

WEEK

ONE

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 ("Brave" and "You Are My Hope")
- Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are listed as optional)
- Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

2. Show It with Scarves! (K-1st grade), Courage Stick (2nd-3rd grade), Bible Story Extension (4th-5th Grade)
3. I'm Not Ready Scenarios (K-1st grade), Moses' Journey (2nd-3rd grade), Take a Snapshot (4th-5th Grade)
4. Memory Verse Motions (K-1st grade), Verse in Motion (2nd-3rd grade), Verses to Take with You (4th-5th Grade)
5. Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

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

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Moses

Burning Bush, Plagues, Red Sea
Exodus 3-6:12, 7-12:42, 13:17-14:31

Bottom Line

God can give you courage when you don't feel ready.

Memory Verse

"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you"
Psalm 56:3



Inclusive Pro Tips

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

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Opener

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video → Theme Loop

→ **Host enters.**

Optional Video → Countdown

Optional Video → Theme Intro

Optional Video → Theme Loop

HOST: “Hey, everyone! Welcome, welcome! I’m SO excited you’re here today! Give me a wave if you’re ready for some fun!”

→ **Pause for waves.**

HOST: “Awesome! This month, we’re talking all about COURAGE!”

(GESTURE TO SLIDE.)

SLIDE → Theme Slide

“Courage is when God helps you to be brave enough to do hard things. Sometimes God asks us to do things that feel big or scary, or maybe just things we don’t feel ready to do. Have you ever felt like that? Like maybe you weren’t big enough, or strong enough, or brave enough?”

→ **Allow brief responses or nods.**

“Yeah, me too! But here’s the amazing thing: God can help you have courage!”

“That’s right! And to get us thinking about that, we’ve got a super-fun challenge called the ‘Don’t Feel Ready’ Obstacle Course!”

→ **Set up an obstacle course any way you’d like. Gesture to the course area.**

“It’s a pretty simple course—you’ll have to step over things, crawl under things, and weave around things. BUT . . . here’s the ‘don’t feel ready’ part! You have to do it while holding onto this super-awkward pool noodle. **(HOLD UP POOL NOODLE.)**”

“It might feel a little clumsy, a little weird . . . maybe like you’re not even sure you can do it! Ready to try? Let me tell you how we’ll go through this course.”

→ **Explain how a kid is to go through the obstacle course, or**

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

pick a few volunteers to demonstrate.

- **You can choose for the kids to go through the course individually, or have small groups line up and go through the course as a relay. Adjust based on your group size and setup. (CONSIDER CREATING SEVERAL OBSTACLE COURSES FOR LARGER GROUPS.)**

"Alright, let's get our first racers ready! Grab your noodles! On your mark, get set, GO!"

- **AUDIO: Play high-energy music**
- **Run the game. Cheer enthusiastically for everyone. Focus on participation and trying! It should be awkward carrying the pool noodle through the course—that's the point!**

"Woohoo! Amazing job, everyone! You faced the challenge—even with that pool noodle! For some of you, that took some courage to try something new and different! Let's give everyone a big round of applause!"

- **Lead applause. Gather props.**

"That was awesome! You know, feeling brave and having courage reminds me that we can worship God with ALL our energy! Stay on your feet, it's time to tell Him we love Him!"

② Worship

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everybody! What's up? It is SO good to see all of you here today! That last game looked like a ton of fun—you guys were crushing it! Now, we get to switch gears just a little bit and do something super-important, something that helps us connect with the One who gives us strength and courage for all those challenges—and that's worship! This is our time to sing, to shout, to focus on how amazing God is, and to tell Him how much He means to us. Are you ready to make some noise and give God your best today? Awesome! Let's get started!"

AUDIO → "Brave" / track 7 from Everything to Me

Optional Video → "Brave" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video

"Yeah! Sometimes being brave starts with remembering who God is and what He promises. Our Memory Verse this month reminds us where to put our focus when things feel scary. When we're scared, we can always come to God for help because He loves us. Let's check out our Memory Verse—it's from Psalm 56, verse 3.

SLIDE → Memory Verse

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"Let's read it together:"

WORSHIP LEADER and KIDS: "When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. — Psalm 56:3"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Trusting God when we're afraid . . . that takes courage. And knowing He is our hope makes all the difference. He gives us the strength to face anything. Let's declare that together as we sing 'You Are My Hope!'"

AUDIO → "You Are My Hope" / track 8 from Every Beat
Video → "You Are My Hope" Dance Moves Video (**MEDIA PACKAGE**) or Live Lyrics Video

"Wow, that was incredible worship, you guys! I love hearing your voices and seeing you connect with God like that. Now, let's get comfortable, find our seats, and get ready to dive into God's Word to hear an amazing true story from the Bible!"

③ Bible Story

SLIDE → Theme Background

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

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! It's great to be with you."

"Let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year! We're going through the story of the entire Bible together!"

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

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

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

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"Each week, we'll talk about a different story in the Bible that's important in God's Big Story. And then, to help us see the entire story that the Bible tells, we'll add a picture to this timeline. (**GESTURE TO TIMELINE.**)"

"But before we dive into our story, let's review a little of where we've been in God's Big Story so far."

"As we talked about last month, in the very beginning, God made

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Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

everything! He made the heavens, the Earth, and everything on it—animals, people . . . everything!

"Two of the most important things God made in the beginning were two people, named Adam and Eve. They were meant to be His close friends. But sadly, God gave them one rule, and they chose not to follow it. They disobeyed God and sinned. And their sin ushered in a curse that pulled them away from God. Sadly, everyone who came after them was under this same curse. It pulled them away from God. People couldn't be as close to God as He wanted them to be.

"But God loves us! He didn't want to leave things that way! So He started His great rescue plan. A key part of this rescue plan was to bring people back to being His close friends, which is what He has always wanted us to be.

"God started this great rescue plan through a family! So God chose a man named Abraham and promised Abraham that his family would bless the whole world. God did grow that family, just like He promised!

"Many years later, a great-grandson of Abraham was born. This great-grandson's name was Joseph, and he ended up in Egypt. After some hard times, God helped Joseph become a super-important leader there! Joseph saved his whole family, God's people, by bringing them to Egypt to save them from a famine. But hundreds of years passed, and a new Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, came along. He didn't know about Joseph. He saw how many of God's people there were, and he got scared!

"And that's where we are in God's Big Story! God's people were in Egypt.

