

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 ("Joy to the World" from *Joy to the World Single* and "Extra, Extra [It's Christmas Time]" from *Extra, Extra (It's Christmas Time) Single*)
- Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are listed as optional)
- Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

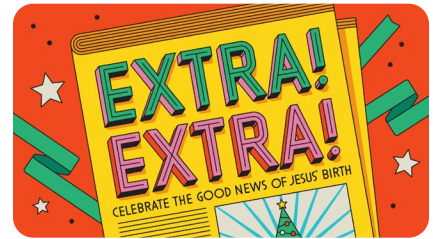
Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. Bible Story Review: Stand or Sit (K–1st grade), Chain Reaction (2nd–3rd grade), Bible Story Extension (4th–5th Grade)
2. Application Activity: Drawing a Plan (K–1st grade), Share the Good News! (2nd–3rd grade), Take a Snapshot (4th–5th Grade)
3. Memory Verse Activity: Verse in Motion (K–1st grade), Verse in Motion (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

Jesus Is Promised Isaiah 9:6–7, Micah 5:2

Bottom Line

Jesus is good news for everyone.

Memory Verse

**"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."
Luke 2:11 NIV**



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

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

① Opener

HOST: “Extra! Extra! Read all about it! God sent His Son because He loves us!”

“Hey, friends! Welcome to *[Name of environment]*. This month, we’re gearing up for a very special time of year. That’s right—Christmas! We’re discovering how Jesus is the best gift we could ever receive. This whole month, we’re going to celebrate the good news of Jesus’ birth!”

“Christmas is a time filled with lights, decorations, and songs that fill the air with joy. It’s a time when we give and receive presents, showing love to our family and friends. But the greatest gift of all doesn’t come wrapped in shiny paper or with a big bow. It’s the gift of Jesus, and during this season, we’ll learn all about why He is so important and special.

“To kick things off, we’ve got a super-fun game that’s going to get us moving and remind us of the excitement that comes when you get a gift! It’s called ‘Pass the Present’, and we’re all going to play together! As we play, think about how much fun it is to unwrap a present. Now imagine that feeling, but a million times greater—that’s how wonderful the gift of Jesus is!”

“Alright, everyone, take a seat in a big circle. We’re going to pass this present around while the music plays. When the music stops, if you’re holding the present, tear off a layer of wrapping paper. After we get to the last layer, there’s a secret message inside the box! Are you ready to find out the secret message? If so, let’s get in a big circle!”

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

- **Wait for the kids to form a huge circle. If you have a larger group, feel free to choose a Small Group, or several kid volunteers to come on stage, form a circle, and play the game.**

"As we unwrap this gift, remember, we're not just unwrapping any gift; we're getting ready to uncover the story of the most special gift ever—the promise of Jesus!

"I love how excited we all get when we're about to open a gift. It's a little like how people must have felt years ago when they heard that Jesus was coming. They knew something amazing was on the way, just like we can't wait to find out what's inside our wrapped box!

"And just like our game, the story of Jesus is full of surprises and joy. Each layer of wrapping paper can represent a part of the story. But we've been learning this year that the Christmas story is more than just the things many of us are familiar with—shepherds, angels, a star. It's actually a story that started in the Garden with Adam and Eve when God started His plan to restore our relationship with Him through Jesus.

"So, are you all ready to get started on our game? Remember, while we're having fun with this game, let's keep in our hearts the true joy of Christmas, the arrival of Jesus, and the happiness He brings to every one of us.

"Alright, let's get those hands ready, listen for the music, and when it starts, let's pass the present with cheer!

AUDIO: Upbeat music (*optional: Christmas music*)

- **Start the music and the game. Stop the music as many times as you have layers on the present, and instruct the kid holding the present to unwrap one layer of wrapping paper. Once the kid has unwrapped one layer, start the music and encourage the kids to pass the present around the circle.**
- **Continue in the same way until you get down to the box. When the kid gets to the box, encourage them to open up the box and read the card loudly! After the kid says, 'Jesus is good news for everyone' take the card, read it out loud with joy, wave it up in the air, and shout and celebrate.**

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

Note: We've suggested worship songs below 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 below, 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 or for free with APlay.

"Yay! Great, great job, you guys! Jesus is good news for everyone! Today in our true story from the Bible, we'll take a look at what that means! But before we do that, let's get on our feet and worship the God who gave us the greatest gift ever because He loves us—Jesus!"

② Worship

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, wonderful friends! Christmas is such a special time, isn't it? It's when we celebrate Jesus, God's greatest gift to us. God gave us Jesus because He loves us so much! Our first song is 'Joy to the World.' Jesus is joy for the whole world—Jesus is good news for everyone!"

"Let's stand up and get ready to sing 'Joy to the World!'"

