

# 3-5's | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2026, Week 4

**Bible Story:** Jonah • Jonah 1-3:3

I can always talk to God.

**Key Question:** Who is always with you?

**Bottom Line:** God is always with me.

**Memory Verse:** "God is with you wherever you go." • Joshua 1:9 NLT

*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.*

## 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.

## Social: Providing time for fun interaction

- Treasure Map Hunt
- Wild Ride\\*
- Floating Boats

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

- Worship
- Bible Story
- Prayer

## Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

- Row Your Boat Verse
- Jonah's Parachute Journey
- Big Fish, Bigger Fish
- Jonah's Path
- Jonah's Journey Move-Along
- Journal and Prayer

## Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Memory Verse Card
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- Parent Cue App
- Story (10 minutes)

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



## Bible Story

Jonah • Jonah 1-3:3

## Key Question

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## Bottom Line

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10 min

# Worship

5 min

## Worship Opener

### What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

### What You Say:

#### WORSHIP

*(Worship Leader enters.)*

**LEADER:** "Hi, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm so happy to see you! Today we're going on a great adventure! Everyone, let's get in our pretend boat!"

*(Hold imaginary sides of a boat.)*

"Let's row together... row, row, row!"\ *(Pretend to row)*

"Oh no... the wind is blowing!"\ *(Make soft wind sounds)*

"Let's rock our boat side to side..."\ *(Sway gently)*

"Uh-oh! The storm is getting bigger! Hold on tight!"\ *(Sway a little bigger)*

"And... stop! The water is calm again."

"Today we'll hear a true story about a big storm, a boat, and a man named Jonah, and we'll learn that we can always talk to God because God is always with us!"

#### WORSHIP

5 min

## OPTION 1 (Amazing Music)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

### What You Say:

#### AMAZING MUSIC

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Let's serve the Lord and sing this song out together!"

*SONG: "As for Me" Yancy Preschool Video or Instrumental is available on APlay with Amazing Music.*

"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: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, and on Pinterest.)*

'God (*point up*) is with you (*point to self*) wherever you go' (*march in place*). Joshua 1:9 (*open hands like a book*).

"Can you do that with me?"

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

"Great job, friends! God is with us everywhere we go! Let's continue to worship together!"

*SONG: "Come and Go with Me" Preschool Video is available on APlay with Amazing Music.*

"Thanks for celebrating God with me!"

*(To extend your worship time, we have provided additional songs by Yancy: "Coat of Many Colors," "I Will Pray," and "The B-I-B-L-E.")*

25 min

# Bible Story Section (Stage)

5 min

## Intro Sketch

### What You Need

 Paint kit/ art kit

1

Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

### What You Say:

#### INTRO SKETCH

*(Things to have ready: Stage set with easel and canvas [optional] could be substituted with large Post-it paper, paint kit)*

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! Check out this cool paint kit I have, I think I'm going to paint a picture of a fish once I finish all my chores!"

"My name is [your name]. Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]!"

"Earlier today, my dad asked me to do some chores at home, but I kept thinking about how much more fun it would be to paint instead. I kept putting it off, hoping I could just go do what I wanted first, but I learned that ignoring what I was asked to do didn't make things better."

"Today, we're going to hear about a man in the Bible named Jonah. Can you say 'Jonah'?"

**CHILDREN and HOST:** "Jonah!"

"Good job! God gave Jonah a very important job to do, but Jonah didn't want to do it. So instead of obeying God, Jonah ran away! *(gasp)* But even when Jonah ran, God still had a plan for him."

"If you're ready for the story of Jonah, say: '**Tell me a story!**'"

**CHILDREN and HOST:** "Tell me a story!"

**HOST:** "That's it! I'll see you in a bit!"

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5 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

## Bible Story (live)

### What You Need

-  Bible 1
-  Optional: Cardstock Several

### What You Say:

#### BIBLE STORY

*(Things to have ready: Bible)*

*(Storyteller enters carrying a Bible.)*

**STORYTELLER:** "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.)*

"Have you ever been asked to do something that you didn't want to do? In today's story, we're going to hear about a very important lesson that Jonah learned. God told Jonah to go somewhere, but Jonah ran away and got on a boat instead. While he was on the boat, a big storm came, and Jonah ended up inside a huge fish! Are you ready to hear more? Let's go!"

"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!"

SLIDE: Story Image W4 01 (*Jonah running AWAY from Nineveh*)

"Today's true story from the Bible comes from the book of Jonah, and it begins with Jonah. During our story today, let's play a game! Listen closely because when you hear these words, you'll need to do some special actions!"

**"Nineveh!"** (*swing arms like marching*)

**"Storm!"** (*sway side to side*)

**"Fish!"** (*open arms wide like a fish's mouth*)

**"Pray!"** (*fold hands together*)

"This is God's word (point up) and it's true (*two thumbs up*) and powerful (*flex muscles*)! One day, God told Jonah to go to a city called **Nineveh** (*swing arms like marching*) and help the people there. But Jonah didn't want to go!"

"Instead of listening to God, Jonah ran the OTHER way!"

SLIDE: Story Image W4 02 (*Jonah on a boat in a storm*)

"Jonah ran and got on a boat to sail far away. But guess what happened? (*Pause.*) God sent a BIG **storm** (*sway side to side*)!"

"Crash! Boom! The waves and **storm** (*sway side to side*) got BIGGER and BIGGER! Jonah knew something important. He knew that even though he ran away, he could still talk to God, because God is always with him!"

"Then something AMAZING happened! A HUGE **fish** (*open arms wide like a fish's mouth*) swallowed Jonah! Can you pretend to be a big **fish** (*open arms wide like a fish's mouth*)?"

"Yes! Chomp, chomp!"

