

K-3 | W5

Today's Suggested Schedule—May 2026, Week 5

Bible Story: Heaven • *Revelation 21:3-5*

Bottom Line: God will make everything right in the end.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9 NIRV

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.

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

Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener

Worship

Bible Story (sections from God's Big Story are listed as optional)

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Remove the Tears (K-1st grade), Finish the Drawing (2nd-3rd grade)

Application Activity: Refract the Light (K-1st grade), Broken to New (2nd-3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Cross the Finish Line (K-1st grade), Pass the Verse (2nd-3rd grade)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

Devotionals for Kids

Parent Cue App



Bible Story

Heaven • *Revelation 21:3-5*

Conversation Starter

What do you think heaven will be like?

Bottom Line

God will make everything right in the end.

Monthly Memory Verse

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15 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Large Group Game | Animal Trail Trek!

AUDIO: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video: Theme Loop

(Host enters with energy and excitement.)

Optional Video: Countdown

Optional Video: Theme Intro

Optional Video: Theme Loop

(Things to have ready: Create a pathway all around the game area using colorful plastic cones. Animal Prints 1-12 on the table. Game slide. Bottom Line slide.)

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, friends! Welcome to [Name of Environment]! I'm so happy you're here today. Today is a huge, awesome, amazing day to be here! We're not only ending our series this month, we're also ending our journey through the key stories in the entire Bible!

"Our theme this month, which is coming to a close, is called 'TREK.' The full name of the series is 'TREK: Don't Stop, Don't Give Up—God's with You!' All month long, we've been talking about how we can keep going because God is with us!

"We've also been learning the story of the entire Bible since August. As we'll see today, God is not only with us right now, but He's also going to be with us on into forever! We're going to talk about the incredible end of the story—our story—where Jesus-followers will live with God forever in heaven and on the new earth!

What You Do:

- Download 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.
- Print Animal Prints 1-12 on paper and laminate them if you'd like. Place them on the table at the front of the game area for the Host.
- Set up colorful plastic cones around your space to form a "trail" the kids can follow for the game.

"There is a lot we don't know about what our forever is going to look like with God, but we do know there will be animals! I bet those animals will

What You Need

👤	Host	1
👤	12 Animal Printables (provided) "Monkey Print" "Penguin Print" "Snake Print" "Kangaroo Print" "Puppy Dog Print" "Elephant Print" "Crab Print" "Bear Print" "Eagle Print" "Frog Print" "Horse Print" "Inchworm Print"	12
👤	Optional: kid volunteers for each round (ask for new volunteers at the start of each round; volunteers are only needed if you have a large group, and all the kids can't play the game at the same time.)	10
👤	Optional: Laminator	1

be our friends in some pretty amazing ways. So before we tell our Bible Story, we're going to play an animal game called 'Animal Trail Trek!'

SLIDE: Animal Trail Trek! Title

"This game is super simple. We have an animal trail all the way around our space. See?"

(Point out the trail in the game area made up of the colorful plastic cones.)

"When I say to start, we're all going to line up to follow our animal trail. Now, you may be asking, 'If this is an animal trail, where are the animals?' I'm so glad you asked because YOU are the animals! That's right! As you travel the trail, I'm going to hold up one of these signs.

(Hold up the stack of Animal Prints.)

"And each new sign will tell you what animal to be! So if I hold up a fish, you have to swish and swim along the trail.

(Demonstrate.)

"Got it? Okay, it's time to line up for our 'Animal Trail Trek!'

AUDIO: Fun, upbeat music

(Ideally, all the kids will be able to play this game, but if you have a lot of kids and a small space, you may need to select a group of volunteers. If so, pick 10 kid volunteers for every round you do, and play multiple rounds if time allows, so more kids can play.)

(Pause while kids line up at different spots along the trail.)

"All right, it looks like our animals are all lined up. Everybody start walking along the trail, and let's see what our first animal is going to be. You all are ...

(Hold up the print of the monkey that says, "Monkey.")

"MONKEYS! Let's see you swing along the trail!

(Encourage kids to make monkey motions and sounds as they move along the trail.)

"Wow! It sounds like a zoo in here. You all are doing great! Let's do another one!