SETTING UP THE STORY

"Last month we started right at the beginning of the Bible, in the book of Genesis! Genesis is the very first book in the Bible! It's a part of a section of the Bible called 'The Old Testament.' **(HOLD UP BIBLE.)**

"Today, our story comes from the very next book, the second book in the Bible—the book of Exodus.

"Now, today's story is full of emotions—there are lots of people feeling lots of different ways! So I'm going to need your help acting them out. I'll go through the story, and I'll prompt you when it's time to show an emotion. Ready? Let's test one! If you're feeling good, give me your biggest smile!

→ **Storyteller smiles their biggest smile and waits for the kids to respond.**

PHARAOH'S HORRIBLE RULE

STORYTELLER: "Great! Let's join back with God's people, who were in Egypt.

"God said He would make His people into a great nation, and He had! He had grown and grown and grown His people until there were so many of them. So Pharaoh thought, 'What if all of those people join together and fight against us?' So Pharaoh made God's people his slaves and forced

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

them to do really, really hard work. It was terrible!

"But God's people kept growing and growing and growing. Pharaoh got even more scared and made a horrible rule:

→ **Open the Bible to Exodus 1:22 (NIRV) and read.**

"You must throw every Hebrew baby boy into the Nile River."

"This made God's people really, really scared. This is where I need your help with the story. Can you show me your scared face?"

→ **Storyteller shows a scared face and waits for the kids to respond.**

"What God's people were facing was scary! But one brave family hid their baby boy in a basket by the river. And guess who found him? Pharaoh's own daughter! She raised the baby like her own son. That baby grew up to be named Moses.

"But when Moses got older, he got into trouble trying to help his people. He had to run far away to a land called Midian. He lived there quietly for a long time, maybe thinking his story was over. Moses was a shepherd and he took care of sheep. He did the same thing every day. And he probably got bored. Can you show me your bored face?"

→ **Storyteller shows a bored face and waits for the kids to respond.**

GOD'S MESSAGE

STORYTELLER: "But one day, when Moses was going about his regular day tending sheep, something completely not boring happened. Moses saw something amazing—a bush that was on fire, but it wasn't burning up! It wasn't just a bush, God was within the bush! Then He called to Moses from the bush!

→ **Open the Bible to Exodus 3:4-6 (NIRV) and read.**

"God spoke to him from inside the bush. He called out, "Moses! Moses!"

"Here I am," Moses said.

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals. The place you are standing on is holy ground." He continued, "I am the God of your father. I am the God of Abraham. I am the God of Isaac. And I am the God of Jacob." When Moses heard that, he turned his face away. He was afraid to look at God.

"God, the God of the entire universe, had just introduced Himself to Moses!

"God also told Moses something else. He told Moses He had heard the cries of His people in Egypt, and He wanted MOSES to go back and lead them out of slavery! God is kind and He loves His people.

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Story

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Worship

"How do you think Moses felt? Was he excited? Nope! The Bible tells us that he felt . . . not ready. He felt like God was asking the wrong person. He said, 'Who am I? Why would Pharaoh listen to ME?' Moses felt really unsure. Can you show me an unsure face?"

- **Storyteller shows an unsure face and waits for the kids to respond. (PERHAPS THE STORYTELLER LOOKS DOWN AND SHRUGS.)**

"Yeah, Moses was definitely unsure.

"God tried to help Moses! He even made this promise to Moses.

- **Open the Bible to Exodus 3:12 (NIRV) and read.**

God said, "I will be with you."

"God even gave Moses signs that he could show to people to back up what he was going to say, and God even told Moses that He would help him with exactly what to say!

"But Moses STILL felt afraid. He said, 'But . . . but . . . I'm not a good speaker! I stutter! Please, God, send someone else!' Moses was scared to talk in front of Pharaoh. Can you show me a scared face?"

- **Storyteller shows a scared face and waits for the kids to respond.**

"Over and over God tried to help Moses with his fear. God even told Moses that he could bring his brother Aaron to help him speak. So Moses finally decided to go.

"Moses and Aaron went back to Egypt. They told Pharaoh, 'God says: "Let My people go!"' But Pharaoh wouldn't listen. He said, 'NO!' AND he made God's people work even HARDER! The people got mad at Moses! It's very likely that Moses felt like giving up. Can you show me a frustrated face like Moses probably felt? Like you just want to quit?"

- **Storyteller shows a frustrated face and waits for the kids to respond. (MAYBE GIVE A FRUSTRATED SIGH OR SLUMPED SHOULDERS.)**

THE PLAGUES

STORYTELLER: "Even though Moses was probably frustrated, God helped Moses. God really wanted to help His people. So God sent ten terrible plagues in Egypt to show Pharaoh His power and to convince him to let His people go.

"These are the ten plagues God sent.

"First, God turned all of the water everywhere in Egypt into blood. Then, there were . . . FROGS! Everywhere frogs! Then there was a plague of gnats, and a plague of flies. Then God sent a plague that killed all of the Egyptian livestock and a plague of very painful boils on every Egyptian's

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Story

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Worship

skin! Then God sent . . . HAIL! It rained down ice, then locusts to eat the crops the hail left behind. Then God sent . . . DARKNESS! Total darkness covered Egypt!

"But did Pharaoh let the people go after all of that? STILL NO!

"Then, sadly, God told Moses about the worst plague of all. Every firstborn male of Egypt was going to die.

"God instructed His people how to protect themselves from the awful plague that was coming. Through Moses, God instructed each family to kill a lamb. He gave them instructions to take the blood from the lamb and put it on the sides and tops of the frames of their doors. These were the directions God spoke to the people through Moses:

→ **Open the Bible to Exodus 12:22-23 (NIRV) and read.**

None of you can go out of the door of your house until morning. The LORD will go through the land to strike down the Egyptians. He'll see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe. He will pass over that house. He won't let the destroying angel enter your homes to strike you down.

"God provided a way for His people to be safe, and that very night, every eldest son in Egypt died except for the firstborn sons of God's people who had covered their doorways with the blood of lambs.

"FINALLY, Pharaoh yelled, 'GO! Leave Egypt NOW!' So, in the middle of the night, God's people packed up and left! How do you think God's people felt to leave the people who had done such awful things to them? I think God's people felt excited and relieved. Why don't you show me with your face how you think God's people felt to leave Egypt?

