing it together: 'I Can Do All Things!'"

**AUDIO** → "I Can Do All Things" / track 5 from At the Top of My Lungs**Optional Video** → "I Can Do All Things" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Awesome job! I love singing with you all. Don't forget: God is always with you, and He is more powerful than anything! He can help you do what feels impossible.

"Before you sit down, let's look at this month's Memory Verse. It's Isaiah 40:31! This is the verse we're going to try to lock into our hearts this month so we can remember it throughout our days. I'll read it first, and then we can say it together!

**SLIDE** → Memory Verse

**WORSHIP LEADER AND KIDS:** "Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength.

They will fly as high as eagles.

They will run and not get tired.

They will walk and not grow weak. —Isaiah 40:31

"Let's say it together!

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Great job, you guys! God wants to give you strength so you can soar through life! That's awesome! We'll try to put that truth in our hearts all month.

"Now, let's get ready to hear an amazing story from the Bible. Take a seat and get ready for something BIG!"

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## ③ Bible Story

SLIDE → Theme Background

### INTRODUCTION

→ **All ten blocks should be on the stage, but facing backwards so the kids can't see the images on them. The Storyteller will grab appropriate blocks, turn them around as they're needed in the story, and make two towers of five blocks.**

"That was great worship!

"Before we get started in today's Bible Story, let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year! We're going through the story of the entire Bible together!

"Why are we going through the Bible? you might wonder. Well, God gave us the Bible so we can learn who He is and what He is like! So we're going to go through the Bible to help us get to know God.

### GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

"We're going to go through God's Big Story together! **(GESTURE TO SLIDE.)**

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"Each week, we'll look at a story from God's Big Story and add a picture of that story to our timeline, so we can see where we've been in the Bible as we journey along. **(GESTURE TO TIMELINE.)**

"Let me bring you up to speed on where we've been in God's Big Story so far!

"So you might remember that in the very beginning, God made everything! He made the world, the animals, people ... everything! God made the first people for the same reason He made all people—to be His close, close friends. But sadly, the first people God made chose to turn away from Him and sin. God wanted people to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore! It was so sad.

"And awful things happened to the world too. Pain, sickness, and death entered into it.

"But God didn't want to leave things that way! So He put His rescue plan in motion right from the start!

"God was going to rescue everything through a family! God chose a man named Abraham and promised that his family would bless the whole world. Many years later, Abraham's great-grandson Joseph ended up in Egypt. After some hard times, God helped Joseph become a super-important leader there! Joseph saved his whole family by bringing them to Egypt. But hundreds of years passed. God grew and grew His people.

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A new Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, came along. He didn't know about Joseph. He saw how many of God's people there were, he got scared, and he started being mean to them.

"God's people cried out to God for help. He answered! God brought His people out of Egypt into a beautiful home He had for them—the Promised Land!

"After some time living in the Promised Land, God's people wanted a king like the other nations around them. God gave them a king, and then many more kings **(AND ONE QUEEN)** followed. Sadly, the nation of God's people split in two—into the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah.

"During this time, there were prophets in both kingdoms who spoke and taught on God's behalf. God would guide and direct the prophets to tell others about Him and His heart.

"And that's where we are in God's Big Story."

## SETTING UP THE STORY

"So we're moving right along through the Bible.

"This week, we're looking at one of the prophets in the Old Testament, Elijah. Elijah lived during the time of the kings when the nation had split into two. Elijah lived in the northern kingdom of Israel.

"Elijah loved God so, so much, and today we're going to learn about a time when Elijah trusted God to do something impossible. What Elijah trusted God for was so huge, and so amazing, and so awesome, that it made for one of the coolest moments in the Bible. Elijah trusted God big, and God showed up big!

"As we go through our story, I'm going to build something—a Mega Block Tower Timeline out of these blocks. It'll be two towers that serve as a timeline to our story.

"We're going to build this tower timeline for this particular part of Elijah's story, but we all build our faith in God block by block. Little by little. We go through things in our lives, we put different blocks on our towers, but we learn the same constant lesson about God. He is good, He is faithful. So we can trust Him. We can be confident in Him.

"Elijah was no different! He built his faith in God block by block. He learned that he could be confident in God as he went through life with Him.