AUDIO: "Joy to the World" / track 1 from Joy to the World single

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great singing and dancing, everyone!"

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: "Before we sing our last song, let's learn our Memory Verse together with some simple motions. This is part of the message the angel declared to the shepherds on the night Jesus was born! This message is recorded in the Bible in Luke chapter 2. It's Luke 2:11!"

"It goes like this:

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:11 NIV).

"Let me teach you some motions that might help you remember the verse. You guys repeat the motions after me:

"Today in the town of David" – Point straight down with both hands like you're marking right now.

"a Savior" – Spread your arms wide like you're about to hug.

"has been born" – Rock your arms like you're holding a baby.

"to you." – Point to a friend or the group.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

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 without connecting it to what has come before, two sections in the script below are optional—"God's Big Story Opener" and "God's Big Story Closer." (Or if you are joining us at some point throughout the year, you can opt out of the God's Big Story part and just join us as we journey through the rest of the story of Scripture!) We're going to go through the Bible as we teach throughout the year, but whether or not you share God's Big Story each week is up to you!

Whatever way you decide to use the following, know that we're praying diligently for you—we're asking God to help kids see and believe that He loves them, He invented them, and He wants to be their closest Friend. Forever. It's an honor to get to know God with you through the Bible this year!

"He is the Messiah," – Pretend like you're putting on a crown with your hands.

"the Lord." – Point both hands up to the sky.

"Luke 2:11" – Open the palms of your hands together like you're opening a Bible.

"Let's all try that together!"

→ **(Repeat the Memory Verse with the motions several times.)**

"Great job! This season, we can remember that God sent His Son, Jesus, to us. Isn't that amazing? It is great, great news! This next song is talking about how we can share that great news with everyone!"

AUDIO: "Extra, Extra (*It's Christmas Time*)" / track from Extra, Extra (*It's Christmas Time*) Single

"Great job, everyone! Let's go ahead and sit down and hear our true story from the Bible today!"

③ Bible Story

SLIDE: Theme Background

→ **Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.**

INTRODUCTION

→ **Make sure a table is set up in the middle of the stage where the Storyteller can place their Bible. Also be sure the strand (or how many you need) of twinkle lights is spread across the front of the stage, and the two lanterns are on the sides of the table.**

STORYTELLER: "Hi, fellow friends who are loved by God! Merry Christmas! Before we get started in today's Bible Story about Christmas, 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!"

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

STORYTELLER: "We're going to go through God's Big Story in the Bible together! *(Gesture to slide.)*

SLIDE: God's Big Story

"Today, we're gearing up for Christmas—a time when we celebrate something truly special. Christmas isn't just about the lights or the gifts under the tree. It's about the best news ever—news that was promised a long time ago and then ... it finally happened. We're talking about Jesus, God's greatest gift to us.

"Now, think about a gift you've been given that meant a lot to you. Maybe it was something you needed or something you didn't even realize you wanted until you received it. That's a bit like what we'll discover today, but on an even bigger scale.

"To get us into the mindset of what it must have been like to wait for Jesus, let's do a quick object lesson. Here, I have a wrapped gift. *(Hold up the wrapped box.)* We can shake it, look at it, but we don't know what's inside until the time comes to open it. The people back then knew a special gift was coming, but they had to wait and trust. And that's not always easy, is it?

"So, as we dive into our true story from the Bible today, let's keep this wrapped gift in mind and think about how it felt to wait for the best news ever—the news of Jesus' arrival. Let's find out how this long-awaited promise became the good news for everyone, just like our Bottom Line says.

"Before we start our story, turn to the person next to you and share—what do you think makes news 'good news'? How does it feel to wait for something you really want? *(Pause as the kids turn and talk.)*

"Wow, that was some awesome discussion! We're going to look at some really good news today—good news that will bring something incredibly wonderful to your whole life. But before we dive into our true story from the Bible, let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year! We're going through the key stories of the Bible from cover to cover!

"Why are we going through the Bible? Is it because we really want to learn more about the Bible? Well, not exactly. Part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we can learn about Him. He could have kept who He is a secret from us, a big mystery of the

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

universe. But He didn't! He wants us to know Him, so He gave us the Bible. So as we go through the Bible this year, our hope is that we'll learn about Him!"

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

STORYTELLER: "We're going to go through God's Big Story in the Bible together! (*Gesture to slide.*)

SLIDE: God's Big Story

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

"You might remember that, in the beginning, God created 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. Pain, sickness, and death entered the world too.

"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. Abraham had a great-grandson named Joseph, who became a leader in Egypt and saved his family—God's people. Over time, God's people grew but were enslaved by a new Pharaoh. God's people cried out to God—'Help us!' they said—and God heard them! God freed His people and brought them to the super-nice home He had designed for them, the Promised Land.