→ **Peer out into the audience and comment on the emotions you see.**

"Wow, you guys are really great at showing your emotions! Let me continue this story. As God's people left Egypt, He led them. He led them with a giant cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night so they would know where to go.

"But guess what? That awful Pharaoh, who had been so cruel to God's people, changed his mind AGAIN! He sent his whole army chasing after God's people. God's people got trapped between the army and the giant Red Sea! They were terrified. Can you show me a terrified face?

→ **Storyteller shows a scared face and waits for the kids to respond. (MAYBE MODEL WIDE EYES.)**

"God's people were scared. It was so scary. But then this happened:

→ **Open the Bible to Exodus 14:13-16 (NIRV) and read.**

Moses answered the people. He said, "Don't be afraid. Stand firm. You will see how the LORD will save you today. Do you see those Egyptians? You will never see them again. The LORD will fight for you. Just be still."

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground."

"God's people walked through on dry ground! But when the Egyptian army tried to follow . . . SPLOOSH! The water crashed back down, and the army was gone! God had saved His people! Let's show one final emotion. How do you think God's people felt to be rescued from the army?"

→ **Peer out into the audience and comment on the emotions you see.**

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "We don't need to wonder how God's people felt. The Bible says Moses and God's people sang and praised God!"

"Thank you so much for helping me by showing all of those emotions today.

"Even though Moses had been afraid and didn't feel ready, he trusted God. And God gave him courage when he didn't feel ready.

"Remember that Passover lamb? The lamb whose blood saved God's people? God had them celebrate that every year. Why? Because it was a picture pointing to JESUS! Hundreds of years later, God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus is like God's perfect Passover Lamb. He gave His life, His blood, to save US from our sin so we can be close friends with God forever!

"So when you're in a situation where you feel scared, or unsure what to do, God probably won't ask you to part a sea. But He WILL ask you to do things that take courage. And if He does, He will go through it with you every step of the way. Maybe it's something big like your family moving or starting at a new school, or maybe something small like talking to someone new or apologizing first after an argument. You might not feel ready. But that's okay! Guess what?

SLIDE → Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage when you don't feel ready. Say that with me."

STORYTELLER and KIDS: **[BOTTOM LINE]** "God can give you courage when you don't feel ready!"

SLIDE → Theme Slide

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE): Theme Loop

HOST: “Wow, what an incredible story! Moses was so scared. He kept saying he wasn’t ready or good enough. But God didn’t say, ‘Oh, okay, never mind.’ God said, ‘I will be WITH you, and I will HELP you.’ And God does the same for us! When we follow Jesus, God gives us His Holy Spirit to live inside us. The Holy Spirit helps us be brave and gives us the courage we need, right when we need it. God is always with us, He goes with us through everything, and He will help us!

GOD’S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

STORYTELLER: “Let’s take a look at the progress we made in God’s Big Story this week!

SLIDE → God’s Big Story

“This week, we’re up here in the part of this picture of God’s Big Story with Moses raising his hands while God parts the Red Sea to save His people. (GESTURE TO SLIDE.) That’s where we are in God’s Big Story!

“This week, we looked at the story of Moses. God had an important job for Moses, but Moses had lots of worries! For every single worry, God provided help. And God didn’t only take care of Moses, He also took care of His people. Every time they cried out to Him, He helped. God is always good. And by taking care of this family, God was also taking care of us. Because many, many, many years later, as we’ll see, Jesus, our great rescue, would come from this family. And Jesus would rescue us all!

“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 Moses!”

WHAT’S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

STORYTELLER: “When we think about Moses, we can remember that in spite of his fears, God always promised to be with him. God gave Moses signs, He gave him his brother to help him speak—all of these things to help him. But most importantly, God gave Moses His presence. He promised that He would go with him.

“And the same is true about you. God is with you everywhere you go. So even when you face something hard, and you feel those butterflies in your tummy, remember that God is always with you. You can trust Him even when you don’t feel like you can do what you’re facing alone. He will give you the ability to do it, even if you’re scared, and He will go with you every step of the way. Let’s pray and ask God for that courage right now.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

③ Prayer

HOST or STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for the story of Moses. Thank You that You are with us every step of our lives! Help us trust that You are with us, so it can help us be brave. Give us courage to do the things You ask us to do, big or small. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

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

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Opener

What You Need

- ☐ Host
- ☐ Pool noodles, several for each Large Group
- ☐ Items for an obstacle course (like a chair, pillows, cones, Hula Hoops®, etc.)
- ☐ *Optional: Painter's tape*

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Memory Verse Slide

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Prepare the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. *Note: Legally a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.*
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. These graphic motion loops are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- Set up an obstacle course any way you'd like—using your choice of chairs, pillows, cones, Hula Hoops®, etc. Create the obstacle course in such a way that carrying a pool noodle through it would make it more challenging. (Suggestion: A simple crawl-through tunnel can be created by positioning two columns of chairs back-to-back, with Hula Hoops® placed over the chairs, linking them.)
- *Optional: Consider using painter's tape to create a starting line for the obstacle course.*

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Brave" from Everything to Me
- ☐ "You Are My Hope" from Every Beat

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ "Brave" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- ☐ "You Are My Hope" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

What You Do:

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.
Note: Make sure your church has obtained licensing rights to play or perform music. You can obtain a license to perform worship music from Christian Copyright Licensing International (www.ccli.com). It covers over 200,000 worship songs for congregational singing. You are responsible for including the copyright information on all songs reproduced under the Church Copyright License (including song lyrics projected onscreen). This includes the song title, writer credit(s), copyright notice, and your church's CCLI license number. You can include this information on one of the lyric slides, or you can create a separate slide detailing this information, but the copyright information must appear at least once for each song you play or perform. For example:
"Hallelujah" words and music by John Doe
©2000 Good Music Co.
CCLI License # 0000
- Dance Moves Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
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PLANNING

Getting Ready: Bible Story

What You Need

- ☐ Storyteller
- ☐ Host
- ☐ Bible

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 Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Theme Transition to Virtue
- ☐ Virtue Transition to Theme

What You Do:

Optional for God's Big Story

- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- ☐ God's Big Story Slide
- ☐ Week 1 Timeline Image Slide
- ☐ We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed timeline images in order, week by week. We'll provide a timeline image for each week of curriculum. The timeline image is listed as a slide, but can be printed. A [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

- Prepare the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).