"Let's look at part of Elijah's story to see what we can learn!

→ **Turn around the first block labeled "Ahab" so it faces the kids.**

"Every good build needs a foundation, right? Our first block is named ... Ahab.

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- **Hold up the “Ahab” block for everyone to see, then place it at the base of the timeline tower.**

“Ahab was king of the northern kingdom of Israel during the time Elijah was a prophet of God. But King Ahab didn’t lead the way God wanted. Instead, King Ahab made terrible choices. He turned people away from God, and he told everyone to worship a false god named Baal. Leading the people to worship a false God was evil, evil, evil.

“God loves His people too much to let them keep heading away from Him. So, God sent a prophet named Elijah with a message for Ahab: ‘There will be no rain—not even a single drop—until God says so!’ The false god Baal was supposed to be the storm god, but God wanted to show that He is really in charge of the weather—and all things.

- **Move to the next block, labeled “No Rain.” Turn it around, pick it up, and hold it for the kids to see.**

“Elijah’s words came true. Days turned into weeks. Weeks turned into months. And for more than three years, no rain fell. No rain meant no food, no growing crops, thirsty animals, and tired, worried people.

- **Put the “No Rain” block on top of the “Ahab” block.**

“Let’s pretend we’re all farmers looking for rain. Put your hand over your eyes and search the sky. **(PUT YOUR HAND OVER YOUR EYES, AND PAUSE AS THE KIDS PRETEND TO SEARCH.)**

“Do you see any rain clouds? Nope. The sun is hot, the ground is dry, and everyone is wishing things could change.

- **Stand by the block tower, gesture to the “No Rain” block that was just added.**

“For more than three years, the land was dry. People were hungry and sad. But God hadn’t forgotten about His people—or about Elijah. Even when everything felt impossible, God was still working, and Elijah was still listening.

## ELIJAH TRUSTED GOD

### STORYTELLER:

- **Pick up the next block labeled “Elijah,” turn it around, and hold it for the kids to see.**

“Elijah learned that God was trustworthy, not just on the big, important days, but every single day. God took care of Elijah, sending food in miraculous ways. For the first part of the famine, God delivered food to Elijah by ravens. And during the second part of the famine, God gave bread to Elijah by making a widow’s jar of flour and jug of oil miraculously never run out. Every day God provided food, Elijah saw: ‘God is faithful. God is faithful. God is faithful.’ Elijah learned to be confident in God as Elijah saw Him meet his every need.

- **Place the “Elijah” block on top of the “No Rain” block.**

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"The little things Elijah did every day made his faith stronger too. He prayed, listened for God's voice, and obeyed even when it didn't make sense. It was like stacking one good block on another, until his confidence in God was solid and strong.

→ **Step back, look at the block tower so far—Ahab, No Rain, Elijah.**

"Elijah didn't know exactly how God would fix the impossible problem of no rain for years and years. But because he had seen God take care of him in the small things, he knew God was still in charge, still loving, and still listening. His confidence grew, block by block.

"Have you ever had to wait a long time for something you really needed? Elijah waited and waited too. And one day, after all that waiting, God spoke to Elijah again. God showed Elijah the next step.

## GOD'S CHALLENGE

STORYTELLER: ""God said:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Kings 18:1 (NirV) and read:**

→ **"Go. Speak to Ahab. Then I will send rain on the land."**

"Now, Ahab was still angry. He thought Elijah was the reason for all the trouble, but Elijah trusted that God was with him and went and spoke to Ahab.

→ **Get the next block, labeled "Challenge," turn it around, hold it for everyone to see, then place it on top of the "Elijah" block.**

"Elijah went to King Ahab and said, 'Let's settle who really is God once and for all.' The Bible says Elijah said this to Ahab:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Kings 18:18-19 (NirV) and read:**

"You have turned away from the LORD's commands. You have followed gods that are named Baal. Now send for people from all over Israel. Tell them to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the 450 prophets of the god named Baal. Also bring the 400 prophets of the female god named Asherah."

"Ahab got the people and prophets together on Mount Carmel. Baal had 450 prophets. The Bible records that Elijah said this to the people gathered:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Kings 18:21 (NirV) and read:**

"How long will it take you to make up your minds? If the LORD is the one and only God, worship him. But if Baal is the one and only God, worship him."

