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Learn from God's Word.

Note to Ministry Leader

This month, we are taking our preschoolers on an exciting journey to the moon and back as we teach them that God made everything. We want our preschoolers to know that this beautiful world they live in was created by our loving, creative, and powerful God. All God had to do was say it, and it was! Wow!

So, what did God do after He made everything? "God saw everything he had made. And it was very good." (Genesis 1:31 NIV) Then, God rested. And that is what we hope to do this month with our preschoolers. Look at everything God made. See that it is very good. And then rest in knowing that our God is powerful and creative and beautiful, and He loves us to the moon and back.

HOW TO USE



This guide is your month-to-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.

Safety Note

To create a safe place for all children, be sure to look for safety notes included throughout the curriculum. Make sure you print and display the "Allergy Alert Posters" outside each environment for parents to see at drop-off.

Monthly Overview

Week	Bible Story	Bible References
1	Light and Dark Sky Above Water*	Genesis 1:3-8
2	Land, Plants, and Seas*	Genesis 1:9-13
3	Sun, Moon, and Stars*	Genesis 1:14-19
4	Sea Animals and Birds*	Genesis 1:20-23
5	Land Animals and People God Rested*	Genesis 1:24-2:3

* MONTHLY BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS

Key Question

Who made everything?

Bottom Line

God made everything.

Basic Truth

God made me.

FOR
CRAWLERS
& TODDLERS,
SAY
↓

FOR
BABIES
SAY
↓

**God saw everything he had made. And it was very good.
Genesis 1:31 NIV**

Memory Verse Motions → find in the Prelude folder or on [Pinterest](https://www.pinterest.com)

MEMORY VERSE
MEMORY VERSE

Scope & Cycle

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



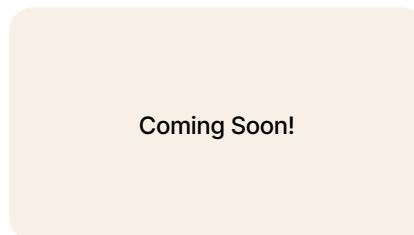
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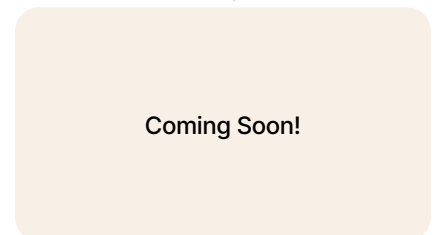
May



June



July



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 [First Look Pinterest](#)

#02 Plan with Every Kid in Mind

- ☐ Review the suggested schedules and note any changes
- ☐ Use the activity stamps to select activities for Social and Groups from the Small Group Leader Guide

#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

What you do
beforehand

Prelude

Setting the tone for the experience

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

Small Group

Kids divided into
smaller groups with a
consistent leader

Social (15 minutes)

Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

Large Group

All kids & leaders
together

Worship (10 minutes)

Inviting people to respond to God

Story (10 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

Kids divided into
smaller groups with a
consistent leader

Groups (25 minutes)

Inviting people to respond to God

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

After

What you do
afterwards

Home

Prompting action beyond the experience

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

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 15 minutes Providing time for fun interaction	Includes 2-3 activities as preschoolers arrive. This time encourages preschoolers to enter the 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.	→ Plan for as many of the activities as possible. → Review the Small Group document for props and supplies needed.
Worship 10 minutes Providing time for fun interaction	We recommend 3 worship songs that amplify teaching content for the month. We've created these songs to be developmentally appropriate, incorporating simple, direct language, fun dance movements, and upbeat, current arrangements. Songs are preloaded into APlay and available for purchase at store.thinkorange.com .	→ Recommendation: Have a Worship Leader and live instruments to sing along with the music tracks. → 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. → Share music links with parents so they can stream them at home or in the car.
Story 10 minutes Communicating God's truth in engaging ways	Includes various methods of storytelling to engage every kid as they learn about 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.	→ Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible Story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advance preparation is necessary.
Groups 25 minutes Inviting people to respond to God	Includes 6 activities written to reach every learning style. These activities will reinforce the Bottom Line introduced during the Bible Story and help kids apply it to real-life experiences.	→ Plan for as many of the activities as possible. → Review the Small Group document for props and supplies needed. → 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.