(Hold up the following Animal Prints and call out the corresponding animals and actions, giving 10-20 seconds per animal. Comment, encourage, and demonstrate as you go if needed.)

(Hold up the print of a penguin that says, "Penguin.")

"Penguin—waddle like a penguin! You all are doing great!

(Hold up the print of the snake that says, "Snake.")

"Now you're a snake—everyone slither along the trail!

(Hold up the print of the kangaroo that says, "Kangaroo.")

"Next is a kangaroo—time to hop!

(Hold up the print of the puppy dog that says, "Puppy dog.")

"Puppy dog—pant!"

(Hold up the print of the elephant that says, "Elephant.")

"Now you're all elephants—stomp, stomp, stomp!

(Hold up the print of the crab that says, "Crab.")

"Crab—everyone do a crab walk!

(Hold up print of a bear that says, "Bear.")

"Bear—now let's do a bear crawl!

(Hold up the print of an eagle that says, "Eagle.")

"Eagle—flap your wings! Keep it up!

(Hold up the print of the frog that says, "Frog.")

"Frog—jump like a frog!

(Hold up print of the horse that says, "Horse.")

"This one is a horse—let's gallop down the trail!

(Hold up print of the inchworm that says, "Inchworm.")

"And the last one is an inchworm—inch! Let's crawl reeeeeeally slow, like an inchworm would!

"Whew! You all did an excellent job with our 'Animal Trail Trek!' Please scurry back to your seat right now as QUIETLY as a mouse!

(Pause while kids return to their seats.)

"Now, we know there will be animals in the place where we live with God forever. And we also know another thing for sure about heaven and the new earth. In fact, it's our Bottom Line for today. Let's see what it says.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God will make everything right in the end. Say that with me!"

KIDS AND HOST: *[Bottom Line]* "God will make everything right in the end."

HOST: "Thanks for playing our game with me today, friends! We've got an awesome Bible Story coming up—let's get ready to hear it!"

11 min

Worship Option 1 | Amazing Music

3 min

Move | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

One Day | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Memory Verse

Note: We've suggested worship songs below from Amazing Music and Orange Kids Music. We've created these worship resources to be developmentally appropriate for elementary and preteen kids by incorporating simple, direct language, fun dance movements, and upbeat, current arrangements.

We've chosen specific songs that amplify our teaching content for this month. We recommend that you use these songs as scripted below, or combined with other popular worship songs that your kids know and love. Orange Kids Music can be purchased at store.thinkorange.com. Amazing Music is available on APlay with Amazing+, or as an Add-On.

(Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.)

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! We're going to take a few minutes to worship Jesus together. Worship is our chance to stop, breathe, and remember who God is. No matter what kind of week you've had, God loves you, God sees you, and God is with you.

"Get ready to move, stretch, and sing ... here comes our first song, 'Move'!

SONG: "Move" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"Wow! You all sang that like you meant it! Now, let's sing another song that helps us remember something so important that Jesus gives us—freedom! When we follow Him, we don't have to worry or try to be the best. Jesus already loves us completely! Let's sing this one loud!

"I love hearing you guys sing and seeing you worship. Our next song, 'One Day,' helps us focus on the hope God gives us. One day, everything will be made right, just like God promised. Let's sing this together and remember that one day, we get to be at home with God forever!

SONG: "One Day" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"Wow! You all can sing! What a joyful noise that was! Did you know God hears us when we sing? And it makes Him so happy! Remember to keep worshipping Him throughout this week!"

"Now it's time to look at our Memory Verse for this month! It's found in Galatians 6:9. I'll read it first, and then I'll lead you through it!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

WORSHIP LEADER: *"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up. —Galatians 6:9 NIRV*

"Now, let me guide you through it! Let's say it nice and loud!"

WORSHIP LEADER: *"Let us not"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"Let us not"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"become tired of doing good."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"become tired of doing good."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"At the right time"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"At the right time"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"we will gather a crop"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"we will gather a crop"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"if we don't give up."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"if we don't give up."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"Galatians 6:9!"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"Galatians 6:9!"*

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job, friends! Crops were good things! They are food as a result of hard work. So if we do good, if we don't give up doing good, God promises that we will gather something good!"