"Then Elijah said to the people: 'We'll have a challenge. A god challenge. The prophets of Baal will prepare a bull for Baal. I'll prepare one for God.



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We'll both prepare sacrifices for our gods, but we won't light the fire. Instead, we'll pray. The god who answers by sending fire is the real god.'

→ **Step back, look at the growing stack: Ahab, No Rain, Elijah, Challenge.**

"The challenge was on. So many people from the nation of Israel were there. They didn't say anything after Elijah talked. But Elijah was confident—not because he was special, but because over time he had learned that God is the true God and He can do the impossible.

"Can you imagine standing in front of so many people with everyone watching to see what would happen? It was scary, but Elijah trusted God. He knew God was going to show up.

→ **Get the next block, the "Prophets of Baal" block, turn it around, and show it to the group.**

"The hundreds of prophets of Baal got to work. They got their sacrifice ready. Now, all they needed was for Baal to send fire. Easy, right? Let's see what happened."

→ **Place the "Prophets of Baal" block on top of the "Challenge" block.**

"All morning, the prophets shouted and danced around their altar. They yelled and they jumped. They tried to get Baal's attention.

"The people watched, waiting for something to happen. But there was no answer. Not even a spark. As the sun got hotter, the prophets got louder and more desperate. They kept going until the afternoon, but still—nothing. Baal didn't answer.

→ **Go to the next block, labeled "Altar," turn it around, show it to the kids, and hold it proudly.**

"Now it was Elijah's turn. He called the people closer, and they did. God's altar had to be rebuilt because it had been torn down. So Elijah took twelve large stones—one for each tribe of Israel—and rebuilt God's altar. Then he dug a deep ditch around it. Elijah arranged the wood, placed the sacrifice on top, and then did something that seemed completely impossible.

→ **Start a new tower next to the old tower. Put the "Altar" block on the ground next to the other tower.**

"Elijah told some of the people:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Kings 18:33b (NirV) and read:**

"Fill four large jars with water, and pour it on the offering and the wood."

"Water? On wood you're trying to light? But they did it. Elijah had the people pour four large jars of water on the altar two more times—three

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times total! Now the wood, the sacrifice, even the ditch around the altar—everything was soaking wet. Elijah made sure it looked impossible for a fire to start.

- **Get the next block, the “Water” block, turn it around, and place it on top of the “Altar” block.**

“The people stared at the drenched altar. Was Elijah making a mistake? Or did he really believe God could do anything?”

## ANSWERED PRAYER

- **Go to the “Prayer” block, turn it around, pick it up and hold it, inviting quiet in the room. Hold the block as you read from the Bible.**

**STORYTELLER:** “Elijah stood by the altar and prayed. He didn’t shout. He didn’t dance. He just talked to God, the powerful One. The true God.

“This is what he prayed.

- **Open the Bible to 1 Kings 18: 36-37 (NirV) and read.**

“Today let everyone know that you are God in Israel. Let them know I’m your servant. Let them know I’ve done all these things because you commanded me to. Answer me. LORD, answer me. Then these people will know that you are the one and only God. They’ll know that you are turning their hearts back to you again.”

- **Add the “Prayer” block to the second block tower.**

“In that very moment, God answered. Fire fell from heaven! It burned up the offering, the wood, the stones, the water—everything! The people dropped to the ground in shock and awe with their faces flat on the ground. God had shown up. And He had shown up big. He burned everything completely up—even the stones! He wanted to leave no doubt in anyone’s mind that He had shown up.

“The Bible says the people cried out with their faces to the ground:

- **Open the Bible to 1 Kings 18:39 (NirV) and read.**

“The LORD is the one and only God! The LORD is the one and only God!”

- **Go to the “Fire” block, turn it around, and place it on the second tower.**

“God had done what no one else could. He did the impossible because He is the strongest. He is the one, true God. He is in charge of everything. Nothing is impossible for Him. And He did it to turn the people’s hearts back to Him.

