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# Learn from God's Word.

# Note to Ministry Leader

Merry Christmas! It's time once more to "let every heart repair a broom" and "sleep in heavenly peas." Even though there can be confusion around some of the classic carols, every kid knows that Christmas is a time to celebrate. And we have the incredible privilege of explaining why! You may be teaching the Christmas story for the fourth time (or twenty fourth), but it's still fresh and new for the kids in your ministry. Even though some of them may have heard the story every year, that doesn't mean they yet understand how the birth of Baby Jesus two thousand years ago changes everything for us today.

In Week 1, we'll look at prophecies of Jesus' birth from a dark time in the decline of God's people and the return from exile. We'll explore how God had a plan from the very beginning to send Jesus and how all of history leads up to that point. In the stories of Mary and Zechariah, in the birth of Jesus, and in the visits of the shepherds and the wise men, we see how God's perfectly orchestrated story was cause for celebration then... and how it's just as much reason for us to celebrate today!



This guide is your monthto-month home base. It's designed to give you clarity, confidence, and connection as you lead in ministry.

#### **Start Here**

Every month, start with this guide. Review what you already know and discover what's new with this month's theme and content.

#### **Jump Around**

Click through the Table of Contents to move through the document, then click the jump link in the bottom right hand corner on any page to bounce back and repeat.

#### Circle Back

This guide is your working road map for every month. Navigating changes? Have questions? Need ideas? Look here first!

#### **Inclusive Pro Tips**



Look for this icon throughout your files to find intentional notes and ideas with every child in mind.

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# Note to Ministry Leader

God didn't need cable news or social media to broadcast the greatest birth announcement of all time. Instead, God sent an angel to Mary and to Zechariah and a full-on angel choir to the shepherds. And then, because no-big-deal, God placed a brand-new star to share the news with the wise men. Throughout history, the extraordinary news of Jesus' birth has been spread in every way imaginable, which is why we're shouting it out through this month's theme: "Extra! Extra!: Celebrate the Good News of Jesus' birth."

**God View** 

The connection between truth and God's creation, as shown through God's Big Story

Insight

#### **Design of God's Creation**

What I see around me reveals a Creator who cares about me.

**Application** 

Christmas: Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift



#### **First Christmas**

While many kids in your ministry might be able to re-enact the whole Christmas story on cue—there may be kids who are discovering for the very first time that Christmas isn't actually Rudolph and Santa. As you share this incredible story and interact with kids, don't assume that they already know even the most basic elements.

#### **Nativity Fact Check!**

- → It's possible Mary rode a donkey... but there is no record that she did.
- → While many traditions suggest that Jesus was born in a stable or even a cave, it's most likely that he was born in a room attached to a home—one that was generally reserved for the family's animals.
- → Jesus was most likely a toddler by the time the wise men arrived in Bethlehem.



# **Monthly Overview**

Week	Bible Story	Bottom Line	Conversation Starter
1	<b>Jesus Is Promised</b> Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2	Jesus is good news for everyone.	What's the best news you've ever heard?
2	<b>Gabriel Visits Mary</b> Luke 1:5-66	God always had a plan to send Jesus.	What are your plans this Christmas?
3	<b>Jesus Is Born</b> Luke 2:1-20	Jesus is the greatest gift.	What's the best gift you've been given?
4	The Wise Men Visit Jesus Matthew 2:1-12	Celebrate Jesus all year long.	How can you celebrate Jesus through the year?