10 min

Worship Option 2 | Orange Kids Music

5 min

Never Give Up | Orange Kids Music

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Can't Stop Won't Stop | Worship song

What You Need

No supplies needed

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WORSHIP LEADER: "Alright, everyone, let's get ready to worship! This is our chance to celebrate how good God is! He made each one of us, He loves us more than we can imagine, and He's always with us, no matter what we're going through.

"Remember, when we sing, we're not just saying words, we're thanking God for who He is and all the amazing things He's done. So come on, let's stand up, smile big, and sing out loud to show God how much we love Him!

SONG: "Never Give Up" available on Store.ThinkOrange.com

"You guys sound amazing! Did you know God hears every word? He loves it when we take time to worship Him—not just with our voices, but with our lives. Let's keep worshipping together!

SONG: "Can't Stop Won't Stop" available on Store.ThinkOrange.com

"Great job, everyone! I love worshipping God with you all! Here's what we can remember today: Worship doesn't stop here. You can keep worshipping God all through this week by the way you live, the way you treat people, and the way you trust Him.

62 min

Bible Story

Note: We're so excited to be going through key stories of the Bible this year and learning more about its Author—God! It's God's Big Story! But to provide you with flexibility as you experience God's Big Story in your own unique setting, there's more than one way to use the following script!

If you want to follow "God's Big Story," read the following script straight through. Each week will build on the previous ones. But, if your church wants to teach a Large Group session without connecting it to what has come before, there are two sections in the script below that are optional—"God's Big Story Opener" and "God's Big Story Closer." (Or if you are joining us at some point throughout the year, you can opt out of the God's Big Story part and just join us as we journey through the rest of the story of Scripture!) We're going to go through the Bible as we teach throughout the year, but whether or not you share God's Big Story each week is up to you!

Whatever way you decide to use the following, know that we're praying diligently for you—we're asking God to help kids see and believe that He loves them, He invented them, and He wants to be their closest Friend. Forever. It's an honor to get to know God with you through the Bible this year!

12 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

12 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

38 min

Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

👤	Storyteller	1
👤	Host	1
👤	Table	1
👤	Bible	1
👤	Decorative mystery box (items below inside the box) Large rock Key ring with keys Several different-colored gemstones Tissue Large bandage Flashlight	1
👤	Optional: Confetti cannon(s)—or other celebratory method that works for your environment	Several

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- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- Put all the items inside the mystery box and place it on the table for the Storyteller.
- *Optional: Set the confetti cannon(s) on the table. (There will be several opportunities to shoot confetti cannons, or feel free to use whatever method is celebratory for your environment. Reaching the end of the story of the entire Bible and talking about heaven are great reasons to celebrate!)*

(Things to have ready: Set up the table at the front of the teaching area so the Storyteller can place their Bible on it and read from it. Mystery box with items inside on the table. Optional: Confetti cannon[s].)

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! I'm so glad you're here today! It's a super-special day! Not only is it the last day of our theme for this month, it's also our very last day of our journey through the Bible that we started in August!

"This whole month, we've been talking about how we can keep going because God is with us. Our theme this month has been called: 'TREK: Don't Stop, Don't Give Up—God's with You!'

"And not only is God with us now, but we know that when we follow Jesus, we will get to live forever with God. He will be with us forever! The end of our story is going to be amazing. And that's the awesome, awesome truth we're going to look at today! Our forever future!

"But before we get to that awesome truth about our forever future, let me tell you about something we've been doing since August. And today is our very last day on our journey!

"We've been going through the key stories in the entire Bible. We've looked at the important stories from Genesis to Revelation!

"Why have we been doing that? Well, God has always wanted for us to be His close, close friends. And one of the reasons He gave us the Bible is so that we can know Him! The Bible is God saying, 'Hi. This is Me. And this is what I am like.'

"So as we've gone through the Bible this year, my hope is that you've learned about God!"

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

STORYTELLER: "We've been going through God's Big Story in the Bible so we can learn about God!"

SLIDE: God's Big Story

"Since this week is our very last week in God's Big Story, I'm going to do something a little bit different—I'm going to tell you the whole thing! This is the Big Story God has been telling in the entire Bible! (*Gesture to slide.*)

(If you have the Timeline Images up, feel free to point to them as you talk about them.)

