

**WEEK**

**ONE**

# 3-5's | W1

## Small Group (15 minutes)

### Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Sweet Treat Freeze Dance  
Ice Cream Scoops  
Magnetic Hearts

## Large Group (20 minutes)

### Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

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

Worship  
Bible Story  
Prayer

## Small Group (25 minutes)

### Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Memory Verse with Motions  
Stop and Go to Jesus  
Jesus Loves All the Little Children  
Pin Your Picture to Jesus  
Come to Me  
Journal and Prayer

## Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home  
Memory Verse Card  
Parent Cue Card (print or email)  
Parent Cue App



### Bible Story

Jesus loves children.  
Jesus and the Children • Mark 10:13-16

### Key Question

Who loves you?

### Bottom Line

Jesus loves me.

### Memory Verse

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me"  
(Matthew 19:14 NLT).

19 min

# Worship

3 min

## Worship Opener

### What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

## OPTION 1 (Amazing Music)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

## OPTION 2 (Orange Kids Music)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

## Memory Verse

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. I am SO happy to see you today!"

**LEADER:** "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate because God loves us."

*SONG: "His Banner Over Me Is Love" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available from Amazing Music*

"Great job, friends! Did you know that God loves you! Let's sing a song about that!"

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**LEADER:** "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate God!"

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"Great singing, friends! Let's sing one more song together."

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"Great singing, friends! Now, let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!"

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*Jesus said,*

Tap finger to middle of each palm.

*"Let the children*

Point to self.

3 min

## Worship Closer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

*come to me"*

Move hands toward self.

*Matthew 19:14.*

Open hands like a book.

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

27 min

# Bible Story Section (Stage)

3 min

## Intro Sketch

### What You Need

 Candy Hearts

Several

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

Things Host needs: Six large heart cutouts. Three of the hearts have one of these phrases written on each: YOU'RE SWEET, BE MINE, and I LIKE YOU. The three remaining hearts are blank. Host also has a box of conversation hearts candy.

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]!"

"I love this time of year because of these sweet treats!"

Hold up box of candy hearts.

"They're so yummy, and they have nice messages on them! But they're so small. Do you know what would be even more awesome? Giant sweet treat hearts!"

Hold up the giant hearts.

"Aren't these great? I'm making them to give to all my friends to show them I care about them. Want to see? (Pause.) Okay! Here is the first one.

Flip heart around and show children the "YOU'RE SWEET" side.

"It says, 'YOU'RE SWEET!' because my friends are so sweet to me. Okay, next one! Ready?"

Flip the "BE MINE" heart so the children can see it.

"It says, 'BE MINE!' Like, 'Be my friend!' Okay, one last one.

Flip the "I LIKE YOU" heart so the children can see it.

"This one says, 'I LIKE YOU!' It's so important to tell your friends you like them! I want everyone to know I want them to be my friend.

Hold up the three blank hearts.

"I still have these blank hearts. I wonder who I should give them to? I'll have to think about it! See you guys in a little bit."

The Host gathers hearts and candy box and exits

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

## Bible Story (live)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible.

Things to have ready: a table with prepared boxes (see Getting Ready), Jesus poster flat on table, tape, a wagon filled with plush animals or dolls.

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends!

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! My name is [your name] and I have an amazing TRUE story from the Bible today. It's about someone who loves us more than anyone!

Hold up the Bible for the children to see then lay it open on the table. Begin stacking the boxes so the children. Then tape the Jesus poster to the top box so boxes support the poster

"Our story begins with Jesus! (*Gesture to Jesus poster.*) Jesus and His friends traveled to lots of places to tell people that God loves them.

Slide: Story Image W1 01 (Jesus with children and adults)

"One day, a LOT of people came to hear Jesus teach. But this time, it wasn't just grown-ups. The grown-ups brought their children, too!

Kneel next to the wagon of plush animals or dolls.

"Look at all these children! (*Gesture to wagon.*) Raise your hand if you're a child.

*Have all the kids raise their hands.*

"Yes! There were children just like you! The parents wanted their children to get close to Jesus. (*Pull the wagon a few steps closer to the Jesus poster.*) These parents knew how special and amazing Jesus is. The children just wanted to be with Jesus!

"BUT... (*Step between wagon and hold up hands, palms facing wagon, for 'Stop.'*) Jesus' friends, the disciples, stopped the parents! They said Jesus was too busy. They told the children to go away. (*Gesture "away."*)

Slide: Story Image W1 02 (Disciple asking children to leave)

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

## Outro Sketch

### What You Need

No supplies needed

"But when Jesus saw what His friends were doing, He became angry! He told them, 'Let the children come to me. Don't keep them away!' (Mark 10:14 NIV).