Core Insight

**God's Creation / Design** 

**Key Application** 

**Christmas** 

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



# **Weekly Summaries**

Week	Bible Story	Summary
1	Jesus Is Promised	To start off the month, though, we're hopping back in time to look at the most important prophecies of Jesus' birth. Isaiah lived in a tumultuous time as the northern kingdom of Israel was destroyed and enemies closed in on Judah. But God gave Isaiah words of hope and peace for God's people then and for the whole world. "A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. His rule will be based on what is fair and right. It will last forever." That news makes me want to cheer! Then Micah points to a ruler who would be born in Bethlehem. More incredible news. [BOTTOM LINE] Jesus is good news for everyone.
2	Gabriel Visits Mary	Week 2 brings us to the stories of Mary, Zechariah, and Elizabeth. After hundreds of years with no recorded word from God, the rescue plan was set in motion. God sent angelic messengers with amazing news to Zechariah and to an ordinary girl named Mary. While Zechariah couldn't quite believe that he was part of God's plan, Mary chose to humbly accept her role as the mother of God's own Son. No matter how we respond, God's rescue plan can't be stopped. [BOTTOM LINE] God always had a plan to send Jesus.
3	Jesus Is Born	It's Week 3, and we've reached the main event. Jesus is born! God could have sent His Son to be born in the finest palace – but instead, Jesus was born in a place where the animals stayed with a manger as his bed. The birth announcement was pretty dramatic, though – because God sent brilliant angels to declare the news to a group of shepherds in the nearby fields. And once these shepherds saw the baby king, they couldn't help shouting out the good news wherever they went. [BOTTOM LINE] Jesus is the greatest gift.
4	The Wise Men Visit Jesus	We wrap up the month with the wise men and their visit to Jesus. These important scholars lived far to the East of Bethlehem, but that's no problem for God. In fact, God placed a brand-new star in the sky to spread the news of Jesus' birth and guide the wise men straight to the new king. The wise men gave Jesus royal gifts and returned home – where you can bet they celebrated their incredible adventure for the rest of the year and the rest of their lives!  [BOTTOM LINE] Celebrate Jesus all year long.

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# Scope & Cycle → Kids

The Scope & Cycle document is your teaching road map, including theological foundations, phase research, and monthly overviews for the whole year.

#### FIND MY FILES \*

Scope & Cycle is in the folder:

- → This Month
  - → 01\_Start Here
  - → 01\_Vision Casting

#### **August**



#### September



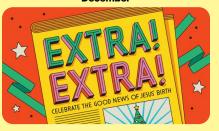
October



#### November



December



January



**February** 



March



April



May



June

Coming Soon!

July

Coming Soon!

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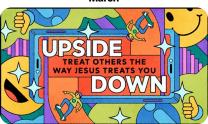
January



**February** 



March



April



May



June

Coming Soon!

July

Coming Soon!

# **Music Scope & Cycle**

View Music Here **₹** 

July	August	September	October
Monthly Song Album: At the Top of My Lungs	Monthly Song New Release!	Monthly Song Album: Everything to Me	Monthly Song Album: Can't Stop Won't Stop
At the Top of My Lungs	You're Right There	Brave	Know You More
Additional Song Album: Make a Move	Additional Song Album: Can't Stop Won't Stop	Additional Song Album: Every Beat	Additional Song Album: Everything to Me
All I Need	Follow You	You Are My Hope	A Better Me
November	December	January	February
Monthly Song Album: Everything to Me	Monthly Song New Release!	Monthly Song Album: Everything to Me	<b>Monthly Song</b> Album: Every Beat
Yes I Am	Extra, Extra (It's Christmas Time)	Everything to Me	Can't Contain It
Additional Song Album: At the Top of My Lungs	Additional Song	Additional Song Album: My Life For You	Additional Song Album: Can't Stop Won't Stop
I Can Do All Things	Album: Silent Night (The King Is Born)	My Life For You	Live Your Love
	Come On With Me		
March	April	May	June/July
Monthly Song New Release!	Monthly Song Album: Start the Party	Monthly Song Album: Can't Stop Won't Stop	Coming Soon!
O Praise	(Kids) EP  I've Got Joy	Never Give Up	
Additional Song Album: Can't Stop Won't Stop	Additional Song	Additional Song Album: Can't Stop Won't Stop	
Thank You God	Album: Start the Party (Kids) EP	Can't Stop Won't Stop	

Start the Party

# Plan with every child in mind.

# **Getting Ready**

Build your to-do list from action items found in this guide.