Video Enhancements for Your Environment

Available for additional purchase at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

Feature Presentation: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic video storytelling experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum.

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE):

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

For 252 Preteen (4TH AND 5TH GRADE):

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

Additional environment enhancements including:

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

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.

WEEK

TWO

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

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Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

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- 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. Label It! Story Review (K-1st grade), Eyes Spies Recap (2nd-3rd grade)
2. Courage or NO Courage (K-1st grade), Courage Under Pressure (2nd-3rd grade)
3. I Trust in God! (K-1st grade), Puzzle Race (2nd-3rd grade)
4. Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

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✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.



Today's Bible Story

Joshua and the Spies

Numbers 13-14

Bottom Line

God can give you courage when others are afraid.

Memory Verse

"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you"
Psalm 56:3



Inclusive Pro Tips

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25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Opener

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video → Theme Loop

→ **Host enters.**

Optional Video → Countdown

Optional Video → Theme Intro

Optional Video → Theme Loop

HOST: “Hey movers! Welcome! I’m so glad you’re here today! Our theme is ‘On the Move,’ and we’re definitely going to do some moving today! Are you ready to travel? To be a mover?”

→ **Pause for cheers.**

“Awesome! Let’s start with a super-fun game called ‘Transportation Freeze Dance!’ I’m going to play some music, and when the music plays, I’ll call out different ways to travel, and you move like that! When the music stops, FREEZE! Got it?”

→ **Quickly demonstrate moving like a car, then freezing.**

“Okay, everybody, stand up! And then find some space to move! **(PAUSE WHILE THE KIDS CREATE SPACE TO MOVE.)**

“Great! First up . . . let’s be AIRPLANES! Spread your wings!”

AUDIO → Play high-energy music

Start the music either with the coordination of the tech booth, or with a music player the Host controls.

(STOP THE MUSIC RANDOMLY AND ABRUPTLY.) “Okay, freeze! Great job, everyone! You are definitely ‘On the Move!’ This time, let’s be something different. Let’s be TRAINS! Everyone move on down the tracks!”

→ **Lead the game for several rounds, calling out different modes of transportation: airplane, train, boat, car, walking fast, skipping, hopping, camel, maybe even rocketship! Encourage fun movements. Stop the music abruptly each time for the freeze.**

(AFTER THE LAST FREEZE) “Fantastic freezing, everyone! That was some serious traveling! You know, God’s people in our Bible Story today did a LOT of traveling. They were definitely ‘On the Move!’ But sometimes, on a big journey, things can seem scary, but since God is always with us, we

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

can trust Him, and that can give us courage. He is the biggest! Now, let's keep standing and get ready to worship the God who goes with us and helps us be brave!"

② Worship

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everybody! What's up? It's SO good to see all of you here today! That last game looked like a ton of fun—you guys were crushing it! Now, we get to switch gears just a little bit and do something super-important, something that helps us connect with God, the One who gives us strength and courage for all those challenges. That's worship! This is our time to sing, to shout, to focus on how amazing God is, and to tell Him how much He means to us. Are you ready to make some noise and give God your best today? Awesome! Let's get started!"

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"Awesome! Let's say our Memory Verse together. It's Psalm 56:3.

SLIDE → Memory Verse

"Let's read it together:"

WORSHIP LEADER and KIDS: "When I'm afraid. I put my trust in you. — Psalm 56:3."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Trusting God! That's key. When we trust God, we can have confidence no matter what others say, because we know and believe that what He says about us is more true than what anyone else says! You are a child of a Father who loves you!"

AUDIO → "Yes I Am" / track from Ready, Set, Move!

Optional Video → "Yes I Am" Dance Moves Video (**MEDIA PACKAGE**) or Live Lyrics Video

"Wow, that was incredible worship, you guys! I love hearing your voices and seeing you connect with God like that. Now, let's get comfortable, find our seats, and get ready to dive into God's Word to hear an amazing true story from the Bible!"

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

③ Bible Story

SLIDE → Theme Background

→ Storyteller enters with prop box as Worship Leaders exit.

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: “Hi, everyone! I’m so glad you’re here! In case you missed it, this year we’re doing something amazing! We’re going through the entire story of the Bible!

“Part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we can get to know Him! So as we go through the stories of the Bible, we’ll get to know God!

GOD’S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

“We’re going to go through God’s Big Story! **(GESTURE TO SLIDE.)**

SLIDE → God’s Big Story

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

“Adam and Eve were the first people God made. God made them to be His close friends! But they sinned, and it pulled them away from God. God wanted them to be close to Him, but they couldn’t anymore! God didn’t go away, but people’s hearts did. It was so sad. And everyone who was born after Adam and Eve was born with the same problem—they couldn’t be close friends with God either.

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

“But God didn’t want to leave things that way! So He started His great rescue plan. And this great rescue was going to come through a family! So God started His great rescue with a man named Abraham. God chose Abraham and promised to bless the whole world through his family. Abraham’s family grew and grew and grew—just like God had said—and became God’s people. Eventually, God’s people were enslaved in Egypt. But then God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt to freedom in the wilderness. God had brought His people to freedom! That’s where we are in God’s Big Story!

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Today, we’re moving right along in the Bible to the fourth book—Numbers. **(HOLD UP BIBLE.)**

“This book of the Bible is called Numbers because it talks about counting God’s people as they were traveling. They were traveling to the land God had promised to give them! The Promised Land!

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"God's people were free, but being free wasn't always easy. Pretty quickly, the celebration stopped, and the complaining started. 'We're hungry!' 'We're thirsty!' God's people said. They were afraid. But even when they complained, did God stop loving them? No way! God kept providing. He made water come out of a rock!

→ **Pull out the full water bottle and pretend to drink out of it.**

"God sent special bread called 'manna' from heaven every morning as they were traveling! It might not have been like this cereal, but we can pretend. The people said the manna tasted like wafers made with honey. So it was sweet! God delivered breakfast every morning!

→ **Pull out the cereal box of sweet flakes.**

"He also provided quail every day—I wonder if it tasted like chicken. When the people arrived at a special mountain on their journey, God came down to Moses and gave them His good rules, the Ten Commandments, to help them know ways they could love Him and ways they could live better. God always took care of His people.

TWELVE SPIES CHECK OUT THE PROMISED LAND

STORYTELLER: "After almost two years of traveling, they finally reached the edge of the Promised Land! God told Moses:

→ **Open the Bible to Numbers 13:2 (NIRV) and read.**

"Send some men to check out the land of Canaan. I am giving it to the Israelites. Send one leader from each of Israel's tribes."