Slide: Story Image W1 03 (Jesus explaining to disciples)

"Jesus opened His arms wide, (*open arms wide*) and the children ran to Him. (*Bring wagon right up to the Jesus poster.*) He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them, and blessed them. He wanted every single child to know that He loved them. Jesus told the crowd to never, ever stop children from coming to Him.

"Did you hear that? Jesus loves children. That means Jesus loves YOU!"

Slide: Story Image W1 04 (Jesus with children)

"Raise your hand if Jesus loves you! (*Pause.*) Yes! Jesus loves you. Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever. Jesus loves you, and [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. So when I ask, 'Who loves you?', I want you to say, [Bottom Line] 'Jesus loves me.' Who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me."

**STORYTELLER:** "That's the truth, friends! Jesus LOVES you, and [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. Let's bow our heads, close our eyes, and talk to God."

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for Jesus! Thank You that He told His friends to let the children come to Him because He loved them so much. We know that Jesus loves every single one of us, too! Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. It's in His name we pray. Amen.

"Friends, you were wonderful listeners! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

"I'll see you next time. Bye!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

**HOST:** "Wow!"

**HOST:** "Wow! Jesus wanted the children to come right up to Him! His friends thought He was too busy and important, but Jesus said, 'No! I love them!' That means Jesus loves you and [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me! I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?"

**CHILDREN:** "Got it!"

**HOST:** "Good! I know what I'm going to write on these hearts now! The Bible story gave me the best idea. I'm going to make a special message for everyone.

Write one word on each heart as you say the words.

"JESUS ... LOVES ... YOU!"

Flip hearts around to show the children.

"It's the most important message of all! Jesus loves you, and [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me! See you next time, friends!"

19 min

# Bible Story Section (Rug)

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

8 min

## Bible Story

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible."

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

Slide: Story Image W1 01 (Jesus with children and adults)

**LEADER:** "Our true story from the Bible begins with Jesus. Jesus and His friends, the disciples, traveled to a lot of places because Jesus loved people ... all people! Jesus wanted everyone to know that God loves them and wants them to love others. Can you march in place like you are traveling?"

Stomp in place

**LEADER:** "One day, a big crowd came to hear Jesus teach. And it wasn't just grown-ups. The grown-ups brought children to Jesus because they wanted Jesus to pray for the children.

The children wanted to be with Jesus. Can you say, 'Be with Jesus'?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Be with Jesus."

Slide: Story Image W1 02 (Disciple asking children to leave)

**LEADER:** "Great job! But Jesus' friends, the disciples, told the families to stop. They thought Jesus was too busy to spend time with children. Was that kind or unkind?"

Children answer: "Unkind."

Slide: Story Image W1 03 (Jesus explaining to disciples)

**LEADER:** "Right. When Jesus saw this, He wasn't happy. Jesus said to His disciples: *"Let the children come to me. Don't keep them away. God's kingdom belongs to people like them"* (Mark 10:14 NIV).

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

Do motions once: tap chest for "children," move hands toward yourself for "come to me." Say the line together one time.

**LEADER:** "Let's take two quiet steps closer like we're coming to Jesus." Lead two small steps in place, then stop.

Slide: Story Image W1 04 (Jesus with children)

**LEADER:** "Jesus opened His arms wide and welcomed the children. He took them close and put His hands on them and blessed them."

Stretch arms wide; children copy. Invite children to gently touch the top of their own head as a self-blessing while you hover a hand above the group without touching.

**LEADER:** "Jesus wanted those children to know He loved them. And Jesus wants you to know He loves you too."

**LEADER:** "Let's do a quick yes-or-no. Does Jesus love you if you live in a big city?"

**CHILDREN:** "Yes!"

**LEADER:** "Does Jesus love you if you live on a farm?"

**CHILDREN:** "Yes!"

**LEADER:** "Does Jesus love you if you live near the mountains?"

**CHILDREN:** "Yes!"

**LEADER:** "Everywhere you live, Jesus loves you."

**LEADER:** "Who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus loves me."

**LEADER:** "Yes! Jesus loves you, and Jesus loves me. Jesus loves children. Let's go ahead and pray together!"

**LEADER:** "Dear God, thank You for Jesus! He told the disciples to let the children come to Him because He loved them. And we know that Jesus loves us! Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. It's in His name we pray. Amen."