"Some time after God's people were settled in the Promised Land, they asked for a king like the other nations around them. God gave them a king, and then many more kings (**and one queen**) followed. Sadly, after a long time of turning away from Him, God allowed His nation to be split in two—into the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. Prophets spoke for God saying, 'Come back to Me!' But the northern kingdom of Israel was destroyed, and the southern kingdom of Judah was taken captive. After years in exile, some of God's people returned to rebuild their homeland, while others stayed in foreign lands.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"During that sad time, God kept sending messages to His people about the Rescuer He had promised long ago. 'God's Rescuer is going to come like this!' the prophets said. But for years and years, nothing happened.

"But that long, long time was about to come to an end. God was about to show the world what He was working on for centuries!

"And that's where God's Big Story continues!

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Let's get started on our true story from the Bible today. It actually starts long, long ago, before the first Christmas tree in a dark, dark time.

→ ***Turn off all the lights that are possible to symbolize the darkness of the world. (But make sure the Storyteller can still be seen, and they can still read from their Bible.)***

"Long ago, the world was in a dark, dark place. Everybody on the planet was held captive to a curse of sin. No one could be close to God. They needed help.

"But even though the world was in a dark, dark place, God hadn't given up. For years and years, God kept working on His promise to rescue everyone.

"God gave several of His prophets clues about His great rescue plan. Through them, He offered glimpses of a future filled with light."

A CHILD IS PROMISED

STORYTELLER: "Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God spoke this promise to His people through His prophet Isaiah.

→ **Open the Bible to Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) and read.**

A child will be born to us.

A son will be given to us.

He will rule over us.

And he will be called

Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God.

*He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever
and Prince Who Brings Peace.*

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

STORYTELLER: "This wasn't just a bandage for everybody's problems. This was the announcement of a forever King, a ruler unlike any other they knew. He would come first as a child. But He was coming. God was hinting that rescue was coming. And that promise made the dark world a little brighter."

→ **Plug in the strand(s) of twinkle lights that spans across the stage to symbolize the dawning of hope**

STORYTELLER: "Even when it seemed that everything was going wrong, God was still in control, reminding His people He hadn't forgotten them. He was going to send them the Rescuer that He had promised long, long ago. The world didn't know this, but God was about to send ... Jesus!"

A SAVIOR FROM BETHLEHEM

STORYTELLER: "God didn't just say, 'A Savior is coming!' He gave clues, details. This is what He shared with His people through another prophet named Micah.

→ **Open the Bible to Micah 5:2 (NirV) and read.**

*"Bethlehem Ephrathah, you might not be
an important town in the nation of Judah.
But out of you will come for me
a ruler over Israel.
His family line goes back
to the early years of your nation.
It goes all the way back
to days of long ago."*

STORYTELLER: "Micah pointed everyone to Bethlehem, a tiny, almost forgotten town. It was a clue, a whisper of God's meticulous plan. And the dark world got a little brighter."

→ **Turn on the lanterns on either side of the table.**

"Even though these messages from God came hundreds of years before Jesus, they were like lights shining in the darkness. 'I have not forgotten you,' God was saying. 'I am going to help you.'"

STORYTELLER: "And this light wasn't just for God's people, it was for the whole world! It was for you too!"

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

→ Give each kid a white glow stick. Once each kid has a glow stick, instruct each of them to snap it so it lights up. The room should be filled with light.

"Years and years later, just as the prophets said, Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a tiny Baby cry pierced the night. The light burst through the darkness. Everything happened just like God said it would!

"God had worked for years and years on His great rescue plan, and this key part had finally happened. The Rescuer had come!

JESUS, THE LIGHT FOR PEOPLE IN DARKNESS

STORYTELLER: "Let's hold up our lights!

"This light represents Jesus. He came to the world to be a light to the people living in darkness. He came to be a light to you!

"You can put your light back down and hold it in front of you now.

"God loves you so much that He worked for years and years to send you Jesus so you could have a way to be His close friend again.

"When Jesus came on that night in Bethlehem, it was proof. God had done it. God had sent Jesus, just as He had promised, all those years ago.

"Our Christmas story isn't just about a baby in a manger. It's about a promise kept, a plan revealed. It's about a God who loves you so much, He did exactly as He promised.

"He sent Jesus. Jesus is the reason we have Christmas. He is the Light of the World!

"And Jesus isn't just good news for you, He's good news for everyone.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Jesus is good news for everyone. Say that with me."

→ Host enters and joins in.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

STORYTELLER, HOST, and KIDS: *[Bottom Line]* "Jesus is good news for everyone."