#### #01 Learn from God's Word

- ☐ Look through the Ministry Leader Guide (this document)
- ☐ Customize content through curriculum Word Documents
- ☐ Explore ideas on the 252Kids Pinterest

#### #02 Plan with Every Kid in Mind

- Review the suggested schedules and note any changes
- ☐ Reference the activity stamps and "Budget Friendly Supplies" sticker to select activities for Social and Groups from the Small Group Leader Guide
- ☐ For ministries that have K-5th grade together for small groups, reference the 2nd-3rd grade guide with the "Perfect for K-5th" sticker

#### #03 Build an Experience

- ☐ Create your environment
- ☐ Review and publish APlay playlists
- ☐ Source the props and supplies needed for the Small Group activities and Large Group
- Print the activity pages needed for the Small Group activities
- Send emails and documents to equip leaders and volunteers

#### #04 Connect Beyond This Moment

- ☐ Plan and schedule social media
- ☐ Print the Parent Cue cards or schedule the Mailchimp email
- ☐ Send encouragement to volunteers

# Suggested Schedule → Leader

#### **Before**

#### Prelude

What you do beforehand

Setting the tone for the experience

You'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare in the Prelude folder.

#### **Small Group**

#### Social (15 minutes)

Providing time for fun interaction

Offer activities as kids arrive.

Kids divided into smaller groups with a consistent leader

#### **Large Group**

#### Worship (10 minutes)

Inviting kids to respond to God

# All kids & leaders together

**Story (25 minutes)**Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Engage children's hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible Story, Worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

#### **Small Group**

#### Groups (25 minutes)

Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Kids divided into smaller groups with a consistent leader

#### After

Prompting action beyond the experience

You'll find a variety of resources to share in the Home folder.

What you do afterwards

Home

# Suggested Schedule → Experience

Monthly documents and APlay playlists follow the same suggested schedule.

#### If the order changes, remember to:

- → Let leaders and volunteers know the update
- → Reorder APlay to match at joinamazing.com

Segment	What You'll Find	What You Do
Social	Includes an opening activity as kids arrive. This time encourages kids to enter the	<ul> <li>→ Plan for one or more of the activities.</li> <li>→ Review the Small Group document for props and</li> </ul>
15 minutes Providing time for fun interaction	classroom and engage with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing fun, age-appropriate, hands-on activities that introduce new concepts they will hear in the Bible Story.	<ul> <li>supplies needed.</li> <li>→ Lead activities in different areas of the room while a designated leader greets parents and children at the door.</li> </ul>
Worship	We recommend worship songs that amplify teaching content for the month. We've created these songs to be developmentally	→ Recommendation: Have a Worship Leader and live instruments to sing along with the music tracks.
10 minutes Inviting kids to respond to God	appropriate, incorporating simple, direct language, fun dance movements, and upbeat, current arrangements.	→ Encourage small group leaders to model what it means to worship by participating in worship using words and motions and encourage children to follow along.
	Songs are preloaded into <u>APlay</u> and available for purchase at <u>store.thinkorange.com</u> .	→ Share music links with parents so they can stream them at home or in the car.
Story	Includes various methods of storytelling to engage every kid as they learn about	→ Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible Story. This person should be able to command the
25 minutes Communicating God's truth in engaging ways	God's Big Story and the part they can play in it. This time encourages kids to be active participants in their faith and not just bystanders.	attention of preschoolers through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advance preparation is necessary.
Groups	Includes activities written to reach every learning style. These activities will reinforce	<ul> <li>→ Plan for as many of the activities as possible.</li> <li>→ Review the Small Group document for props and</li> </ul>
25 minutes Creating a safe place to connect	the Bottom Line introduced during the Bible Story and help kids apply it to real-life experiences.	<ul> <li>supplies needed.</li> <li>→ You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or offer two activities at once and allow half the children to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.</li> </ul>

# **Activity Stamps**

Every kid is made uniquely by God, and wired to learn differently in every phase. That's where Activity Stamps come in!



An activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



An activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group



An activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery



An activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment



An activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing



An activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



An activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

#### **Learn More**

Activity Stamps help you create intentional moments that meet kids where they are developmentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

Whether kids are moving, creating, building, sharing, or imagining, each stamp shows how the activity is designed to help kids engage with God's Word in a way that sticks. They also ensure variety and balance in your time together.

#### **How to Use**

So as you plan, try mixing it up! You'll see an assigned Activity Stamp listed with each activity to show you how it's designed to engage kids best.

One week you might do a "Made to Move" activity, and the next week might be "Made to Create." Both help kids connect with God in meaningful ways.

Using a variety of stamps throughout your time helps every kid feel seen and gives them a chance to connect with God's Word in a way that makes sense to them.

# Build an experience they'll remember.

## **Create the Environment**

#### **General Tips**

#### Declutter your environment.

While the relationships are what matter, a cluttered space is less inviting.

#### Create great signage that is easy for kids to read.

Create great signage that is easy for kids to read. If multiple small groups are meeting in one large room, consider using chalk board easels or A-frame signs so parents and children can instantly see where to go.

Display the Theme Art, Bottom Line, or Memory Verse in photo frames at check-in so parents know what their child is learning.

You don't have to go all out, but even little touches go a big way!

Think theme art colors or utilizing your screens if you have them.

#### **Tips for This Month**

Use these ideas as starting point to bring the theme to life in your space.

#### **Christmas Tree**

- → Decorate your Christmas trees with ornaments made from newsprint.
- → Wrap strips of newsprint around trees like ribbon, and add letters to the ribbon to spell out "Jesus is born!"

#### **Font**

→ The titles in theme art are typically hand-drawn letters. Similar fonts can be found online: <u>Bryant Medium</u>

#### **Need Ideas?**

Connect with our team and other ministry leaders for more content.

#### **Pinterest**

bit.ly/2HaRdls

#### **Facebook**

bit.ly/252KidsPartnerFacebook

#### Spotify

spoti.fi/2TqDhBJ

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## **Create the Environment**

#### January → Game Plan

Font → Beat Box

Obstacle courses are amazing because they can be made from anything. So, search your storage rooms for some of the most random things that will bring back some fond memories for your kids. That 6' inflatable piece of pizza from summer? Yep! Colorful 5-gallon buckets? Stack them up! To help define the course, slide pool noodles onto toilet plungers with firm rubber plunges, and attach arrows pointing up, over, and under.

#### February → Like and Subscribe

Font → <u>Trade Gothic Next LT Pro Heavy Condensed</u> + Bryant Condensed Medium

This is another month where you can decorate with pictures of your kids and leaders. Decorate your walls with film strips or computer screen templates, and add their pictures. Pictures can be of individual kids or small groups making silly faces together. Leave some empty spaces so you can add new kids to the wall as the month goes on. Add thumbs-up icons and emojis with heart eyes around your environment.

#### March → Upside Down

Font → Polymath Display

This can be one of the easiest months to decorate. Do you have posters in frames in your environment? Turn them upside down. Hang anything upside down—chairs, lamps, clocks—to spark your kids' curiosity so you can teach them about the marvelous upsidedown way that Jesus calls us to treat others. And with Palm Sunday falling on the last Sunday of the month, consider changing the environment a week early to make Holy Week a little easier on you and your team.

#### April → Block Party

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It's time to celebrate! Use traditional party decorations in colors that coordinate with the theme art. Hang streamers or pennant flag bunting. Create some signs like in the theme art. Create the look of confetti falling by attaching small pieces of colorful paper to fishing line that is hung from the ceiling.