**WEEK**

**TWO**

# 3-5s | W2

## Small Group (15 minutes)

### Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Going on a Sheep Hunt  
Where's the Sheep  
Find the Hidden Sheep

## Large Group (20 minutes)

### Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

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

Worship  
Bible Story  
Prayer

## Small Group (25 minutes)

### Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Sheep in the Pen  
Sheep on Your Shoulder  
Shepherd the Sheep  
Roll and Search  
Missing Sheep Game  
Journal and Prayer

## Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home  
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### Bible Story

The Lost Sheep • Luke 15:3-7  
Jesus sees me.

### Key Question

Who loves you?

### Bottom Line

Jesus loves me.

### Memory Verse

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." •  
Matthew 19:14 NLT

19 min

# Worship

3 min

## Worship Opener

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Tap finger to middle of each palm.

*"Let the children*

Point to self.

3 min

## Worship Closer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

*come to me"*

Move hands toward self.

*Matthew 19:14.*

Open hands like a book.

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

27 min

# Bible Story Section (Stage)

3 min

## Intro Sketch

### What You Need

-  Several assorted stuffed animals 1
-  One well-loved/worn plush sheep 1
-  Picnic basket 1

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

Things host needs: Several assorted stuffed animals in a picnic basket which host will carry on stage. The sheep should be hidden on stage (behind a pillow, under a blanket, etc.).

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

## Bible Story (live)

### What You Need

-  Bible 1
-  Table 1
-  Large bag of cotton balls or white pom-poms 1
-  Plush sheep from Intro Sketch 1
-  Option: Cardstock 1

HOST: "Hello there, friends! I'm [your name]. I'm getting ready to have a special 'Sweet Treats' picnic with all of my favorite stuffed animal friends! I want to make sure I have everyone. Let's see... *(Pulls out the bear.)* Barnaby the Bear is here! And ... *(Pulls out the bunny.)* Hoppy the Bunny is here! And... my most favorite, most special friend in the whole world, Sprinkles the Sheep!

Host looks in the empty basket.

"Wait. Where's Sprinkles? *(Looks around frantically.)* Sprinkles isn't in the basket! Oh no! My special sheep is lost! I would be SO sad if I lost my little sheep! I have to find her! She's super important! I've got to go look for her. See you in a little bit!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible.

Things Storyteller needs: Large bag of cotton balls or white pom-poms, plush sheep from intro sketch, a table to dump cotton balls on.

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible then set it on the table.

"You know, my friend [Host's name] is so worried about their lost sheep. It reminds me of a story Jesus told to teach us something very important about God's love. Jesus' story starts with a shepherd. Do you know what a shepherd takes care of? Say it with me!"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** "Sheep!"

**STORYTELLER:** "That's right. And this shepherd had 100 sheep!

Dump out the cotton balls on the table.

"Let's pretend these are all the fluffy sheep. Can you imagine taking care of ALL of these? The shepherd loved every single one. But one day, he counted them and realized one had wandered off and was lost! Oh no! He only had 99!

Slide: Story Image W2 01 (Shepherd counting sheep)

"What do you think he did? Did he just forget about the one sheep? *(Pause.)* No way!

Slide: Story Image W2 02 (Close-up of shepherd)

"Jesus said the shepherd loved that ONE lost sheep so much that he left the 99 in a safe place and went to find it. He wouldn't stop looking until he found it. Let's look around. Do you see a lost sheep anywhere?

Search the storytelling area but stay away from where the plush sheep is hidden.

"Hmm. Not over here. Let's keep looking. Little sheep, where are you?

*Walk to where the plush sheep is hidden and spot it.*

"Wait! Do you see it? Yes! There it is!

Pick up the plush sheep.

Slide: Story Image W2 03 (Shepherd finds sheep)

"The shepherd found his sheep! He was so happy he shouted for joy! He picked it up, put it on his shoulders, and carried it all the way home. Yay, the lost sheep is found! Everybody cheer!

Slide: Story Image W2 04 (Shepherd carrying sheep)

"Jesus told this story to teach us that He is like the shepherd. If we feel lost, Jesus comes to find us. He will search and search for us because He loves us so much. Who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me."**

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, it's true. I am so happy that **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** Let's close our eyes and talk to God together.

