

WEEK

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Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2026, Week 1

Bible Story: How to Hear from God • *John 10:1-4, 14-16; Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 1:19-20*

Bottom Line: I can hear from God.

Monthly Memory Verse: *My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.* • *John 10:27 NIV*

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.

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

- Opening Activity

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

- Opener
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Prayer

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Right or Left (K-1st grade), Four Corners (2nd-3rd grade)

Application Activity: Create What You Hear (K-1st grade), Ways God Speaks (2nd-3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Listen and Follow (K-1st grade), Mix & Match 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

How to Hear from God • *John 10:1-4, 14-16; Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 1:19-20*

Bottom Line

I can hear from God.

Memory Verse

My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. • *John 10:27 NIV*

10 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

	Host	1
	Leader	1
	Kid volunteers (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)	1
	Chair	1
	Crawling tunnel	1
	Ball	1
	Bucket	1

Setting the Tone for the Experience

What You Say:

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome to [environment name]! I'm so excited to see all of you today! If you're ready to have some fun, let me hear you shout, 'I'm ready!'"

"Okay, that was good. But I think we can turn up the volume even louder! Let's try that one more time. Everyone shout: 'I'M READY!'"

"Awesome! You all are amped up and tuned in, and I love it. We are going to have an amazing time together!"

"This month we are talking every week about how to hear God. Our theme for this month is called: 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God.' But we need some focus and practice to tune into the voice of God. Like getting on the right frequency. Can you say that word with me? Frequency!"

KIDS AND HOST: "Frequency!"

HOST: "Great job! Frequency might sound like a big word, but it's actually something you use all the time. It has to do with hearing, listening, and tuning in."

"You might have seen an old-school radio before. It looks kind of like this."

TEACHING SLIDE 1 (Boom box with tuning dial)

"You had to turn that dial until you could find the right station, because each station was on a different frequency. Sometimes it sounded like this."

AUDIO: Generic pop music cuts into classical music cuts into static cuts into worship music

"And even when you found the right station, you had to fiddle with it a little to make that station clear!

"We don't have to tune in a radio anymore. But have ever tried to hear what someone was saying ... and there was just too much noise? Maybe you were trying to listen to a friend while everyone around you was talking. Or someone called your name from another room, but the TV was on.

5 min

Large Group Game | Tune In!

What You Need

No supplies needed

"The voice was still there! But it was hard to hear.

"Today we're going to discover something really important: God is always speaking, and you can actually learn how to tune in to hear from Him!

"But first, we're going to play a game to see if someone can tune in over the noise! It's called: 'Tune In!'

What You Say:

GAME SLIDE 1: Tune In! Title

"I need five brave volunteers to start us off! Raise your hand if you'd like to play!"

(Select five kids from the ones who have their hands raised, and invite them to the game area. Choose one kid from the five volunteers to be Volunteer 1.)

"You are going to do a very special obstacle course for us. But first, I need to put a blindfold on you! Don't worry. You're going to have help."

(Direct one leader to put a blindfold on the first volunteer. Direct another leader to set up the obstacle course in three steps—a chair for climbing, a crawling tunnel, a ball to pick up and toss in the bucket.)

"Great! Now [Volunteer 2] is going to tell you exactly what to do to get through the obstacle course. [Volunteer 2], can you say: 'You can listen to me!'

(Volunteer repeats.)

"That's great. Volunteer 1, now you know exactly what to listen for. But [Volunteer 2] is not going to be the only one talking! This is where our other helpers come in."

(Point to the other three volunteers.)

"While [Volunteer 1] is going through the obstacle course and [Volunteer 2] is giving instructions, you three other volunteers are going to be talking too! *(Point to the three other volunteers.)* You can share anything you want! You can tell us all about your favorite snack food and how awesome it is. Or, you can tell us everything about your favorite game to play—all the details about how it works! Or, you can say the alphabet or count numbers as high as you can go! Just talk about whatever you want!

"That means, [Volunteer 1], you are going to have to listen really well and tune into [Volunteer 2]. Do you think you can do that? I think you can! Let's get you started right over here.

(Move Volunteer 1 to the start of the obstacle course. Whisper instructions to Volunteer 2.)