"You might remember that, in the beginning, God created everything. He made the world, the animals, people ... everything! God made the first people for the same reason He made all people—to be His close, close friends. But sadly, the first people God made chose to turn away from Him and sin. God wanted people to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore. Pain, sickness, and death entered the world too.

"But God didn't want to leave things that way. So He put His rescue plan in motion right from the start!

"God was going to rescue everything through a family! God chose a man named Abraham and promised that his family would bless the whole world. Abraham had a great-grandson named Joseph, who became a leader in Egypt and saved his family—God's people. Over time, God's people grew but were enslaved by a new Pharaoh. 'Help us!' they cried out to God. God freed His people and brought them to the super-nice home He had designed for them, the Promised Land.

"After God's people were settled in the Promised Land, they disobeyed God—again and again and again. Even the kings God gave them rebelled! So, God split the nation in two—into the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. Prophets spoke for God, saying, 'Come back to Me!' But the people refused to listen. The northern kingdom of Israel was destroyed, and the southern kingdom of Judah was taken captive. Oh no! After years in exile, some of God's people returned to rebuild their homeland, while others stayed in foreign lands.

"During that sad time, God kept sending messages to His people about the Rescuer He had promised long ago. 'God's Rescuer is going to come like this!' the prophets said. But for years and years, nothing happened.

"And then it did! God sent Jesus, the Rescuer we needed, just like He promised! While Jesus was on Earth, He showed us who God is because He is God!

"Jesus lived a perfect life, and He gave that perfect life to pay the price for our sin. Because He never did anything wrong, Jesus was able to take on our sin. With His own life, He paid for all the wrong things anyone has ever done or ever will do. He broke the curse of sin we were under. He set us free. With sin paid for, we could be close to God again! What God had been working on in His Big Story was finally coming true!

"And then Jesus did something else amazing. He rose back to life! Jesus beat death! Our Rescuer, who loves us, is alive and our friend forever and ever.

"But Jesus' friends were confused. Why did Jesus die? Why did He rise again? Jesus spent the next several days on Earth explaining what He had done and why.

"Jesus explained that He was going to leave, but He was going to be with His followers in a new way. He was going to be closer than close, like He always wanted to be!

"Then, Jesus went back to heaven. But He sent the gift He had promised—the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit is God's very Spirit living in Jesus' followers. And with God's Spirit living in them, God's followers began to do amazing things!

"With the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' followers started to tell people about God and His great love! More and more people were becoming followers of Jesus and starting their forever-long friendship with Him! But there was one very dangerous man, Paul, who wanted to put a stop to its spread. But after Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus, Paul went from hating Jesus-followers to being one of the greatest Jesus-followers who ever lived.

"All of the Jesus-followers, filled with God's Holy Spirit, continued to tell the world about Jesus and His great love! This is the part of God's Big Story that we live in now.

"But let me tell you about the future God wrote for us. One day, Jesus is coming back. And you know all of that pain, sickness, and death we still experience? Anything that makes you cry or makes your heart hurt? Well, He is going to end it! He is going to come back to the world and fix everything that is broken.

"Then God is going to bring His home, heaven, right down to earth. God is going to live with His people, like He has always wanted! Like it was in the Garden of Eden! We will live with God forever!

"That is your future. That is your forever. Your friendship with God starts right now and goes on into forever. He is going to be close to you, like He has always wanted to be!

"And now you know the whole story, God's Big Story, of the entire Bible!

(The following section is optional. Feel free to shoot an optional confetti cannon as you finish the content above, or after you add the content below! Or both times! It has been a long, beautiful journey.)

"Do you want to know the short version of God's Big Story? So here is God's Big Story—the story of the whole Bible—short version!

"In the beginning, God made people to be His close, close friends. But they ushered in sin and couldn't be close to God anymore. But that wouldn't do because God loves us so much! So God started His great rescue plan. God worked for years and years until it came. The rescue plan was Jesus! Jesus gave His perfect life, broke the curse of sin, and rose from the dead. Now anyone who believes in what Jesus did for them can be God's friend forever! Then Jesus went back to heaven and sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of His followers. We are all going around

right now, teaching people about God and His great love, so more and more people can be God's friends. Then Jesus is going to come back and fix the pain, sickness, and death that is still in the world. And we will live with Him as His friends forever in this fixed world, just like He always wanted! We are going to be God's friends forever!