→ **Pull out binoculars and pretend to spy.**

"So, twelve spies snuck into Canaan. For forty days, they traveled all around. They saw amazing things! The fruit was HUGE!

→ **Show giant fruit prop (OR THE BUNCH OF PURPLE BALLOONS ON A STRING).**

"The grapes were so big it took two men to carry one bunch on a pole between them! It was definitely a land with plenty of milk and honey! God had made the Promised Land so wonderful! BUT . . . the spies also saw that the people living there were really tall and strong—some really were giants! And their cities had huge walls!

"The twelve spies came back to camp. They gave Moses their report. They said:

→ **Open the Bible to Numbers 13:27 (NIRV) and read.**

"We went into the land you sent us to. It really does have plenty of milk and honey! Here's some fruit from the land. But the people who live there are powerful. Their cities have high walls around them and are very large."

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"Then Caleb stopped the spies who were speaking to Moses. He knew God was with the people. So he gave a good report of what the people should do.

- **Hold up the piece of bright, yellow construction paper—the "good report" prop—as you read what Caleb said.**

"He said this:

- **Open the Bible to Numbers 13:30 (NIRV) and read.**

"We should go up and take the land. We can certainly do it."

"Joshua, one of the other spies, agreed with Caleb. But the other ten spies spread a bad report among God's people. This is what they said:

- **Hold up the crumpled piece of black or brown construction paper—the "bad report" prop—as you read what the ten spies said.**

- **Open the Bible to Numbers 13:31-33 (NIRV) and read.**

"We can't attack those people. They are stronger than we are. The men spread a bad report about the land among the Israelites. They said, 'The land we checked out destroys those who live in it. All the people we saw there are very big and tall. . . . We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes. And that's also how we seemed to them.'"

"Oh no! Ten of the spies were super-scared! Can you show me what you would do to show you were scared right now?

- **Storyteller models cowering, shaking, and looking afraid. Look out at the audience for their response.**

"Yeah, those ten spies were focusing on the scary giants instead of the strong God who was with them!

"But Joshua and Caleb weren't scared. They remembered that God was with them and that He had promised to give them the land! They said:

- **Open the Bible to Numbers 14:7-9 (NIRV) and read.**

"We passed through the land and checked it out. It's very good. If the LORD is pleased with us, he'll lead us into that land. It's a land that has plenty of milk and honey. He'll give it to us. But don't refuse to obey him. And don't be afraid of the people of the land. We will swallow them up. The LORD is with us. So nothing can save them. Don't be afraid of them."

"Joshua and Caleb chose to trust God and have courage! 'God is with us!' they said. Show me a brave pose!

- **Storyteller models standing tall, maybe fist pumping or pointing up.**

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Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"Joshua and Caleb were focusing on God's strength instead of on their fear!

"But did the people listen to Joshua and Caleb? No, they didn't! They listened to the ten scared spies.

LETTING FEAR WIN

STORYTELLER: "Suddenly, God's glory appeared! God was very hurt. His people didn't trust Him—even though He kept showing them how good He is by taking care of them.

→ **Hold up the sweet flakes cereal box and the bottle of water.**

"Moses prayed and asked God to forgive them, and God did. This is what God said:

→ **Open the Bible to Numbers 14:20-23 (NIRV) and read.**

The LORD replied, "I have forgiven them, just as you asked. You can be sure that I live. You can be just as sure that my glory fills the whole earth. And here is what you can be just as sure of. Not one of these people will see the land I promised to give them. They have seen my glory. They have seen the signs I did in Egypt. And they have seen what I did in the desert. But they did not obey me. And they have tested me ten times. So not even one of them will ever see the land I promised to give to their people of long ago. The person who has not respected me will never see it."

"The people were very sad. Even though God is bigger and stronger than anything, they had let fear be bigger than their view of Him. They let their fear win. Only Joshua and Caleb, who chose to trust God and chose courage even when everyone else was afraid, would get to move into the land God promised.

→ **Storyteller does a slow "wandering" walk.**

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Wow. The people were really scared. God wanted them to go into the Promised Land and take it over. He had promised that He was giving it to them! Over and over, they had seen Him do strong and powerful things! God's people knew He is strong and powerful. But they focused and focused on the tough things that were in front of them. And their fear got really big, while their view of God got really small.

"But that's not what happened with Joshua and Caleb! Even though they were facing the same tough things as the other spies, they chose to focus on God. Their view of Him got bigger and bigger, and their fears got smaller and smaller. They trusted God, and He gave them the courage to face the tough things.

"Joshua and Caleb showed us something so important:

SLIDE → Bottom Line

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

[BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage when others are afraid. Say that with me."W

STORYTELLER and KIDS: **[BOTTOM LINE]** "God can give you courage when others are afraid."

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video → Theme Loop

HOST: "Wow, it's tough when everyone around you is scared, but you know God wants you to remember He is bigger than anything, and that can help you be brave! Joshua and Caleb chose to focus on God and His strength and His promises instead of those scary giants and tall walls. That's where their courage came from! Sometimes, being brave means being the first one to do the right thing, even if no one else is. Like maybe being the first one to say 'hi' to the new kid at school, or speaking up kindly if someone is being teased.

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

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

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"In God's Big Story, we're a little bit after the picture of God working through Moses to part the Red Sea. We're traveling on the path—we're traveling, just like God's people were! **(GESTURE TO SLIDE.)**

"This week we talked about Joshua and Caleb and the ten other spies who went to scope out the land God had promised to His people—the Promised Land! God, once again, took care of His people. Every need that came up on their journey, God met it. If they were thirsty, He got them water! If they were hungry, He delivered them food! Even the land that was going to be their future home that they spied into was awesome—the Promised Land. Every step of the way, God took care of this family. He took care of this family because He is good, but also, as we'll see in God's Big Story, because He was bringing His great rescue through this family. By taking care of this family, God was also taking care of us. Because Jesus, our great rescue, would come from this family!

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

SLIDE → Week 2 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 Joshua and Caleb and the other spies!

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

STORYTELLER: "When we think about Joshua and Caleb and the other spies, we can remember that God is always, always bigger and stronger

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

than anything we face. And if we think and think and think about God's strength and His bigness and His power, our view of Him will grow bigger and bigger until the thing we're afraid of will get smaller and smaller in our minds! Other people might be scared, and that's okay! We can be brave because we know God is with us and He is bigger than anything! God is the biggest!