"Climb up on the chair.

"Jump down.

"Get down on your knees and crawl through the tunnel.

"Pick up the ball.

"Drop or throw it in the bucket.

(Place the other three volunteers who are going to be doing the talking about random things, around the stage at different points in the obstacle course.)

"The rest of you will stand around the obstacle course. Keep talking, but you don't need to shout. All right. Volunteer 1 and Volunteer 2, are you ready? It's time to tune in! Let's go!"

(Assist Volunteer 2 if they need help giving instructions throughout the game. Encourage the other volunteers to keep talking throughout.)

(Option: If the three volunteers distracting run out of steam, you can invite the rest of the kids in the room to talk as well—but this could get very loud!)

(When the game is over, ask Volunteer 1.)

"You did a really great job. But what was it like trying to hear [Volunteer 2] while everyone else was talking?"

(Get a response.)

"Fantastic job, everyone! Let's give our players a huge round of applause!"

(If time allows, continue with another round with new volunteers.)

"Alright everyone! That game was a lot of fun. But it also is a picture of something we all face every single day. There are so many voices, so many sounds, and so many distractions that sometimes it's hard to know what to listen to. But there is one voice that is most important. God's voice! And we're going to learn ways to listen to Him! So here's our truth for today."

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "I can hear from God. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "I can hear from God."

HOST: "Awesome job, friends! We will be talking more about that very soon!"

10 min

Worship | Amazing Music

5 min

Echo | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi friends! I'm so happy to see you today! I love getting to be together like this! This is one of my favorite parts of our time, because we get to worship God together. That means we get to sing, move, clap, and think about how amazing God is!

"Worship is how we show God, 'We love You!' Can you say that with me? 'We love You, God!'

"Alright friends, our first song is called 'Echo.' Can you say 'Echo'?"

"An echo is when a sound keeps repeating again and again. This song reminds us that God's love keeps going and going—it never stops!

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

"WOW! You guys sounded so good! I loved seeing you sing, dance, and have fun! That makes God so happy!

"This next song reminds us that Jesus is the most important. We can put Jesus at the center by loving Him, listening to Him, and choosing to follow Him every day.

"While we sing, let's think about Jesus and how much He loves us. You can sing the words, lift your hands, or hold your hands over your heart as we worship.

What You Say:

SONG: "Jesus At The Center" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"That was beautiful, friends. And guess what? Worship doesn't stop when the music stops! Nope!

"We can worship God all week long, at home, at school, with our friends, when we are going to sleep, and when we are waking up. You can keep worshipping!

5 min

Jesus At The Center | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

"Now it's time for our Memory Verse! Are you ready? These are words directly from Jesus—this is something Jesus wants us to know! And He taught us something really special. Jesus is like a shepherd, and we are like His sheep. Now, what does a shepherd do? A shepherd takes care of sheep! He keeps them safe, helps them find food, and leads them the right way.

"And here's something really cool, the sheep know the shepherd's voice! When the shepherd calls them, they listen and follow him.

"Let's pretend to be sheep for a second: 'Baa baa!'

"If the shepherd calls, the sheep follow because they trust him. The shepherd knows his sheep. And Jesus knows you too! He knows your name, He knows what makes you happy, and He knows when you feel sad. He loves you, He cares about you, and He wants to lead you through life in the best way.

"Because our Good Shepherd is so good, we can trust Him every single day!"

"Here's our Memory Verse for this month. I'll read it first, then I will guide you through it!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27 NIV).*

"Now, let me guide you through it. Repeat after me—nice and loud!

WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"I know them,"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"I know them,"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"and they follow me."*

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WORSHIP LEADER: *"John 10:27!"*

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WORSHIP LEADER: *"Let's keep our hearts ready to listen and follow Jesus every day. You can trust Him, He is a good shepherd!"*

15 min

Bible Story

5 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

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5 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

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Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

	Storyteller	1
	Host	1
	Bible	1
	Smartphones (pretend ones, or non-functioning ones will work as well)	2
	Kid volunteer	1

What You Say:

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: "Hey, everyone! I'm so excited that you came today! I love learning about God with you! And this week is a big week! This is the first week in our new series, 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God.' All month long, we're going to learn about ways we can tune into God's voice in this noisy world!