- **Go to the final block, the “Rain” block. Turn it around and pick it up.**

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"After God answered in fire, Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and prayed once more. This time, he asked God to send rain. Elijah sent his servant to look toward the sea to see if there was any hint of rain—there was nothing at first. He prayed again and again. Finally, the servant saw a tiny cloud, and soon, the sky grew black with clouds. A huge rainstorm poured down over the land! God had ended the drought, just like He promised.

→ **Add the "Rain" block to the very top of the second tower of the Mega Block Timeline.**

"God had provided exactly what the people needed—in the show of His power and in the rain. He is in charge of all things. He is the true God, and He wanted everyone to know.

## WRAPPING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "Elijah's had such confidence in God because, over time, he had learned that God was trustworthy. Elijah built his confidence in God one block at a time—because God had shown He is faithful, not just on the mountain, but every day. Then that day on the mountain, God did something huge. God showed everyone that He alone can do the impossible.

→ **Step back to look at the two towers.**

"Look at this entire story. All along, this story proves something amazing about the God who goes with us through everything: God can do the impossible!

"That's our Bottom Line for this week!

**SLIDE → Bottom Line**

**[BOTTOM LINE]** "God can do the impossible. Say that with me."

→ **Host enters and joins in.**

**STORYTELLER, HOST, and KIDS:** **[BOTTOM LINE]** "God can do the impossible."

## GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

**STORYTELLER:** "Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week!

**SLIDE → God's Big Story**

"This week we're on the path in God's Big Story! Elijah lived after King David, so we're on the path after that picture of King David being anointed. **(GESTURE TO SLIDE.)** That's where we are in God's Big Story! We're just journeying along!

"This week, we looked at the story of Elijah. Elijah was a prophet during a time when the nation was split in two. Even though the nation of Israel

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was split in two, God's message was the same: 'Come back to Me, come back to Me.' Sadly, this part of God's family where Elijah delivered God's messages, the northern kingdom of Israel, never did. But God didn't give up on His promise or His people! He saved a remnant, a small group of people mostly from the southern kingdom of Judah. God took care of His family, just like He promised! And by taking care of this family, God was also taking care of us. Because many, many, many years later, from this little remnant God protected would come Jesus! And Jesus would rescue us all! God never gave up on His promise to rescue us!

"Let's put the next image on our timeline!"

SLIDE → Week 1 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 talked about Elijah!"

## WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

**HOST:** "When we think about Elijah, we can remember that Elijah trusted God for the impossible. But Elijah's confidence didn't show up all at once. It's not like Elijah was just a faith rockstar all of a sudden! And Elijah's faith in God wasn't always constant! He built it, one block at a time, by listening to God, doing what God said, and depending on God in the big things and the small things.

"Over and over Elijah learned that God is good, and that God is faithful. When Elijah was scared, God gave him courage. When he didn't know what to do, God gave him a next step. And when everything seemed impossible, Elijah had so much history and experience with God that he trusted Him. Elijah had seen God be good over and over again, and in the story we read today, God showed up and did what only He can do.

"Elijah was on a faith journey with God. And it had ups and downs—just like all of us do! Elijah had moments of deep faith, and moments when he struggled. We'll learn right after this part of Elijah's story, he had a temper tantrum with God. But his friend God, just as before, gave Elijah everything he needed. Elijah needed a nap and a snack. Elijah put a temper tantrum block on his faith journey, but he learned the same thing he had learned over and over in his long relationship with God—God was good and faithful once again.

"Maybe you're in that part of your faith journey too, where you're facing things that feel too big for you. Sometimes it's a problem you can't solve, a worry that won't go away, or something you wish you could change but can't. The truth is, all of us will run into things that seem impossible on our own. But just like Elijah, you can build your confidence in God block by block—by trusting God each day. You can pray. You can listen. You can ask for help. Sometimes, God will fix the problem. Sometimes, He'll change your heart. But you will find the same thing is true as you go through life with Jesus. And that truth is this: always—always—He will be good. Over the period of your life, you will put lots of blocks on the tower

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of your life. But throughout the entire build, throughout your entire life, you will always see that He is good and you can trust Him.

"So the next time you feel stuck, scared, or like something is just too hard, remember: God can do the impossible. And God loves you—more than you could ever imagine. You can put your trust in Him, no matter what. Let's pray together."