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You will always come looking for us when we feel lost. Thank You for the story

**What You Need**

No supplies needed

3 min

**Outro Sketch****What You Need**

No supplies needed

of the lost sheep that reminds us how important we are to you. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

"Thank you for helping me find the sheep! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

**HOST:** "Wow! Friends! You found Sprinkles! Thank you! I was so worried about her!"

Host runs to the table and hugs the plush sheep.

"I am SO happy she's safe! You know, my heart feels so full and happy right now. It reminds me of the Bible story. That's how happy Jesus is when we are close to Him! He loves us so much. I think I got the story. If you got it, let me see a thumbs-up! (*Pause.*) Awesome. I'm so glad  
**[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.**

"Okay, Sprinkles, let's get you back to the picnic. All the other friends are waiting!"

"Tell me one more time, who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and HOST: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me."**

**HOST:** "Yes, He does! See you later, friends."

**[Transition]** "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

19 min

# Bible Story Section (Rug)

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

8 min

## Bible Story

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible."

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

**LEADER:** "Jesus told a story to help people understand God's love. It starts with a shepherd. A shepherd takes care of sheep! What sound does a sheep make?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Baa!"

Slide: Story Image W2 01 (Shepherd counting sheep)

**LEADER:** "Good job! Pretend you're a shepherd with one hundred sheep. That's a lot! So let's count to ten together just to get started."

Count to ten with the group using fingers, then spread arms wide.

**LEADER:** "And there were many more ... one hundred sheep!"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten!

Slide: Story Image W2 02 (Close-up of shepherd)

**LEADER:** "But one day, the shepherd counted and realized something was wrong. He had ninety-nine ... but one sheep was missing."

**LEADER:** "Let's all say, 'Oh no!'"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Oh no!"

**LEADER:** "Should the shepherd say, 'It's fine, I still have ninety-nine'? Or should he look for the one that is lost?"

Children respond.

**LEADER:** "The shepherd loved every single sheep, so he went to find the one that was lost."

Shade eyes with one hand.

**LEADER:** "Look to the left... look to the right... look behind you... look up the hill."

Lead kids to look in each direction.

**LEADER:** "Let's listen. Do you hear a 'baa'?"

Cup hands behind ears; pause a beat.

Slide: Story Image W2 03 (Shepherd finds sheep)

**LEADER:** "He found it! The shepherd was so happy. Can you cheer for the sheep?"

Quiet cheer together: "Yay!"

Slide: Story Image W2 04 (Shepherd carrying sheep)

**LEADER:** "He picked up the sheep, put it on his shoulders, and carried it all the way home."

Model a careful "carry" across your shoulders

**LEADER:** "When he got home, he told his friends, 'I found my lost sheep! Let's celebrate!'  
Do one big 'Hooray!'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Hooray!"

**LEADER:** "Jesus told this story because He loves people like that shepherd loved his sheep. Each person matters to Jesus. When someone feels far away or makes a bad choice, Jesus comes after us so we can be close to Him again."

Place both hands over heart; children copy.

**LEADER:** "Let's say our Bible words together one time."

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'"

Open hands like a book for "Bible," then move hands toward yourself for "come to me."

**LEADER:** "Who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus loves me."

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Yes! Jesus loves you, and Jesus loves me. Jesus loves children."

Hold up the Bible; smile. Close Bible.

**LEADER:** "You've got it! I am so happy that **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

**LEADER:** "Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You for the story of the lost sheep that reminds us how much You love us. Thank You for always coming to find us and bring us close to You. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

**WEEK**

**THREE**

# 3-5s | W3

## Small Group (15 minutes)

**Social: Providing time for fun interaction**

Broom It  
Tic-Tac-Toe with Martha and Mary  
Time to Explore

## Large Group (20 minutes)

**Worship: Inviting people to respond to God**

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A Visit to Martha's  
Not Too Busy for Jesus  
Pause to Pray  
Jesus Loves  
Journal and Prayer

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### Bible Story

Mary and Martha • Luke 10:38-42  
Jesus wants to spend time with me.

### Key Question

Who loves you?

### Bottom Line

Jesus loves me.

### Memory Verse

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." •  
Matthew 19:14 NLT

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*Jesus said,*

3 min

## Worship Closer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

Tap finger to middle of each palm.

*"Let the children*

Point to self.

*come to me"*

Move hands toward self.

*Matthew 19:14.*

Open hands like a book.

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

27 min

# Bible Story Section (Stage)

3 min

## Intro Sketch

### What You Need

-  Table 1
-  Mixing bowl and spoon 1
-  Chef's hat or apron 1
-  Clipboard with a long list of paper 1

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

## Bible Story (live)

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

Things host needs: table, mixing bowl and spoon, chef's hat or apron, clipboard with a long list on paper.