SLIDE: Story Image W4 03 (Jonah praying inside the big fish)

"Jonah was inside the **fish** (*open arms wide like a fish's mouth*) for three days and three nights! That sounds dark and a little scary, doesn't it? But guess what Jonah did inside the **fish** (*open arms wide like a fish's mouth*)?" (Pause.)

"He **PRAYED** (*fold hands together*)! Jonah talked to God!"

"Yes! Jonah knew God was always with him! When he was afraid, Jonah knew he could **pray** (*fold hands together*) to God, even from the belly of a big **fish** (*open arms wide like a fish's mouth*)!"

"After Jonah **prayed** (*fold hands together*), God made the **fish** (*open arms wide like a fish's mouth*) spit Jonah out! Can you say 'bleh!'?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Bleh!"

SLIDE: Story Image W4 04 (Jonah running TO Nineveh)

"Once he was out of the belly of the **fish** (*open arms wide like a fish's mouth*), God told Jonah again, 'Go to **Nineveh** (*swing arms like marching*).' And this time Jonah listened! Jonah went to the city and told the people about God. And the people listened!"

"Jonah learned an important lesson that day. He learned that no matter where he was ... on a boat, in a **storm** (*sway side to side*), or even inside a **fish** (*open arms wide like a fish's mouth*), he could always **pray** (*fold hands together*) and talk to God because God is always with him and God is always with you and me too!"

"So, tell me... **Who is always with you?**"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** [*Bottom Line*] "God is always with me!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, [*Bottom Line*] God is always with me!"

(*Pick up and close Bible.*)

**STORYTELLER:** "Before we are done with story time together, let's say our monthly memory verse together one more time!"

5 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

'God (*point up*) is with you (*point to self*) wherever you go' (*march in place*). Joshua 1:9 (*open hands like a book*).

### What You Say:

#### PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** "Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's take our hands (*open like a book*) and fold them together (prayer hands) and talk to God because God loves you!"

"Dear God, thank You for loving us so much. Thank You that we can talk to You anytime—when we're happy, when we're sad, and even when we're scared. Help us remember that You always hear us. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

5 min

## Outro Sketch

### What You Need

 Paint kit/ art kit

1

### What You Say:

#### OUTRO SKETCH

*(Host enters.)*

**HOST:** "Wow! What a great story about Jonah.

"Jonah tried to run away from what God asked him to do. But God didn't leave him, God was with Jonah the whole time, even when he was in the belly of that big fish."

"When Jonah made a wrong choice and disobeyed, God didn't give up on him. God was always with him, and God is always with us too! Tell me, **'Who is always with you?'**"

**CHILDREN and HOST:** *[Bottom Line]* "God is always with me!"

**HOST:** "Yes, *[Bottom Line]* God is always with me!"

"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!"

# Getting Ready | 3-5's Stage Large Group

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive worship, the Intro Sketch, and the Bible Story. The Stage Script is written for those who gather their preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible Story. If you are pulling your children to a rug on one side of your preschool space, you may benefit from using the Rug Script.

## APlay

APlay is your all-in-one presentation, preparation, and curriculum ecosystem that saves you time and money. APlay is free with your curriculum subscription! APlay offers powerful tools that build media playlists, compile curriculum documents, auto-update supply lists by child count, cast media to screens, and so much more.

Built to work in harmony with your curriculum, APlay Service Builder allows leaders to drop in, toggle on and off, or customize teaching plans, worship elements, and media assets in seconds. For even more value, upgrade to Amazing+ to unlock the parent app, Parent+.

## WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God (10 minutes)

*A 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.*

## STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways (10 minutes)

*Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible Story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advance preparation is necessary.*

## 1. Worship

### What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

### Music and Sound Effects:

- "As for Me"—Yancy Preschool Video or Instrumental—available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Come and Go with Me" available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Dare To Be A Daniel" available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Coat of Many Colors"—Yancy Preschool Video or Instrumental—available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "I Will Pray"—Yancy Preschool Video or Instrumental—available on APlay with Amazing Music

- "The B-I-B-L-E"—Yancy Preschool Video or Instrumental—available on APlay with Amazing Music

**What You Do:**

- Prepare all songs and have them ready to use.
- Check out the Ministry Leader Guide for more information.

**2. Intro/Outro****What You Need:**

- Paint kit/ art kit

**What You Do:**

- No preparation needed

**3. Bible Story****What You Need:**

- Bible
- *Optional: Cardstock*

**Large Group Visuals:**

- Story Image W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03
- Story Image W4 04

**Optional Video: (available in APlay)**

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

- **WONDER! LOOK AT GOD'S STORY:** First Look offers weekly videos to engage preschoolers with the Bible Story. Join our Bible storytellers, Treehouse friends, and, of course, Ollie the Owl to discover the wonder in God's story.

**Additional environment enhancement including:**

- Countdown video

**What You Do:**

- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

**First Look Pinterest Page**

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies.

[bit.ly/FL\\_EverywhereIGo](https://bit.ly/FL_EverywhereIGo)

**Supplies:**

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- Paint kit/ art kit
- Bible
- Optional: Cardstock
- Large Group Visuals
- Story Image W4
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- Optional Video: (available in APlay)
- Treehouse friends
- and
- of course
- Ollie the Owl to discover the wonder in God's story
- Countdown video

# Supplies

## Worship Opener

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| 1. | Worship Leader(s) | 1 |
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## Intro Sketch

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| 1. | Paint kit/ art kit | 1 |
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## Bible Story (live)

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| 1. | Bible               | 1       |
| 2. | Optional: Cardstock | Several |

## Outro Sketch

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| 1. | Paint kit/ art kit | 1 |
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