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 uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



An activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts



An activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role play to enhance their learning



An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft



An activity that encourages personal application and prayer



An advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

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.

Store toys out of sight and out of mind.

It is difficult to engage a preschooler when their favorite toy is nearby.

If you share space with a preschool, develop a strong relationship with the preschool and preschool teachers.

Don't let space become a source of contention. If possible, work together to sew fitted covers for toy shelves that slip over the top of the shelf. (Think BBQ grill covers.) Choose fabric in neutral colors or match the wall color so the covered shelves blend into the background. Ask the preschool to cover everything before they leave on Friday, and ask your volunteers to uncover everything before leaving on Sunday. Set each other up for success.

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

Each month the Environment Art has printable elements from the theme art to help you extend the theme throughout your environment.

You can find it in the Prelude folder.

- 01_Prelude
- 03_EnvironmentImages
- 03_ThemeArt_Environment

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.

Create Space

- Create a spaceship from cardboard.
- Hang twinkle lights along with cutouts of the sun, moon, and stars.

Days of Creation

- Decorate for the days of creation.
- You can find our Creation Numbers in the Theme Art folder in the Large Group folders for each age group, under 'StoryImages (All Weeks)."

Font

- The titles in theme art are typically hand-drawn letters. Similar fonts can be found online: [Baddie](#) and [Suburbia](#).

Need Ideas?

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

Pinterest

bit.ly/FL_ToTheMoonAndBack

Facebook

bit.ly/FL_Partners

Spotify

bit.ly/FL_MusicPlaylist

Hashtag

#FLToTheMoonAndBack

Create the Environment

September → Construct and Create

Think about children's workshops at hardware stores where children can create things like wooden birdhouses. Get some similar kits to build and display the creation next to their building instructions. For something larger, consider building something out of cardboard boxes covered in butcher paper.

October → Super Kids

Take pictures of the children at your church wearing a cape and doing their best superhero pose. Use shapes cut from construction paper to create fireworks like in the theme art.

November → Going on a Picnic

Pull out those plush animals and play food and set up a picnic. Trees like in our theme art can be easily recreated with simple butcher paper and simple paint strokes (straight, thick, fuzzy, curved, and curly). Display pictures of people and things that we can be thankful for.

December → Christmas Shapes

Check the theme art for our Christmas shapes that help tell the story. The heart-shaped angel comes with a message of love: that God is sending His Son Jesus. The square present represents that Jesus is the best gift of all. The circle sheep remind us that humble shepherds shared the story of Jesus' birth with everyone. Then the star appeared to lead the wise men to a young Jesus so they could worship Him. In addition to the Environment Art, there will be Nativity art in the Christmas Extras folder that you can use to decorate.

January → Book Fair

Preschoolers will read a lot of books, but the Bible is special because it teaches us the best things. Decorate with life-size books. You can even print the Story Images to go inside these books to help preschoolers see the wonderful story God tells us of His love for us.

February → Sweet Treats

Nothing is sweeter than Jesus' love! Create life-size lollipops and large candies and cakes with pool noodles, and don't forget to add some hearts and the Bottom Line.

March → All Star

March is all about Jesus' miracles because Jesus is amazing! Decorate with trophies with Jesus' name on them and props that represent the miracles. Consider changing to your April decorations a week early for Palm Sunday (the last week of March) to make Holy Week a little easier.

April → Hip Hip Hooray

Decorate for a party to celebrate Jesus and what He has done for us. Latex balloons are a serious choking hazard so decorate with mylar balloons by inflating them with air and taping them to the wall. Hang streamers and colorful bunting. Use the Easter Extras art to create an empty tomb.

May → Hats Off

We love our community helpers because they care for their community, and we want preschoolers to know that Jesus cares about EVERYONE! Consider taking pictures of your families, people from your church, and buildings in your community (schools, grocery store, library, etc.). Display those pictures in hearts to help your preschoolers see that Jesus cares for everyone. And don't forget you can decorate with community helper hats using the Environment Art.

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.

KEY FEATURES



Seamless Media Playlists

Display curated playlists or create your own.