"And this is really awesome, but we don't have to try and work up courage all on our own. God was with Joshua and Caleb, and God is with us too. When we choose to follow Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit to live right inside us!

The Holy Spirit will help us remember God's bigness and will give us the courage we need, right when we need it. So we can ask the Holy Spirit to help us be brave at school, on the playground, at home . . . anywhere! He's always with us! Let's pray and ask God to help us trust that He is with us so we can be brave!"

③ Prayer

HOST: "Dear God, thank You for the story of Joshua and Caleb. Thank You for showing us that You give us courage, especially when others around us might be afraid. Help us to focus on You and how strong You are, instead of on the scary things. Thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit to live inside us and help us be brave every single day. When we're afraid, remind us that You are with us and help us to put our trust in You. We want to go through our lives knowing You are with us, and You are the biggest. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

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

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Opener

What You Need

- ☐ Host
- ☐ *Optional: Music player*

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- ☐ Upbeat music to play (start and stop) during the game

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Memory Verse Slide

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Prepare the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. These graphic motion loops are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- This week's game involves starting and stopping the music. Consider involving the tech booth, or using your own music player and music.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Brave" from Everything to Me
- ☐ "Yes I Am" from Ready, Set, Move!

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

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

What You Do:

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.
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PLANNING

Getting Ready: Bible Story

What You Need

- ☐ Storyteller
- ☐ Host
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Box to hold the following props:
 - Full plastic bottle of water
 - Box of sweet flakes cereal (Frosted Flakes of Corn®, Honey Bunches of Oats®, etc.)
 - Binoculars
 - Giant fruit prop (or tie a bunch of purple balloons on a string)
 - Yellow piece of construction paper—"good report" prop
 - Brown or black crumpled piece of construction paper—"bad report" prop

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals

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

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Theme Transition to Virtue
- ☐ Virtue Transition to Theme

What You Do:

Optional for God's Big Story

- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- ☐ God's Big Story Slide
- ☐ Week 2 Timeline Image Slide
- ☐ We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed timeline images in order, week by week. We'll provide a timeline image for each week of curriculum. The timeline image is listed as a slide, but can be printed. A [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

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- Before group time, create the props—crumple the "bad report" construction paper and tie a few purple balloons on a string to make the big bunch of grapes. Put all of the props in the box for the Storyteller to pull them from.

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WEEK

FOUR

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 ("Brave" and "Yes I Am")
- 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. Roll and Tell (K-1st grade), Ruth's Journey Relay (2nd-3rd grade)
2. What's Around the Bend? (K-1st grade), Courage Crossroads (2nd-3rd grade)
3. Vroom, Vroom Memory Verse (K-1st grade), Freeze (2nd-3rd grade)
4. Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

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

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Ruth

Ruth 1

Supporting Ruth 2-4

Bottom Line

God can give you courage when you don't know what's next.

Memory Verse

"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you"
Psalms 56:3



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① Opener

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SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video → Theme Loop

→ **Host enters.**

Optional Video → Countdown

Optional Video → Theme Intro

Optional Video → Theme Loop

HOST: “Welcome back, amazing world travelers! It’s so awesome to see you ‘On the Move’ today!”

“For our adventure warm-up, we’re playing ‘Traveler’s Trail Mix-Up!’ Imagine you’re on a long, exciting expedition, and you need different supplies for different parts of your journey!”

“In the middle here, we have a few examples of important travel supplies that are hidden around the room!”

→ **Gesture to the central pile where you have an example of each of your supplies.**

“When I call out what supplies we need for the current part of our journey, your job is to travel over, quickly and carefully find only one of those items, and bring it back to this ‘supply pile’ right here! (**GESTURE TO THE PILE OF SUPPLIES NEAR YOU.**) Ready to be resourceful, travelers? (**PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.**)

“Okay, travelers! Let me explain what items we’ll need to find for this first part of our journey!”

“For this first leg of our journey, we’re in **URGENT** need of . . . ‘Energy Berries’ (**HOLD UP A RED POM-POM**) AND ‘Path Markers’ (**HOLD UP A PIECE OF GREEN FELT**). When I tell you to go, you’ll go gather those items and put them here in our ‘supply pile’!”

“Ready . . . set . . . **GO GATHER!**”

AUDIO → Play high-energy music

→ **Encourage the kids to move to collect the specified items. After a short round, stop the music.**

“Fantastic! You found them! Okay, new part of the journey! Quick! Now we desperately need . . . ‘Water Drops’ (**HOLD UP A BLUE GEM**) AND ‘Shelter Pieces’ (**HOLD UP A YELLOW BLOCK**)!”

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"Alright, get ready . . . set . . . go, go, go!"

AUDIO → Play high-energy music

→ **Repeat for another round or two with different combinations.**

"Excellent work, travelers! You managed to find exactly what you needed even when I asked for new things! That's what it's like on a big journey—you don't always know exactly what's coming next, or what you'll need, or where you'll find it. It takes courage to keep moving forward when you don't know all the details.

"And that's our big idea for today: God can give you courage when you don't know what's next. Let's all say that together: God can give you courage when you don't know what's next!"

"He absolutely can! Now, get ready to worship the God who gives us that amazing courage!"

② Worship

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everybody! What's up? It's SO good to see all of you here today! That last game looked like a ton of fun—you guys were crushing it! Now, we get to switch gears just a little bit and do something super-important, something that helps us connect with the One who gives us strength and courage for all those challenges—and that's worship! This is our time to sing, to shout, to focus on how amazing God is, and to tell Him how much He means to us. Are you ready to make some noise and give God your best today? Awesome! Let's get started!"

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SLIDE → Memory Verse

"Let's read it together:"

WORSHIP LEADER and KIDS: "When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. — Psalm 56:3"

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WORSHIP LEADER: "Trusting God! That's key. When we trust God, we can have confidence no matter what others say or do, because we know who God is and what He says about us. He is faithful, He is powerful, He is good! And we are His child—a child of a Father who loves us!"

AUDIO → "Yes I Am" / track from Ready, Set, Move!

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"Wow, that was incredible worship, you guys! I love hearing your voices and seeing you connect with God like that. Now, let's get comfortable, find our seats, and get ready to dive into God's Word to hear an amazing true story from the Bible."