**HOST:** "Okay, hello, friends! I'm [your name]. I'm so excited! I'm throwing a big 'Sweet Treats Party' for all of my friends! But there is SO much to do to get ready!"

Host looks at the clipboard.

"Okay, my list says I need to mix the cookie dough. (*Host goes to the table and pretends to mix very fast.*) And I need to blow up balloons! (*Host pretends to blow up a balloon.*) And I have to hang the streamers! (*Host pretends to hang streamers.*) And I need to choose the PERFECT music! Oh, this has to be the best party ever for my friends! It has to be perfect because I love them so much.

Host stops and looks exhausted.

"Whew! Being the perfect host is a lot of work! I hope I can get it all done before my friends get here. I have to go check on the oven. See you in a bit!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits. A chair is on stage. Storyteller carries a Bible. Storyteller also carries dust rag, plastic bowl, and spoon.

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.  
Hold up the Bible.

"Today's story is about two sisters who were getting ready for a very special visitor. Their names were Mary and Martha. Can my helpers please come up?"

**What You Need**

 Bible	1
 Chair	1
 Dust rag	1
 Plastic bowl	1
 Spoon	1
 Option: Cardstock	1

Pause as preselected volunteers join you.

"Thank you for helping! (*Give one the name Mary and the other Martha.*) One day, Mary and Martha found out their friend Jesus was coming to their house! They were so excited.

Slide: Story Image W3 01 (Jesus and disciples arrive at Mary and Martha's home)

"As soon as Jesus arrived, Mary sat right down at his feet to listen to him. Let's pretend this chair is where Jesus is sitting. (*To one volunteer*) Mary, why don't you sit right here on the floor?

Have "Mary" sit on the floor next to the chair.

Slide: Story Image W3 02 (Mary sitting on floor, listening to Jesus)

"Mary didn't want to miss a single word Jesus said. She just wanted to BE with him.

"But Martha... well, Martha had things to do!

Hand the other volunteer ("Martha") the bowl, spoon, and dust rag.

"Martha was busy cooking. (*To the volunteer*) Go ahead, Martha, start stirring! She wanted to make the perfect food for her guest.

"And she was also busy cleaning! (*To the volunteer*) Can you dust this chair for me?

"Martha was working so hard to make everything perfect because she loved Jesus so much! But finally, she got upset and said, 'Jesus, tell my sister to help me! I'm doing all the work!'

Slide: Story Image W3 03 (Martha telling Jesus she's upset)

"But Jesus was so kind. He looked at Martha and said that spending time with Him was the most important thing.

Take the bowl, spoon, and dust rag from the volunteer and lead her to sit on the floor on the other side of the chair with Mary.

"Martha didn't need to worry about the cooking and cleaning. Jesus just wanted to spend time with her.

"That's the kind of friend Jesus is. He doesn't need everything to be perfect. He just loves us and wants to spend time with us! He wants to spend time with you, and you, and all of you! (*Point to the volunteers and the children.*)

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

## Outro Sketch

### What You Need

No supplies needed

"Let's give a big hand for our awesome helpers! Thanks so much, friends."

Send volunteers back to their seats.

"Jesus loves you and wants to spend time with you! Tell me, who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me!"**

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes! And because Jesus loves you, He wants to be with you! Let's spend time with Jesus by talking to Him right now. Let's close our eyes."

**STORYTELLER:** "Jesus, thank You for loving us and for wanting to spend time with us. Help us remember that being with You is the best thing of all. You're an awesome friend! Amen."

"I'll see you next time. Bye!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

**HOST:** "Wow! What a great story. Martha was SO busy trying to make everything perfect for Jesus, but Mary knew the most important thing was just to spend time with Jesus."

"You know what? That reminds me of my party problem! I was so busy, busy, busy trying to make the party perfect FOR my friends, that I was forgetting to get excited about just BEING with my friends!"

"The snacks and decorations are nice, but the best part of the Sweet Treats Party will be spending time together. I'm so glad the Bible story reminded me of that!"

"Jesus loves us and just wants to be with us. **[Basic Truth] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Tell me, who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and HOST: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me!"**

**HOST:** "Yes, He does! See you guys next time. Bye-bye!"

19 min

# Bible Story Section (Rug)

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

8 min

## Bible Story

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible."