Custom Content Integration

Upload and organize your church media, including worship videos.



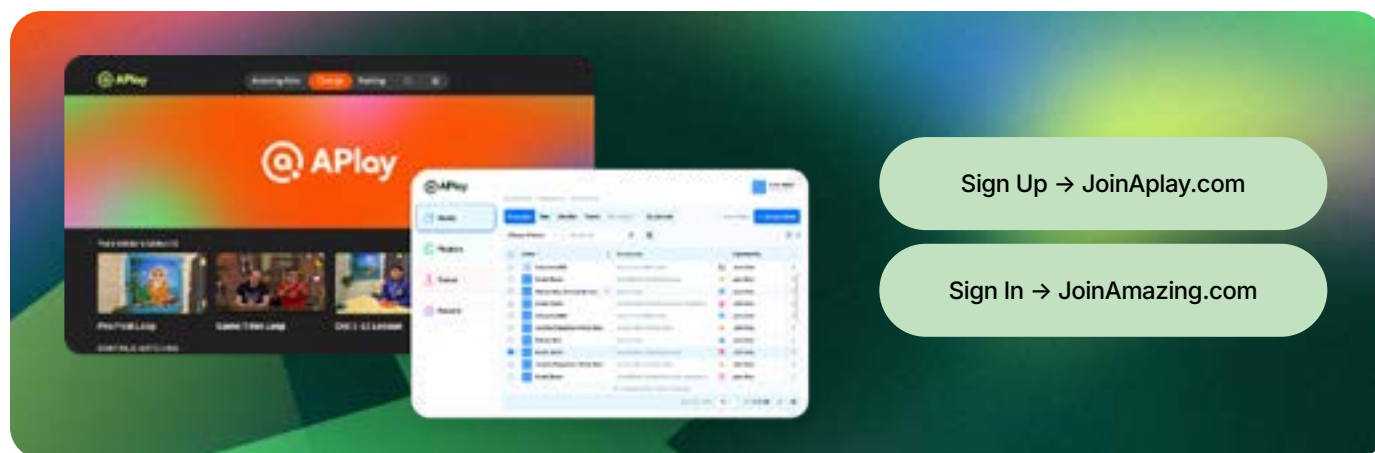
Pre-Built Playlists

Access Orange Curriculum playlists tailored for your needs.



AppleTV Compatibility

Enjoy preloaded curriculum content ready for use.



Sign Up → JoinAplay.com

Sign In → JoinAmazing.com

Equip Leaders

Communicate Early

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

Large Group Hosts & Worship 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

FIND MY FILES

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 preschoolers, 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 [APlay](#) and for purchase at store.thinkorange.com.

**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.

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.	<i>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!</i>
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.	<i>"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."</i>
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.	<i>"This week, we learned that [Insert Bottom Line]. How can you put this into action today?"</i>
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.	<i>"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!"</i>
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.	<i>"This month's memory verse: [Insert Verse Reference] Take time to memorize this as a family and remind each other of God's truth!"</i>
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!	<i>What's your favorite Bible story?</i>
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.	<i>"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]!"</i>

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!



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.



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!



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? 😂"*



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?"*

Going Home

Encourage leaders and volunteers to connect parents with what happened in preschool world today. Take time to communicate what preschoolers learned so that parents can continue the learning at home.

01 Get Ready

- Prep Parent Cues by printing or scheduling an email
- Print the Going Home PDF for leaders and volunteers

02 Equip Your Team

- Set any take-home creations where you or parents can get them easily
- Set Parent Cues out where parents can find them

03 Remind Your Team

- Greet parents at the door and tell them what preschoolers are learning this month
- Encourage parents to repeat the bottom line at home and use activities found in Parent Cue to reinforce what they are learning at church
- Hand parents any take-home creations, Parent Cues, and anything else relevant (like Babies Check-Out)

Parent Cue

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.