③ Bible Story

- **Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit. Host will be all actors. Be sure your host is female.**
- **Leader Tip: If you do not have another adult in the room, use an older kid to help tell the story.**

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everyone! Let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year! We're going through the story that the Bible tells from cover to cover!"

"One of the reasons God gave us the Bible is so that we can learn about Him! So as we go through the key stories of the Bible, we'll learn about Him as we go!"

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

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

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"Each week, we'll talk about an important true story from the Bible, and we'll add a picture of that story here to our timeline! (**GESTURE TO TIMELINE.**) So we can see where we've been in God's Big Story!"

"Let's recap where we've been in God's Big Story so far!"

"Way back in the very beginning of God's Big Story, we learn that God made the very first people. Their names were Adam and Eve. And God made Adam and Eve for the same reason He made all people—to be His close, close friends. But they sinned, and it pulled them away from God. God wanted them to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore! It was so sad. And everyone who was born after Adam and Eve was born with the same problem—they couldn't be close friends with God either."

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

"But God didn't want to leave things that way! He wants people close to Him! He made people to be His very close friends. So He started His great rescue plan. And this great rescue was going to come through a family! So God started His great rescue with a man named Abraham. God chose Abraham and promised to bless the whole world through his family. Abraham's family grew and grew and grew—just like God had said—and became God's people. Eventually, God's people were enslaved in Egypt. But then God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt to freedom. God had brought His people to freedom!

"God had a beautiful land picked out for His people—the Promised Land! While they were on their way there, they chose not to trust God. It hurt Him so deeply. So they had to wait 40 long years to enter it. But after 40 long years, they entered the Promised Land! In order to settle in it, they had to get the evil people who were living there out! And they did.

"God's people were settled in the Promised Land! And that's where we are in God's Big Story."

SETTING UP THE STORY

"We're journeying right along in the Bible! Today, our true story from the Bible comes from a book in the Bible called Ruth. **(HOLD UP BIBLE.)** It's named after a very brave woman.

→ **The box of props is on stage, accessible to the Host.**

"A long, long time ago, after God's people had moved into the land God promised them, there was a time when judges led the people. Sadly, during this time, most of the people didn't love and follow God. So God let hard things happen. When a famine came to Judah—a man named Elimelek and his wife Naomi . . .

→ **Host acting as Naomi (WEARING DARKER FABRIC HEAD COVERING) steps forward, nods her head in acknowledgment.**

". . . and their two sons—moved to a different country called Moab. No food was growing in Judah!

→ **Host (AS NAOMI) carries her bundle, mimes having her family with her, and sadly walking/moving.**

"In Moab, something sad happened. Naomi's husband Elimelek died. After Elimelek died, both of Naomi's sons got married. They both married women from Moab. One woman was named Orpah, and one was named Ruth.

→ **Host runs across the stage, puts on the head covering for Ruth, and wraps her arm around the shoulder of an imaginary Orpah.**

"But then, something else sad happened. Both of Naomi's sons died too.

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Naomi was left all alone in Moab, except for her two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth. Naomi was very sad.

- **Host then removes Ruth's head covering, puts Naomi's darker one on, and looks very sad.**

RUTH STAYS WITH NAOMI

STORYTELLER: "One day, Naomi heard that God was providing food again back in her homeland of Judah. So, Naomi decided it was time to move back home.

- **Naomi actor picks up her bundle and starts to "walk."**

"Ruth and Orpah started to go with her. But after they had traveled a little way, Naomi stopped. She turned to Ruth and Orpah and said:

- **Open the Bible to Ruth 1:8 (NIRV) and read.**

"Both of you go back. Each of you go to your own mother's home. You were kind to your husbands, who have died. You have also been kind to me. So may the LORD be just as kind to you."

"Naomi didn't want them to have a hard life with her. When Ruth and Orpah heard this, they cried! They didn't want to leave her.

"Orpah very sadly turned around and started the journey back to her family in Moab.

- **Host (AS NAOMI) waves goodbye to Orpah, looks sad.**

"But Ruth? Ruth wouldn't leave! The Bible says: Ruth held on to her (RUTH 1:14, NIRV).

"Naomi said to Ruth:

- **Open the Bible to Ruth 1:15 (NIRV) and read.**

"Look . . . your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

"But Ruth said something that really showed that she wanted to follow God! She told Naomi:

- **Open the Bible to Ruth 1:16 (NIRV) and read.**

"Don't try to make me leave you and go back. Where you I'll go. Where you stay I'll stay. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God."

"Wow! Ruth chose to leave everything she knew—her home, her family, her country—to move with Naomi to a new land she'd never seen, because she loved Naomi and was choosing to follow Naomi's God—the one, true God!

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- **Host puts on Ruth shawl to be Ruth. Host (AS RUTH) now "travels" together with an invisible Naomi to another spot on stage, representing Bethlehem.**

RUTH ENDS UP IN BOAZ'S FIELD

STORYTELLER: "When Naomi and Ruth arrived in Bethlehem, life wasn't easy. They were poor and didn't have food. But God had a special rule for landowners: when they harvested their fields, they had to leave some grain behind for people in need to gather. So Ruth bravely said to Naomi:

- **Open the Bible to Ruth 2:2 (NIRV) and read.**

"Let me go out to the fields. I'll pick up the grain that has been left."

"Ruth went to a field that belonged to a kind man named Boaz, who actually happened to be a relative of Naomi's husband!

- **Host puts on straw farmer's hat as Boaz, and stands for a moment overlooking his "field" area. Then Host puts back on Ruth's shawl and pretends to be Ruth bending and picking up "grain."**

"Boaz noticed Ruth working hard. He asked the man in charge of his workers:

- **Open the Bible to Ruth 2:5-6 (NIRV) and read.**

"Who does that young woman belong to?"

The man replied, "She's from Moab. She came back from there with Naomi."

BOAZ IS IMPRESSED WITH RUTH

STORYTELLER: "Boaz was very impressed! He went to Ruth and said:

- **Open the Bible to Ruth 2:8-9 (NIRV) and read.**

"Don't pick up grain in any other field. Don't go anywhere else. Stay here with the women who work for me. Keep your eye on the field where the men are cutting grain. Walk behind the women who are gathering it. Pick up the grain that is left. . . . When you are thirsty, go and get a drink. Take water from the jars the men have filled."