"Now you know the story of the entire Bible! WOOHOO!" *(Shoot off an optional confetti cannon here if you want to!)*

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Let's learn more about what we know about our forever-future by jumping into our Bible Story for today!"

"Jesus' followers traveled all over, boldly sharing the good news about Jesus. Many of them were arrested or even killed. But Jesus' friend John lived to be an old man. Our story today centers around a vision that God gave to John.

(Hold up the mystery box.)

"A vision is like a waking dream! And to help us discover what was in the vision, we have a special mystery box. There are things inside that will help us tell today's Bible Story.

(Reach in and pull out the large rock.)

"Starting with this. Go ahead and shout out what it is.

(Pause while kids shout out the answer.)

"Yes! It's a large rock. See, when John was old, he was exiled to a far away, very rocky island called Patmos. Exile was a way for the Roman emperor to get rid of people he didn't like—people like John, who wouldn't stop preaching about Jesus. It was like jail, stuck on an island.

"But exile didn't stop John from writing letters. In fact, it was on Patmos that John wrote one of his most famous letters, which we know as the book of Revelation."

JOHN SEES JESUS

STORYTELLER: "One day, like we talked about, the Holy Spirit gave John an incredible vision. Jesus Himself appeared. His face was shining like the sun, and His voice was like rushing waters! Then Jesus spoke. This will give us a clue to what He said!"

(Reach in the mystery box and pull out the key ring.)

"Do you know what this is?"

(Pause while kids shout out the answer.)

"Yes! It's a key ring. Here's what John wrote about Jesus:

(Open the Bible and read Revelation 1:17-18 NIV.)

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. Then he put his right hand on me and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One. I was dead. But now look! I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys to Death and Hell."

"Jesus holds the key to death. That means that Jesus has beaten the power of death, and at the right time, Jesus will put an end to death forever! Here's what Jesus told John after that:

(Open the Bible and read Revelation 1:19 NIV.)

"So write down what you have seen. Write about what is happening now and what will happen later."

"Jesus showed John amazing images of things to come. Beautiful things. Terrible things. Confusing things. Some of these things have happened already, and some of them will happen in the future.

"Jesus wanted His followers to know that we can remain faithful no matter what happens because Jesus will be with us through hard times. And at some point in the future, Jesus is coming back!"

JESUS COMES BACK

STORYTELLER: "But here's the most amazing thing: Jesus gave John a picture of what will happen when Jesus comes back!

(Reach in the mystery box and pull out the gemstones.)

"Look at these gemstones. Aren't they beautiful? Let's see what they mean. John wrote:

(Open the Bible and read Revelation 21:1-2 NIV.)

I saw "a new heaven and a new earth." The first heaven and the first earth were completely gone. There was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem. It was coming down out of heaven from God. It was prepared like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

"Jesus promised He will make everything new, and heaven will come down to earth. God's city will be so beautiful and incredible that things like gold and gems will be common.

(Reach in the mystery box and pull out the tissue and the bandage.)

"Here's something else we need to know about our forever. Tell me what these things are.

(Pause while kids shout out the answer.)

"You got it! A tissue and a bandage. John continued:

(Open the Bible and read Revelation 21:3-5a NIV.)

I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe away

every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death.' And there will be no more sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be."

He who was sitting on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

"Wow! When we get to live with God forever, we won't need tissues because God Himself will take away all sadness. And we won't need bandages or medicine or doctors because there will be no more hurt or sickness.

"How incredible is that? At the end of time, God's rescue plan will be complete. He will make things exactly as He always wanted. God will live with people again, just like He did in the Garden of Eden! At that time, God will take away all the sadness, sickness, and death that entered the world after the fall. Everything that's hard and painful will be made right again!"

THE HEAVENLY CITY

STORYTELLER: "God told John:

(Open the Bible and read Revelation 21:5b NIV.)

"Write this down. You can trust these words. They are true."

"Then an angel even showed John the heavenly city itself, with the river of life flowing down the main street, shaded by the magnificent tree of life. Now, I think we have one more thing inside our mystery box.