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

**LEADER:** "Today's true story happened at a house where two sisters lived. Their names were Mary and Martha. Can you say their names?"

**CHILDREN:** "Mary and Martha."

Slide: Story Image W3 01 (Jesus and disciples arrive at Mary and Martha's home)

**LEADER:** "Mary and Martha were friends with Jesus. One day, Jesus came to visit their home. How exciting!"

Slide: Story Image W3 02 (Mary sitting on floor, listening to Jesus)

**LEADER:** "As soon as Jesus came in, Mary sat right down near Jesus to listen. Let's listen like Mary. Show me your listening ears."

Cup hands behind ears together for a beat

**LEADER:** "Mary didn't want to miss a single word. Martha loved Jesus too, and she wanted everything to be perfect for Him. She was busy, busy, busy getting the house ready."

"Let's pretend to stir a bowl... stir ... good. Now wipe the table ... and fluff a pillow."

**LEADER:** "Martha worked hard because she loved Jesus and she wanted Him to feel comfortable and welcome."

Slide: Story Image W3 03 (Martha telling Jesus she's upset)

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "But Martha felt upset because Mary wasn't helping. She told Jesus all about it."

**LEADER:** "Jesus was kind. He told Martha that all her work was good, but the best thing is to spend time with Him."

Place hands over heart. "Being with Jesus is the best thing."

**LEADER:** "Let's practice that for a moment. Sit still like Mary, big breath in ... and out."

*(Pause briefly.)* "Good job listening."

**LEADER:** "Jesus didn't need a perfect snack or a perfect house. Jesus wanted to be with His friends, Mary and Martha. Can you say, Jesus loves me?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus loves me!"

**LEADER:** "Great Job! Let's say our Bible words together one time."

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'"

Open hands like a book for "Bible," then move hands toward yourself for "come to me."

**LEADER:** "Who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus loves me."

**LEADER:** "Yes! Jesus loves you, and Jesus wants to spend time with you."

Hold up the Bible; smile. Close Bible.

**LEADER:** "Because Jesus loves you, He wants to spend time with you! Let's talk to Him right now. Let's close our eyes."

**LEADER:** "Jesus, thank You for loving us and for wanting to spend time with us. Help us to remember that just being with You is the most important thing. You are the best friend ever. Amen."

**WEEK**

**FOUR**

# 3-5s | W4

## Small Group (15 minutes)

**Social: Providing time for fun interaction**

Ice Cream Pass  
Add to the Lollipop  
Sand Drawing

## Large Group (20 minutes)

**Worship: Inviting people to respond to God**

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

Worship  
Bible Story  
Prayer

## Small Group (25 minutes)

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

Follow the Arrows  
Draw God's Love  
Love Overflows\*  
Heart Catapult  
Sand Heart Art  
Journal and Prayer

## Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home  
Memory Verse Card  
Parent Cue Card (print or email)  
Parent Cue App and ParentCue.org



### Bible Story

Jesus Forgives a Woman • John 8  
Jesus loves me no matter what.

### Key Question

Who loves you?

### Bottom Line

Jesus loves me.

### Memory Verse

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." •  
Matthew 19:14 NLT

19 min

# Worship

3 min

## Worship Opener

### What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

## OPTION 1 (Amazing Music)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

## OPTION 2 (Orange Kids Music)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

## Memory Verse

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. I am SO happy to see you today!"

**LEADER:** "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate because God loves us.

*SONG: "His Banner Over Me Is Love" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available from Amazing Music*

"Great job, friends! Did you know that God loves you! Let's sing a song about that!

*SONG: "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available from Amazing Music.*

**LEADER:** "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate God!

*SONG: "Jesus Loves Me Remix" available on store.thinkorange.com*

"Great singing, friends! Let's sing one more song together.

*SONG: "Whole Lotta Bit" available on store.thinkorange.com*

"Great singing, friends! Now, let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

Note: A video of the Memory Verse Motions is available in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

*Jesus said,*

Tap finger to middle of each palm.

*"Let the children*

Point to self.

3 min

## Worship Closer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

*come to me"*

Move hands toward self.

*Matthew 19:14.*

Open hands like a book.

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

27 min

# Bible Story Section (Stage)

3 min

## Intro Sketch

### What You Need

 Apron and/or Chef hat	1
 Table	1
 Three plain cookies	3
 Bowl of frosting and plastic knife	1
 Container of sprinkles	1

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

## Bible Story (live)

Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host is wearing a chef hat and apron. A table is set up with three plain cookies, a bowl of frosting and knife, a container of sprinkles.