"Before we jump into our Bible Story, I want to show you something.

(Hold up the two phones.)

"How many of you have ever talked to someone on the phone?

(Pause while kids respond.)

"Yeah, most of us have!

"I'm going to need a volunteer to help me by doing a little improv acting. Improv acting is acting you just make up as you go. We are going to have a pretend phone conversation. Raise your hand if you want to come on up!

(Pick one volunteer from the kids who have their hands raised, and invite them to the front of the teaching area. Hand the volunteer the other phone, and have them hold it up so the audience can see. Overacting on your part is encouraged.)

"Now, imagine this. One day, someone calls you and you answer the phone. *(Pretend the phone is ringing—make up a funny ringtone—and swipe your finger like you're answering it. Put the phone by your ear, and guide the kid through the following conversation.)*

"Hello! Who is this?"

(Kid answers.)

"Oh, I don't recognize your voice. But I'm so glad you called! What would you like to tell me?"

(Kid answers and play off their response. You can go back and forth for a little while and then say:)

"Oh, that's so interesting! Did you know that it's going to rain tomorrow? The plants really need it, and I love jumping in puddles. Do you have an umbrella I could borrow?"

(Kid answers and play off their response. Go back and forth for a little while, then wrap up the conversation by saying something like:)

"Thank you so much for calling! I loved talking to you! Goodbye!"

"Thank you so much for lending me your acting skills, [Kid's Name]! You can give me that phone as you head to your seat!"

(Lead the kids in a round of applause as the kid returns to their seat.)

"So, let's say [Kid's Name] really did call you. The first time you hear their voice, you might not be sure who it is. But if they called you every day, something would start to change. After a while, you wouldn't need to ask who was calling. The moment you heard their voice, you would recognize it right away.

"The voice didn't change. You just became more familiar with it. The more time you spend listening to someone, the easier it is to recognize when they're speaking.

"Did you know that God is speaking to you too? He is! We just need to learn to hear Him and get familiar with His voice. He is calling, and calling, and calling in lots of ways! Let's explore some of those ways so we get more familiar with Him."

Setting up the Story

STORYTELLER: "Not only is God speaking, but life is really, really noisy. Every day, we hear so many different voices. Friends talk to us, teachers give instructions, and we hear messages from YouTube, music, and the world around us. With so many voices, it can be hard to focus on God and listening to Him.

"Today, we're going to discover what Jesus taught about hearing God's voice and the different ways God speaks to us. As we listen to the Bible Story, think about how you can learn to recognize God's voice in your own life.

"Along the way, we might face a few distractions! If you hear a distraction, you can help me figure out what it is so that we can get back to what is most important."

"Now let's take a look at what the Bible says."

(Have the audio team ready to play and stop voice clips.)

Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

STORYTELLER: "Today's Bible Story comes from the book of John. Jesus wanted people to understand what He is like and how much He cares for them, so He used an example they'd know. He said that He is like a shepherd, and the people who follow Him are like sheep.

"In Bible times, shepherds spent every day with their sheep. They guided them to food and water, protected them from danger, and even called them by name. Because of this close relationship, the sheep learned to recognize their shepherd's voice and would follow him wherever he led."

"Okay, I have a voice I want you to listen to. And I want you to think who this person is. Ready? Let's go!

AUDIO: Voice Clip 1 (YouTuber: "Thanks for watching! Don't forget to like and subscribe! See ya in the next one!")

"Hoo boy! Anybody know what type of person this is?

(Get some answers.)

"Yup. A YouTuber! Anytime you watch a video, you'll find twenty more videos to watch! It would be so easy to listen to those voices and get sucked into spending your whole day online. But even though videos are fine sometimes, they can be a distraction from the most important thing ... hearing from God!"

"But even though we have so many voices trying to get our attention, Jesus made it clear that we can recognize His voice."

(Open the Bible and read John 10:2-4 NIV.)

"The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him. The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own sheep, he goes on ahead of them. His sheep follow him because they know his voice."

"Jesus continued by explaining His relationship with those who follow Him."

(Open the Bible and read John 10:14 NIV.)

"I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and my sheep know me."

