

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

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

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!"

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.

8 min

Wonder Bible Story (Video)

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Bible Story (live)

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

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.

"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.

3 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Outro Sketch

What You Need

No supplies needed

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?"

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!"

Supplies

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