#### May → Trek

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Create some mountains by crumpling colorful butcher paper that matches the theme art. Then smooth it out a little as you shape it into mountains. Add some Ficus trees or cardboard trees decorations. Display a sign that shows a trail map.

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# **Introducing APlay**

Welcome to instant access to your curriculum media. No downloads. No hassle.

APlay is an all-in-one media organization and presentation tool, free with your curriculum subscription! 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 and web browser streaming options.

#### **How to Get Started**

- → First time? Sign up at JoinAPlay.com using the same primary email and password for your Orange Curriculum subscription.
- → Returning? Sign in at JoinAmazing.com. You'll find it pre-loaded with all the media content in your subscription.
- → Questions? Reach out to Customer Care or your dedicated Orange Specialist.





#### Seamless Media Playlists

Display curated playlists or create your own.



#### **Custom Content Integration**

Upload and organize your church media, including worship videos.



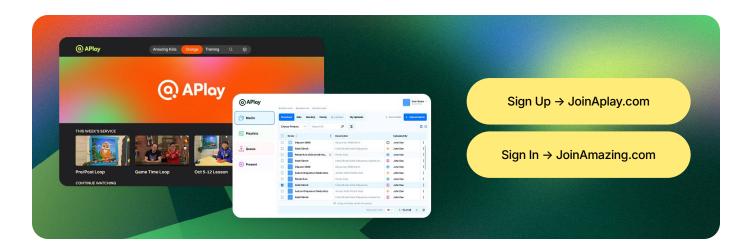
#### **Pre-Built Playlists**

Access Orange Curriculum playlists tailored for your needs.



#### **AppleTV Compatibility**

Enjoy preloaded curriculum content ready for use.





# **Equip Leaders**

#### **Communicate Early**

Send any files and information a leader may need early enough for them to plan.

#### **Large Group Leaders**

☐ Send the Large Group Leader Guide

#### **Small Group Leaders**

Send the Small Group Leader Guide
(Mailchimp templates are provided for easy access!
Share which Group Activities were selected



Weekly leader guides are found in their respective folders: Groups

- → Small Group
- → Large Group



#### **Amazing Kids Worship**

In the Large Group Leader Guide, we've suggested worship songs from Amazing Kids Worship.

We've created these songs to be developmentally appropriate for elementary, 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.

Songs can be found on <u>APlay</u> and for purchase at <u>store.thinkorange.com</u>.



#### Isaiah 9:6 (NIrV)

"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."

#### 1 John 4:14 (NIrV)

"We have seen it. We give witness about it. The Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world."

#### John 1:14 (NIrV)

"The Word became a human being. He made his home with us. We have seen his glory. It is the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father. And the Word was full of grace and truth."

#### John 3:16 NIrV

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life."

#### Luke 2:10 (NIrV)

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people."



#### **Additional Memory Verses**

Here are some additional Bible verses you could add to your Small Group curriculum or send home for parents and kids to learn together. Some verses are longer than others and more complex, so think about the age group when you choose.

\* Phrases in bold are more appropriate for younger children.

#### **Printing**

If printing on labels to create stickers or cards, Microsoft Word has a feature to assist:

- → Select the "Tools" pull-down menu in Word
- → Select "Labels"
- → Select "Options" for your preferred Avery® labels size
- → Copy and paste your verses into the Word Doc
- → Print!

# Connect beyond this moment.

#### **Social Media**

This guide provides consistency while allowing room for creativity. Keep engaging, keep encouraging, and keep building faith in the next generation!

**Weekly Strategy** 

What to post and caption each day.

**Management Strategy** 

What content to feature and engage directly with Parents.



#### **Automate Scheduling**

Use scheduling tools like Canva or Hootsuite to automate posts. Pro-tip, they both have nonprofit account options!

#### **Ask Questions**

Encourage comments and interactions by asking engaging questions.