## ③ Prayer

**STORYTELLER or HOST:** "God, thank You for loving us and for being with us no matter what. Thank You that nothing is impossible for You. Help us trust You—when things are easy, and when they're really hard. Build our confidence in You block by block, just like You did for Elijah. Teach us who You are so we walk through life with You as our closest friend. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

**Transition** → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

**AUDIO** → Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

**SLIDE** → Theme

**Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE)** → Theme Loop

## PLANNING

# Getting Ready: Opener

## What You Need

- ☐ Host
- ☐ 4 kid volunteers
- ☐ Building blocks or soft blocks (or even plastic cups for stacking), 50–60 for each Large Group
- ☐ Space for two teams to build
- ☐ Timer or stopwatch
- ☐ Sleep masks, two for each Large Group

## Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room

## Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Memory Verse Slide

## Optional Videos

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

## 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.
- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. Note: Legally a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.
- Before group time, print out the "Wise/Unwise Signs," and tape both of the signs at either side of the room at the height of the kids of your group.

## PLANNING

# Getting Ready: Worship

## What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

## Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Yes I Am" from Everything to Me
- ☐ "I Can Do All Things" from At the Top of My Lungs

## Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ "Yes I Am" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- ☐ "I Can Do All Things" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

## What You Do:

*Note: We've suggested worship songs from Amazing Kids Worship and Orange Kids Music. We've created these songs to be developmentally appropriate for elementary and preteen kids, incorporating simple, direct language, fun dance movements, and upbeat, current arrangements.*

*We've chosen these specific songs that amplify our teaching content for this month. We recommend that you use these songs as scripted, or combined with other popular worship songs that your kids know and love. Be sure to share the links to these songs with parents so they can stream them at home or in the car! Songs can be purchased at store. [thinkorange.com](http://thinkorange.com) or for free with APlay.*

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.

- Download 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](http://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  
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- Dance Moves Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit [Store.ThinkOrange.com](http://Store.ThinkOrange.com).
- Visit the [Orange Store](#) for Music Scope and Cycle purchases. Check out the Ministry Leader Guide for more information.

## PLANNING

# Getting Ready: Bible Story

## What You Need

- ☐ Storyteller
- ☐ Host
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Table
- ☐ "Builders Blocks" printables, including:
  - Ahab block
  - No Rain block
  - Elijah block
  - Challenge block
  - Prophets of Baal block
  - Altar block
  - Water block
  - Prayer block
  - Fire block
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- ☐ Clear packing tape, one roll for each Large Group
- ☐ 10 Items to tape "Builders Blocks" printables on, such as unopened tissue boxes or larger cardboard boxes, depending on your group size (See "What You Do" Section)

## Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

## Optional Videos

- ☐ Theme Loop

## Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Background Slide
- ☐ Bottom Line Slide
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*NOTE: We're so excited to be going through key stories of the Bible this year and learning more about its Author—God! It's God's Big Story! But to provide you with flexibility as you experience God's Big Story in your own unique setting, there's more than one way to use the following script!*

*If you want to follow "God's Big Story," read the following script straight through. Each week will build on the previous ones. But, if your church wants to teach a Large Group session on its own as a standalone, without connecting it to what has come before, there are two sections in the script below that are optional—"God's Big Story Opener" and "God's Big Story Closer."*

## Optional for God's Big Story

- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- ☐ God's Big Story Slide
- ☐ Week 1 Timeline Image Slide
- ☐ 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. The timeline image is listed as a slide, but can be printed. A [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

## 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).
- There are several options of sizes to print out the "Builders Blocks" printables. For smaller Large Group sizes, feel free to use the smaller graphics (they are four to a page). Once cut into quarters, they will fit well on the side of a tissue box. For larger Large Groups, the "Builders Blocks" printables that are on single pages can be expanded and printed out larger to fit on larger cardboard boxes. Feel free to pick a size that best fits your group!
- Tape the "Builders Blocks" printables to the ten separate boxes (either tissue boxes or larger).
- Before Large Group time, place all ten boxes facing backward so the kids can't see the images on the boxes. The Storyteller is instructed during the script when to turn them around.



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## Video Enhancements for Your Environment

*Available in your media files and APlay.*

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 transitions
- Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)

## APlay

Get the most out of your curriculum with APlay! [JoinAPlay.com](https://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.