"He even invited her to eat with his workers and made sure extra grain was left for her!

- **Host puts on Boaz's straw farmer's hat. Offers Ruth prop bread and cup, and gestures kindly.**

"Boaz told Ruth:

- **Open the Bible to Ruth 2:11-12 (NIRV) and read.**

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"I've been told all about you. I've heard about everything you have done for your mother-in-law since your husband died. . . . You came to live with people you didn't know before. May the LORD reward you for what you have done."

"Boaz was showing amazing kindness!

"Let's give a hand to the Host for helping today!

→ **Host bows, then walks off stage.**

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Everyone was so happy, especially Naomi! Ruth and Boaz got married and they had a son. Naomi became Grandma Naomi!

"It took SO much courage for Ruth to leave her home, move to a new country, and trust God when she didn't know what was next. But because Ruth was brave enough to trust Him and step into the unknown, God blessed her.

"God was so honored by Ruth's trust in Him! She left her family and her home so she could not only still be a part of Naomi's family, but also part of God's family. Ruth not only became a part of God's family, Ruth and Boaz's son, Obed, became the grandfather of King David! And many, many, many years later, from King David's family line, a special baby was born . . . God's own Son, Jesus! God wove Ruth into Jesus' family tree!

"Ruth showed us something very important:

SLIDE → Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage when you don't know what's next! Say that with me."

STORYTELLER and KIDS: **[BOTTOM LINE]** "God can give you courage when you don't know what's next!"

→ **Host enters.**

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop

HOST: "That is such a beautiful story of courage and trust! Ruth had no idea what would happen when she decided to move with Naomi. Everything was new and uncertain. But she chose to be loyal, to work hard, and to trust in God, and God took care of her in amazing ways.

"And that's what God does for us too! We might not be moving to a whole new country, but maybe you're moving to a new class, or trying a new sport, or just facing something tomorrow that feels a little bit scary because you don't know how it will turn out. Those are times we need courage! Like Ruth, we can choose to trust God even when we can't see the whole path ahead. Remember, being brave doesn't mean you're not

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afraid; it means you do the right thing even when you are afraid. And trying new things, even if you're nervous, helps you learn and grow, and you might even make new friends!"

"And we don't have to try and be brave all by ourselves! When we follow Jesus, God Himself moves inside of us through His Holy Spirit. He is closer than close! So He goes with us every step of our lives. He is the strongest, and biggest, and most powerful, and He is always working for good. When we trust and believe that He goes with us, He can give us the courage to face what's in front of us when we don't know what's next. God is the strongest and He goes with us in everything!"

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

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

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"In God's Big Story, we're on the path getting closer to this picture of King David! Ruth was King David's great-grandmother! (**GESTURE TO SLIDE.**)

"This week we talked about Ruth. She left everything that she knew—her home, her family, everything she had been familiar with—because she wanted to be on God's team, she wanted to be a part of His family. God was so honored by her choice of Him and her trust in Him. God took care of everything she needed, and He did something even more special—He made Ruth a part of Jesus' family tree! Because as we'll see in God's Big Story, God was taking care of this family—patiently, tenderly, faithfully, over years and years. And as He took care of this family tree, He was taking care of us. Because our Savior Jesus was going to come from this family tree. And Jesus would rescue us all!"

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

SLIDE → Week 4 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 Ruth!"

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

STORYTELLER: "When we think about Ruth, we can remember that even if we don't know what's next, we're never going alone. God goes with us every step of the way. When we believe that He is the strongest, the biggest, and the kindest, and He is with us, He will give us courage to do whatever it is that's in front of us!"

"So, when you don't know what's next, ask God to remind you that He is with you, and ask Him for His presence with you to make you courageous. He can help you be brave and do amazing things, just like He did for Ruth. Let's ask Him for that right now!"

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③ Prayer

HOST: "Dear God, thank You for the story of Ruth. Thank You for her courage to move into the unknown and trust You. Teach us how to trust that You are always with us. Teach us to be strong because You are strong in us. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

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

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Opener

What You Need

- ☐ Host
- ☐ Red pom-poms, at least one for each kid
- ☐ Pieces of green felt, at least one for each kid
- ☐ Blue gems, at least one for each kid
- ☐ Yellow blocks, at least one for each kid

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids play the game

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Memory Verse Slide

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download and print this week's tech sheet for everyone helping with Large Group.
- Prepare the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.
- Optional: Download a countdown video from a royalty-free site. Load it into your presentation software and have it ready to play during the Opener. You could also keep time on a smartphone or watch. Note: Some presentation software, such as ProPresenter, has a countdown clock built into the program that you can overlay on a still image.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. These graphic motion loops are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- Make a pile of one of each of the items in the middle of your space that you'd like to use as the "central supply area." (You will use the one item to show kids an example of what they'll be looking for.)
- Hide items all over the room.
- Kids will try to find the items and put them in the pile.
- Leader Tip: If you have a larger number of kids, have more options for the kids to find.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Brave" from Everything to Me
- ☐ "Yes I Am" from Ready, Set, Move!

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ "Brave" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- ☐ "Yes I Am" Dance Moves Video (available through the 252 Media Package) or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

What You Do:

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

- Prepare all songs and have them ready to use.
- Dance Moves Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Bible Story

What You Need

- ☐ Storyteller
- ☐ Host
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Box of props, including:
 - For Naomi:
 - Shawl or head covering (darker and more mature)
 - Bundle for traveling (cloth tied around a few items, or wadded fabric on sticks)
 - For Ruth:
 - Shawl or head covering (lighter and distinctive from Naomi's)
 - For Boaz:
 - Straw farmer's hat
 - Loaf of bread prop
 - Cup

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals

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

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Theme Transition to Virtue
- ☐ Virtue Transition to Theme

What You Do:

Optional for God's Big Story

- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- ☐ God's Big Story Slide
- ☐ Week 4 Timeline Image Slide
- ☐ We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed timeline images in order, week by week. We'll provide a timeline image for each week of curriculum. The timeline image is listed as a slide, but can be printed. A [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- The Host will play all of the roles in this script. We recommend having a girl, and that she be very familiar with the script as she will be switching hats often.

Video Enhancements for Your Environment

Available for additional purchase at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

Feature Presentation: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic video storytelling experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum.

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE):

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

For 252 Preteen (4TH AND 5TH GRADE):

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

Additional environment enhancements including:

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

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