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

HOST: "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 right up here on this picture of God's Big Story, 'The Birth of Jesus.' (*Gesture to slide.*) This is such an important part in God's Big Story!

"This week we talked about two of God's prophets, Isaiah and Micah. Even though they both lived hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God gave them both hints and clues about God's promised Rescuer who would come. If you'll remember, since way back in the Garden of Eden when the first people fell under that awful curse of sin and couldn't be close to God anymore, God said: 'I am coming to rescue you.' For years and years, God was working on keeping that promise. Then, as we'll see in the next few weeks, Jesus came, just like God said He would! God loves us so much that He sent the Rescuer, Jesus, who would save us all! Merry Christmas, God sent you Jesus!

"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 two of God's prophets—Isaiah and Micah! This is an image of the prophet Isaiah!"

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

STORYTELLER: "We've journeyed back to the time of the prophets today, discovering some very special promises about Jesus. The prophet Isaiah said:

→ **Open the Bible to Isaiah 9:6 (NirV) and read.**

A child will be born to us.

A son will be given to us.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"That Son is Jesus!

"Prophet Micah also shared news about Jesus, saying:

→ **Open the Bible to Micah 5:2 (NirV) and read.**

*"Bethlehem Ephrathah, you might not be
an important town in the nation of Judah.*

*But out of you will come for me
a ruler over Israel.*

*His family line goes back
to the early years of your nation.*

*It goes all the way back
to days of long ago."*

"Micah was telling us that Jesus would come from a small place, but that small place would have a big purpose. The Rescuer of the whole world would come from that little town.

"So, what does this mean for us today? It means that God loves you so much that He worked for years and years to give you Jesus. It means that this Christmas, you are celebrating the greatest gift that anyone has ever given.

"It means that Jesus is the center of Christmas. He's not just another part of our holiday decoration, but the reason we celebrate. He's the good news!

"Our Memory Verse reminds us of this good news. It says:

SLIDE: Memory Verse Slide

→ **Open the Bible to Luke 2:11 (NirV) and read.**

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."

"This is part of the message the angel delivered to the shepherds on the night Jesus was born. God loves you so much that He sent a Savior to rescue you! And He isn't just good news for you, He's good news for everyone!

"Let's hold up our glow sticks again. Jesus brought so much brightness to the world!

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"So this Christmas, I hope you remember that God loves you so much that He sent you a Rescuer. I hope that's a light that lights up your whole Christmas season and beyond.

"And don't forget! Jesus isn't just good news for you, He's good news for everyone! He wants to light up everybody's life! God wants everyone to accept the great gift of Jesus. So share the reason for your light with everyone!

"Jesus is the reason for the season. He is God's greatest gift."

"Now, let's take a moment to talk to God together."

③ Prayer

STORYTELLER or HOST: "Dear God, thank You for sending the light of Jesus to us. Help us to remember and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, which is Your love for us. You love us so much that You sent us Jesus! Help us share about Your great love this Christmas and beyond. 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

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Opener

What You Need

- ☐ Host
- ☐ One shoebox-size box
- ☐ Several different rolls of Christmas-themed wrapping paper
- ☐ Index card that says in bold letters: "Jesus is good news for everyone!"
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Scissors

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids play the game (optional: Christmas music)

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Memory Verse Slide

Optional Videos

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

What You Do:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Write these words boldly on an index card: "Jesus is good news for everyone!"
4. Wrap the box with multiple layers of wrapping paper, putting the index card in the box. (The more layers, the more kids will get to open the "gift.")

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.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Joy to the World" from *"Joy to the World" single*
- ☐ "Extra, Extra (It's Christmas Time)" from *Extra, Extra (It's Christmas Time) single*

Optional Videos

Available for Purchase

- ☐ "Joy to the World" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video
- ☐ "Extra, Extra (It's Christmas Time)" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video

[Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://www.thinkorange.com)

What You Do:

1. 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). 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

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

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Bible Story

What You Need

- ☐ Storyteller
- ☐ Host
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Small table to put in the center of the stage
- ☐ Strand(s) of white twinkle lights and a power source where the strand can be plugged in, as many strands as needed to go across your stage
- ☐ Emergency lanterns (like these: <http://bit.ly/4poWsXY>), two for each Large Group
- ☐ Batteries for lanterns
- ☐ White glow sticks (like these: <http://bit.ly/48qabaQ>), one for every kid

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Background Slide
- ☐ Bottom Line Slide
- ☐ Theme Slide

Optional Video

- ☐ Theme Loop

What You Do:

1. 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.
2. Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
3. Before group time, wrap the small box with the Christmas-themed wrapping paper to make a gift.

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 the curriculum. There are two versions of each Timeline Image—a slide and a print version. A digital [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

PLANNING

Getting Ready

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)