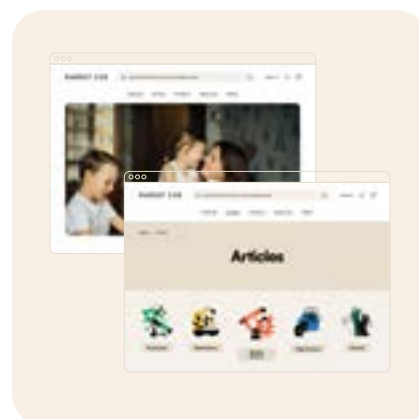
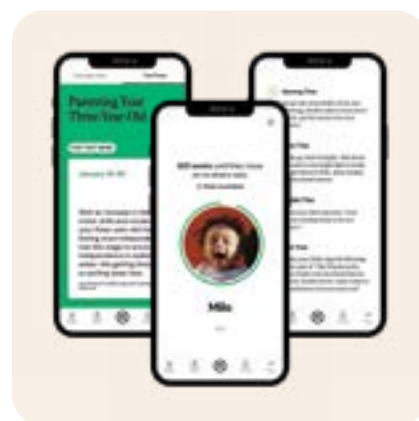
Get Started → orangeapps.church/choose-plan

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

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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:

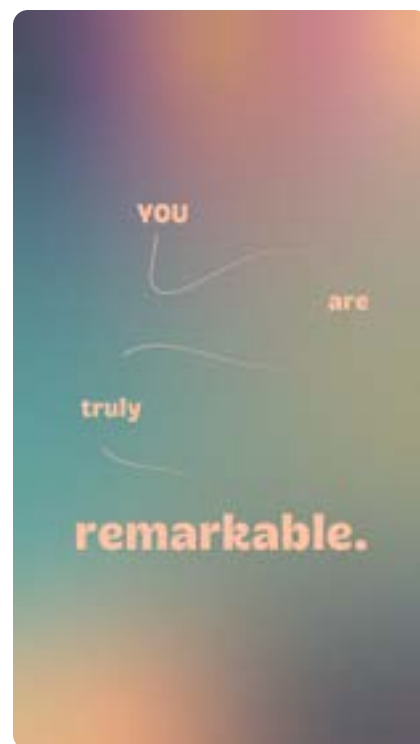
- 5 Budget Friendly Ideas
- 5 Semi-budget Friendly Ideas
- 2 Go All Out Ideas
- Book Resources List

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

FIND MY FILES

The guide, postcards, and phone backgrounds are in the folder:
Start Here (Prelude)
→ 04_VolunteerAppreciation

REFERENCE



Music Scope & Cycle 25-26

[View Music Here](#)

July

- **Monthly Song:**
Love Like Jesus
From Month/Album:
Live It Out
- **Additional Song:**
Come On With Me
From Month/Album:
My Friend Forever

August

- **Monthly Song:**
What God Made
New Release!
- **Additional Song:**
All Good
From Month/Album:
All Good

September

- **Monthly Song:**
The Plans
From Month/Album:
Amazing
- **Additional Song:**
Really Awesome Plan
From Month/Album:
Love Like Jesus

October

- **Monthly Song:**
Super Duper Kid
From Month/Album:
Very Big Things
- **Additional Song:**
Be Brave
From Month/Album:
Never Better

November

- **Monthly Song:**
Just Wanna Thank You
New
New Release!
- **Additional Song:**
Just Wanna Thank You
From Month/Album:
All Good

December

- **Monthly Song:**
Happy Birthday Jesus
- **Additional Song:**
It's a Holy Night

January

- **Monthly Song:**
The Bible Teaches Me the Best Things
New Release!
- **Additional Song:**
Important Things

February

- **Monthly Song:**
Jesus Loves Me Remix
From Month/Album:
Summer 2020
- **Additional Song:**
Whole Lotta Bit
From Month/Album:
Love Like Jesus

March

- **Monthly Song:**
Amazing
From Month/Album:
Amazing
- **Additional Song:**
He is Amazing
From Month/Album:
Love Like Jesus

April

- **Monthly Song:**
I've Got a Friend
From Month/Album:
All Good
- **Additional Song:**
My Forever Friend
From Month/Album:
Very Big Things

May

- **Monthly Song:**
Jesus Loves Everybody
New Release!
- **Additional Song:**
Everyone Everywhere
From Month/Album:
Very Big Things / Amazing

June

- **Coming Soon!**

July

- **Coming Soon!**

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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