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! Welcome! My name is [your name]. I'm getting ready for our 'Sweet Treats' party, and I'm decorating cookies. I only have three cookies to decorate. My mom said I could eat one, but I ate twelve."

Host begins to decorate a cookie.

**HOST:** "Okay, just a little frosting here... and some sprinkles right on top... There! (Holds up a nice-looking cookie.) Perfect! Okay, now for the next one."

"I wish I had more to decorate and share with you all, but they were so good. I know, eating 12 cookies is a lot. My stomach is a little tumbly. Hopefully, that won't be a problem."

Storyteller enters as Host exits, leaving the cookies on the table.

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible. Things storyteller needs already on stage: large cardboard box (to use as a background for plates), paper plates with faces drawn (see Getting Ready), large heart stickers or red permanent marker, tape/self-adhesive hook, or loop dots.

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! My name is [your name]."

Set box in the center of the storytelling area.

"I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible about a woman who made a bad choice."

Open Bible for children to see, then set it down.

## What You Need

 Bible	1
 Large cardboard box, such as an appliance box	1
 Paper plates, at least 8 per Large Group	8
 Tape or self-adhesive hook and loop dots	Several
 Permanent marker	1
 Large heart stickers or a thick red, permanent marker	Several
 Option: Cardstock for story images	4

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with a woman who was very sad.

Point to the sad face plate on the box.

"She had made a bad choice, and some people were being very mean to her.

Slide: Story Image W4 01 (woman brought to Jesus)

"One day, these people brought the woman to Jesus while he was teaching.

Place the angry face plates on the box around the sad face plate.

"They said, 'Jesus, this woman did something wrong! She should be punished!' They were not showing her any love.

Slide: Story Image W4 02 (Jesus writing in dirt)

"But Jesus didn't yell. He just bent down and started writing in the dirt with his finger. The people kept asking what to do. So Jesus stood up and said, 'If any of you has never, ever done anything wrong, then you can punish her.'

"And what do you think happened? One by one, the people started to leave.

Remove the angry face plates one at a time.

Slide: Story Image W4 03 (people leaving)

"They all left because every single one of them knew they had made mistakes, too! Soon, it was just Jesus and the woman.

Place the loving Jesus face plate next to the sad face plate.

"Jesus was so kind to her. He didn't punish her. He forgave her.

*Begin putting several heart stickers around the two face plates.*

Slide: Display Story Image W4 04 (Jesus speaking to the woman)

"Jesus showed the woman love when no one else would. He loved her no matter what.

"Do you think Jesus will love us when we make a mistake? (Pause.) Yes!

"Will Jesus love us no matter what? (Pause.) YES! Jesus will always love us, and Jesus wants to be our friend forever because He loves us no matter what. Who loves you?"

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

## Outro Sketch

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me!"****STORYTELLER:** "Yes, [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. [Transition] Our story time is over (pick up and close Bible), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus. Thank You that Jesus loves us no matter what and wants to be our friend forever. Help us to love others, even when they make bad choices. We love You! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

"Alright friends, that's our true story for today. See you next time!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

**HOST:** "Wow! Those people were so mean to that woman because she made a bad choice. But Jesus loved her anyway! He showed her love and kindness. Jesus loves us no matter what!""I think I (*point to self*) got the story. Did you (*point to children*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it? (*Cup one hand behind ear.*)"**CHILDREN and HOST:** "Got it!"**HOST:** (*Give two thumbs-up.*) "Good!"

Host looks at the cookies on the table.

"You know, this Bible story makes me think about the decision I made to eat all those cookies. That was a bad decision. I had to ask my mom for some medicine for my stomach. I should have only eaten one like she said."

"Jesus loved the woman even when she messed up. He also loves me even if I made a bad choice."

"I'm so glad that **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me, no matter what!** See you guys next time. Bye-bye!"**[Transition]** "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

19 min

# Bible Story Section (Rug)

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

8 min

## Bible Story

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible."

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

Slide: Story Image W4 01 (woman brought to Jesus)

**LEADER:** "Today's true story begins with a woman who felt very sad. She had made a wrong choice, and some people were being unkind to her. Can you make a sad face?"

Invite children to show a gentle "sad face," then a relaxed face.

Slide: Story Image W4 02 (Jesus writing in dirt)

**LEADER:** "Those people brought the woman to Jesus while He was teaching. They said, 'She did something wrong!' They wanted to punish her."