(Reach in the box and pull out the flashlight. Turn it on and off.)

"What's this?

(Pause while kids shout out the answer.)

"That's right! A flashlight. Do you think we'll need light like this in heaven?

(Pause while kids shout out the answer.)

"Let's find out!

(Open Bible and read Revelation 22:2b-5 NIV.)

The leaves of the tree bring healing to the nations. There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. God's servants will serve him. They will see his face. His name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun. The Lord God will give them light. They will rule for ever and ever.

"In heaven, God will be our light! When Jesus returns, the terrible curse of sin and darkness won't have any more power over God's children. Ever. We'll get to live in perfect friendship with God, and we'll do the amazing work of taking care of all He created. Forever. When you choose to follow Jesus, that's the true end of your story. Or maybe we should say ... the beginning!"

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Wow, friends ... what an amazing story. Let's remember what happened. First, we learned that John was exiled to the rocky island of Patmos.

(Hold up the rock).

"On Patmos, God gave John a vision. In the vision, Jesus told John that He has power over death!

(Hold up the key ring).

"Then Jesus showed John a picture of what heaven will be like.

(Hold up the gemstones.)

"Jesus will make everything new, and heaven will come down to earth. It will be more beautiful than we can imagine.

(Hold up the tissue and bandage.)

"And there will be no more sadness or hurt or sickness, ever!

(Hold up the flashlight.)

"God Himself will be our light, forever and ever! He'll make everything right. In fact, that's our Bottom Line for today. Let's check it out!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God will make everything right in the end. Say that with me!"

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: [Bottom Line] "God will make everything right in the end."

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

HOST: "Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week! We are at the last two pictures! Right now, we're living in this picture right here of the Church. We are to tell more and more people about Jesus so more and more people become God's friends forever. And then we'll live with Him forever in this last picture—heaven! Hooray!

SLIDE: God's Big Story

"This is it! This is the ending to the whole story! And what has God wanted since the very beginning? Closeness! That's what His plan has been all along. That's what His Big Story has been about all along. One day, Jesus is going to come back. He is going to put an end to pain, sickness, and death! And then, God's home, heaven, is going to come down to earth, and we are going to live with God forever in this new heaven and new earth. God has wanted closeness, and He has worked throughout this entire story to get it! And we will be close with Him,

forever, because He purchased that for us! I can't wait to spend forever in heaven with you and Jesus! It's going to be so amazing! Thank You, God, for Your Big Story!

SLIDE: Week 5 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 learned about the forever-future of every Jesus-follower: heaven!"

"And that's the last image of God's Big Story!"

(Feel free to fire off another confetti-cannon here!)

8 min

Closing

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Need

No supplies needed

HOST: "So what does this mean for us? Well, it's so important for us to remember two things: one, that we are living in the middle of the big story God is telling, and two, that being with God is our forever future.

"We are still living in the part of God's story between when Jesus returned to heaven and the time when He will come back to earth again. And this part of the story is hard. People still get sick and hurt and sad.

"But we have God's Holy Spirit with us every step of the way! And we have the promise of the real, true future that we're going to live in.

"And that's the second thing for us to remember: Being with God in a hurt-free home is our forever future. And to get there, Jesus is going to come back and make every single wrong thing right. Once Jesus makes every wrong thing right, God will move His home, heaven, down to earth, and we'll live with Him forever.

"While we still live in this difficult part of the story, we can ask the Holy Spirit to encourage our hearts and give us hope as we look forward to the time when God will make everything right and be with us forever.

"This is your future, Jesus-follower! You are going to see God with your very own eyes! You are going to see what heaven is like with your very own eyes! And you will never have to leave.

"Let's talk to the God who wrote the greatest true story of all time because He loves us so much!"

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "Dear God, thank You that You love us so much, You gave us Jesus so we can be restored to relationship with You

3 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

and live with You forever. Thank You that You're always with us—even when things are hard. Remind us that we can always have hope because our forever with You is real and amazing. We can't wait to be with You face to face, forever. We love You, and we pray all these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

Getting Ready |

K3 Large Group

GETTING READY

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

APlay

Get the most out of your curriculum with **APlay!** [JoinAPlay.com](https://www.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.