#### **Stay Present**

Monitor direct messages and comments to foster community engagement.

#### **Customize Content**

Adapt posts to fit your ministry's unique needs.

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# **Social Media Weekly Strategy**

Day	Content	Direction	Caption Suggestion
Monday	Parent Cue Equip parents with a practical conversation starter or activity to reinforce what kids are learning.	Grid Post + Caption Post a Parent Cue image from the series art.	Hey, parents! Here's a conversation cue for this week. Take a moment to connect with your child at [Meal Time/Morning Time/ Drive Time/Bed Time]. For more cues, check out the Parent Cue App!
Tuesday	Ministry Highlight or Testimonial Share a win or highlight from your kids' ministry to encourage engagement and build community.	Grid/Reel Post + Caption Post a photo or video from your team.	"We love seeing kids grow in their faith! This week, [Kid's Name] shared how they applied what they learned at church. Share in the comments a recent win you've seen with your child."
Wednesday	Bottom Line or Key Question Provide a midweek reminder of what kids are learning and encourage families to reflect.	Grid Post + Caption Post a bottom line or key question image from the series art.	"This week, we learned that [Insert Bottom Line]. How can you put this into action today?"
Thursday	Volunteer Appreciation or Behind-the-Scenes Recognize and celebrate your volunteers to build community and cultivate a positive ministry culture.	Grid/Reel Post + Caption Post a photo or video from your team of a volunteer or from behind-the-scenes.	"Shoutout to [Volunteer's Name]! They help create a fun and meaningful experience for kids every week. Drop a thank-you note in the comments!"
Friday	Memory Verse or Worship Song Highlight Reinforce scripture memory or introduce the worship song kids are learning	Grid/Reel Post + Caption Post the verse graphic from the series art or a short (30 sec.) video of worship from your team.	"This month's memory verse: [Insert Verse Reference] Take time to memorize this as a family and remind each other of God's truth!
Saturday (Optional)	Service Photos or Videos Create engagement by creating spontaneous posts, fun polls, or engaging questions	Grid/Reel Post + Caption Share a photo or video from service. Bonus if you post a carousel!	What's your favorite Bible story?
Sunday	Weekly Recap Summarize what was taught in church that week and encourage families to continue the conversation.	Grid/Reel Post + Caption Post a carousel of photos and videos from your team.	"This week, we explored [Bible Story/ Theme] and learned [Key Lesson]. Keep the conversation going at home by watching this recap on [Parent Cue App/ Website]!"

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# Social Media Management Strategy

# Monthly Features (Pinned Posts)



# Memory Verse of the Month (Image included in Series Art)

This month's memory verse: [Insert Verse]. Let's commit to memorizing this together as a family!



# Monthly Theme Overview Carousel (Image & Video)

This month in kids' ministry, we're diving into [Theme Name]. Join us each week as we learn how God is working in our lives!



# Ways to Get Involved (Volunteer Call-to-Action)

Want to make an impact? We're looking for amazing volunteers to join our kids' ministry team! Sign up today to be part of something special.



# Upcoming Events & Announcements

Mark your calendars! [Event Name] is coming up on [Date]. We can't wait to see you there!

# POV Content Prompts (Point of View)

#### **About POV**

POV-style video directly engage parents and spark conversation. Encourage parents to comment, tag friends, and share their own experiences to increase engagement on these posts!

#### **Permissions**

Make sure you have obtained permission from the child's guardian before posting any videos or images. A Photo/Video Release form is a great tool for this.



# POV: When kids surprise us with their wisdom

Video of a child explaining a Bible story in their own words, with a caption: "Sometimes, the best teachers are the kids themselves! What's something your child has taught you about faith?"



## POV: Sunday morning chaos getting to church

Fast-paced, funny clips showing the behind-the-scenes rush of a family trying to get out the door for church. Caption: "If this is you every Sunday morning, you're not alone! Tag a parent who can relate!"