**LEADER:** "Do you think that was kind?"

**CHILDREN:** "No."

**LEADER:** "Right. Jesus is kind."

**LEADER:** "Jesus didn't shout. He bent down and quietly wrote on the ground with His finger. Can you pretend to write on the ground with your finger?"

"Invite children to trace one slow line on the rug with a finger, then place hands in laps."

Slide: Story Image W4 03 (people leaving)

**LEADER:** "The people kept asking and asking what they should do. The woman was scared. But Jesus loved her."

**LEADER:** "Then Jesus stood up and said something important: 'If you have never done anything wrong ... if you have always done everything that God wants you to do ... then you can punish her.'"

**LEADER:** "Have you ever done something wrong?"

Children nod or say "Yes."

**LEADER:** "Me too. Everyone has. And so did the people in the Bible Story."

**LEADER:** "So, one by one, the unkind people walked away."

**LEADER:** "Now, who was with the woman?"

**CHILDREN:** "Jesus!"

Slide: Story Image W4 04 (Jesus speaking to the woman)

**LEADER:** "That's right! Jesus looked at the woman and was kind to her. He forgave her. He told her to go and choose what is right."

**LEADER:** "Jesus loved her even when she made a mistake. And Jesus loves us even when we make bad choices too."

**LEADER:** "Let's say this together one time: 'Jesus loves me no matter what.'"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus loves me no matter what."

**LEADER:** "Let's say our Bible words together one time."

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'"

Open hands like a book for "Bible," then move hands toward yourself for "come to me."

**LEADER:** "Who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus loves me."

**LEADER:** "Yes! Jesus loves you, and Jesus loves me. Jesus loves children."

Hold up the Bible; smile. Close Bible.

**LEADER:** "Yes, [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me."

*[Transition]* Our story time is over (pick up and close Bible), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

Preschool

First Look

February - Week 4

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus. Thank You that Jesus loves us no matter what, even when we make bad choices. Help us to show that same love to others. We love You! In Jesus' name, we pray, amen."

5 min

## Heart Catapult | Made to Move

### What You Need

 Craft Sticks	7
 Rubber bands	5
 Strong plastic spoon	1
 Foam hearts	Several
 Plastic bin	1

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Stack 5 craft sticks on top of each other and secure both ends with a rubber band. Then, stack 2 craft sticks on top of each other and secure *one* end with a rubber band. Keeping the rubber band in place carefully pull the 2 craft sticks apart and slide the stack of 5 craft sticks in between. Lay the plastic spoon on top of the angled craft stick. Secure both ends of the spoon to the craft stick with rubber bands. Then add a final rubber band to form an "X" across the center where the two stacks meet. See our Pinterest page for an example.

Place a foam heart in the spoon, pull the craft stick down with your pointer finger and release to launch the heart. Make sure to test each catapult to make sure it works, and everything is secure. Set the catapults on the table with a stack of foam hearts near each one.

*During the Activity:* Gather the children in groups of five around each catapult. Show the children how to place a heart on the spoon, push down on the end with their pointer finger and launch the heart! Encourage each child to launch three hearts before giving another friend a turn. Make sure children know that hearts can go anywhere and everywhere in the room! Set the plastic bin in the center of your activity area. Explain to the children that they will have 30 seconds to pick up all the hearts and place them in the bin. Count down from 30 and then celebrate when all the hearts have been picked up!

*After the Activity:* Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Friends, I have something SUPER fun for you! We're going to launch hearts here, there, and everywhere using these awesome catapults!"

*During the Activity:* "Let me show you how they work. (*Demonstrate.*) Isn't that so cool!? Let's take turns! When it's your turn, you can shoot THREE hearts. (*Select children to catapult.*) Ready, set, launch your hearts! (*Pause.*) Launch another one. Ready, set, launch your hearts! (*Pause.*) Launch the last one. Ready, set, launch your hearts! (*Pause.*) Switch and let another friend go. (*Continue with each child.*) That was so fun!"

*After the Activity:* "WHOA! Look, your hearts went here, there, and everywhere! Let's see if we can pick them ALL up in 30 seconds and put them in this bin. Ready, set, PICK UP! (*Count down from 30*) Way to go, friends. Look at all the hearts, and hearts make us think of love. Jesus showed the people in our Bible Story that He really wanted to keep God's rules and show God's love. God did not send Jesus to punish us. God gave us Jesus to show us how much He loves us. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** Jesus loves everyone!"