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (25 minutes)
Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God (10 minutes)

1. Opener

What You Need:

- Host
- Table
- Colorful plastic cones (enough to create a "trail" around your game area)
- 12 Animal Printables (provided)
 - "Monkey Print"
 - "Penguin Print"
 - "Snake Print"
 - "Kangaroo Print"
 - "Puppy Dog Print"
 - "Elephant Print"
 - "Crab Print"
 - "Bear Print"
 - "Eagle Print"
 - "Frog Print"
 - "Horse Print"
 - "Inchworm Print"
- *Optional: 10 kid volunteers for each round (ask for new volunteers at the start of each round; volunteers are only needed if you have a large group, and all the kids can't play the game at the same time.)*
- *Optional: Laminator*

Music and Sound Effects:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Upbeat music to use during the game

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- "Animal Trail Trek!" Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

- 12 Animal Printables (provided)
 - "Monkey Print"
 - "Penguin Print"
 - "Snake Print"
 - "Kangaroo Print"
 - "Puppy Dog Print"
 - "Elephant Print"
 - "Crab Print"
 - "Bear Print"
 - "Eagle Print"
 - "Frog Print"
 - "Horse Print"
 - "Inchworm Print"

Optional Videos:

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download 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.
- Print Animal Prints 1-12 on paper and laminate them if you'd like. Place them on the table at the front of the game area for the Host.
- Set up colorful plastic cones around your space to form a "trail" the kids can follow for the game.

2. Worship and Memory Verse**What You Need:**

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Move" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "One Day" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Never Give Up" - available on Store.ThinkOrange.com
- "Can't Stop Won't Stop" - available on Store.ThinkOrange.com

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

Optional Videos for Orange Kids Music

- "Never Give Up" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- "Can't Stop, Won't Stop" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

What You Do:

- If you are utilizing the suggested songs from **Amazing Music-**, search for your desired video resource for each song under the Worship section on APlay and add to your service!

- You can access Amazing Music's Dance Motion, Lyric, and Instrumental Videos in APlay under the Worship section.
- Amazing Music Song Trainings are available in Amazing Leaders and FREE on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/@AmazingKidsMusic>
- If you are utilizing **the Orange Kids Music** suggestions, simply purchase and download from Store.ThinkOrange.com! You can upload these into APlay for easy use with your 252 curriculum.
- Dance Motion Videos and Lyrics Videos are available for Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
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3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Table
- Decorative mystery box (items below inside the box)
 - Large rock
 - Key ring with keys
 - Several different-colored gemstones
 - Tissue
 - Large bandage
 - Flashlight
- *Optional: Confetti cannon(s)—or other celebratory method that works for your environment*

Music and Sound Effects:

- Calm music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Theme Slide

Optional for God's Big Story:

- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- God's Big Story Slide
- Week 5 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 the curriculum. There are two versions of each Timeline Image—a slide and a print version. A digital [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

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.

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
- Countdown video

What You Do:

- 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).
- Put all the items inside the mystery box and place it on the table for the Storyteller.
- *Optional: Set the confetti cannon(s) on the table. (There will be several opportunities to shoot confetti cannons, or feel free to use whatever method is celebratory for your environment. Reaching the end of the story of the entire Bible and talking about heaven are great reasons to celebrate!)*

Supplies

Large Group Game Animal Trail Trek!		Quantity
1.	Host	1
2.	12 Animal Printables (provided) "Monkey Print" "Penguin Print"- "Snake Print" "Kangaroo Print"- "Puppy Dog Print" "Elephant Print" "Crab Print" "Bear Print" "Eagle Print" "Frog Print" "Horse Print" "Inchworm Print"	12
3.	Optional: kid volunteers for each round (ask for new volunteers at the start of each round; volunteers are only needed if you have a large group, and all the kids can't play the game at the same time.)	10
4.	Optional: Laminator	1

Bible Story (Live)		Quantity
1.	Storyteller	1
2.	Host	1
3.	Table	1
4.	Bible	1
5.	Decorative mystery box (items below inside the box) Large rock Key ring with keys Several different-colored gemstones Tissue Large bandage Flashlight	1
6.	Optional: Confetti cannon(s)—or other celebratory method that works for your environment	Several