# POV: When a child remembers the memory verse before you do

A playful skit where a child corrects a leader on the memory verse.

Caption: "Who else has been called out by a kid for not knowing the memory verse? 

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# POV: When kids randomly start singing the worship song from church

A child joyfully singing a worship song in the car or at dinner. Caption: "Worship doesn't stop on Sundays! What's your child's favorite worship song right now?"



Parent Cue is your direct-to-parent strategy.
Along with Parent Cue handouts and emails found in your curriculum files, the Parent Cue App connects you to parents and families all week long.

The Parent Cue App is free to download and includes content that aligns to the curriculum schedule. Unlock more features and content with church customization or an individual subscription.

#### **Church Customization**

Deliver weekly curriculum content, empower parents, and centralize your communication in a customizable app.

With customization, you can edit and add your own content for parents. Keep all your church's most important information in one easily accessible location, right on every parent's phone.

Get Started → <u>orangeapps.church/choose-plan</u>

#### **Parent Subscription**

The Parent Cue App includes an option for in-app subscription. Parents will find additional weekly cues, monthly resources, and yearly phase content to help them be the parent they want to be.

Tell Parents More → parentcue.org/app











# **Volunteer Appreciation**

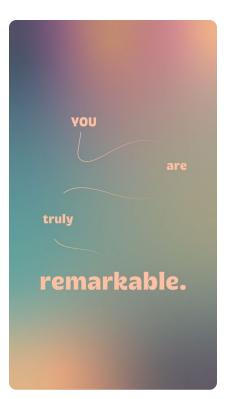
Everyone loves to know that they are loved and appreciated! What better way to appreciate your volunteers than with some fun, meaningful, and engaging events and resources?

The Volunteer Appreciation document provides you with various ways to engage your volunteers all year long with:

- → 5 Budget Friendly Ideas
- → 5 Semi-budget Friendly Ideas
- → 2 Go All Out Ideas
- → Book Resources List

No matter what you choose to do, we hope that your volunteers feel poured into as they continue to serve in your ministry.







The guide, postcards, and phone backgrounds are in the folder: Start Here (Prelude)

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### Statement of Faith

#### **About God**

There is one, and only one, living and true God, existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is just, powerful, good, and holy. God is infinite in love. Through love, God creates, sustains, suffers, judges, rescues, liberates, redeems, reconciles, and reigns.

#### **About Jesus**

God became human in Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead, and on the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. The death and resurrection of Jesus offers redemption for humanity and the world.

#### **About The Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, the fully divine Spirit of God, whose present activity is to guide, to convict, to comfort, to transform, and to strengthen. The Spirit bestows gifts, and cultivates the character and mind of Christ in believers for use in and through the Church.

#### **About The Bible**

The Holy Scripture was written under the divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is accurate, reliable, and authoritative. It is the primary authority for all Christian faith and practice. The Scripture reveals the character of God, the nature of humanity, and the primacy of Jesus.

#### **About Salvation**

Jesus, being fully God and fully human, was born, lived, died, and rose again. It is only through Christ Jesus that humanity can find complete forgiveness, reconciliation, and wholeness. Anyone who accepts the free gift of salvation made possible through Christ Jesus is welcome into the Kingdom of Heaven now and forever.

#### **About People**

All people are made in God's image, and like God, have the capacity to love, to care, to communicate, and to create. All people have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. The fall of humanity distorted creation and separated all people from God. Because of the fall, humans often feel isolated, angry, inadequate, ashamed, or overwhelmed by the constant awareness that all is not as it should be.

#### **About The Church**

The Church is the body of Christ, an extension of Christ's life and ministry in the world today. It includes the redeemed of all ages, races, genders, and nations. Because of Jesus, with the guidance of the Spirit, believers are invited to participate in the work of the Church. Jesus prayed for unity in the Church, and our Christian unity gives evidence of God to every generation.

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