"This means that Jesus knows each one of us personally. He cares for us, leads us, and invites us to follow Him. The more we learn about Jesus and spend time with Him, the easier it becomes to recognize and follow His voice."

God Speaks Through His Word

STORYTELLER: "You might be wondering, well, if God speaks to us in lots of ways, how do we know if it's God speaking to us? Well, God has given us an incredible way to know who He is and what His heart is like. It's the Bible! Part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we can know who He is. What we hear will always line up with who God is in the Bible!

"The Bible is God's Word. It teaches us what God is like, what He loves, and how He guides us. The more time we spend reading and thinking about God's Word, the more familiar His voice becomes.

"I've got another voice for you to listen to. I wonder if you can guess who this person might be?

AUDIO: Voice Clip 2 (Coach: "Okay, we got practice Tuesday and Thursday, plus three games on Saturday! And make sure your parents get you signed up for fall break camp if you want to make the team again.")

"Wow, he knows what he is talking about! What type of person would talk like this?

(Get a response.)

"A coach! We love coaches! Sports and other activities can be great. But sometimes we get so busy with things we are doing, like practice, and games, and none of that is bad, but if we are not careful, it's possible we could not stop and listen to God and what He is saying. That can make it difficult to focus on what God is saying."

"But when we take time from those distractions to focus on getting to know God by spending time learning what the Bible says, we begin to understand His voice more clearly.

"The Bible will help us know whether something we think or hear truly comes from God. God's voice will never tell us to do something that goes against His character, which He shows us in the Bible. Because God is loving, He will never lead us to be unkind. Because God is truthful, He will never lead us to lie. When we know the Bible, it becomes easier to recognize His voice!"

God Speaks Through Others and Creation

STORYTELLER: "Since God is speaking, and speaking, and speaking, there are other ways God speaks to us.

"God often speaks through the people around us and through the world He created. Before we learn more about that. I have one more voice for you to listen to, I wonder who this will be?

AUDIO: Voice Clip 3 (Advertiser: Open up the new KindleCandy and find a delightful toy in every pack! Your life just won't be complete without this delicious treat and play adventure all in one! Buy at your local megastore!")

"Huh. Who does this sound like?

(Get a response.)

"We just listened to an Advertiser. You know that people who are trying to sell something on ads or commercials? Everywhere we turn, there are advertisements and people trying to convince us that if we buy more stuff and have the right things, our lives will be better! But the truth is, having more stuff doesn't make us happier. In fact, those voices telling us we need more things make it hard to focus on what God is saying ... and on the beautiful world that God has already given to us!

"Let's see what God says about another way He speaks to us.

(Open the Bible and read Romans 1:19-20 NIV.)

The truth about God is plain to them. God has made it plain. Ever since the world was created it has been possible to see the qualities of God that are not seen. I'm talking about his eternal power and about the fact that he is God. Those things can be seen in what he has made. So people have no excuse for what they do.

"These verses remind us that God's fingerprints can be seen all around us in the world. Because He made nature! When you see a sky so colorful that it looks like somebody painted it, or when you look at a little pinecone and see the right sides and left sides are perfectly just the same, your heart can know that God is a great, great artist! When you see a puppy's playful romp or watch a dolphin play and squeak, you can know that the God who made them is so fun!

"No matter where you are, what you see in creation can teach you about the Creator who made them."

"God also uses something else to speak to us: the people He put in our lives. When we listen to wise and trusted people, and when their guidance matches what we read in the Bible, we can know that God is helping lead us. Trusted people like parents, pastors, and small group leaders can help guide us and point us toward what is true.

"God is speaking and speaking and speaking to us! Are you ready to pause, tune in, and listen?"

Wrapping up the Story

STORYTELLER: "Even though life can be full of noise and distractions, God is always speaking. He can speak to us through the Bible, through trusted people in our lives, and through the amazing world He created. We can know His voice through words and images in your heart as well, it's possible to hear Him with our ears, and God even speaks through dreams! As we spend more time with God, we begin to recognize His voice more clearly.

"And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about. Let's check it out!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "I can hear from God. Can you say that with me?"

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "I can hear from God."

10 min

Closing

5 min

What's Our Part in the Story?

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

What You Say:

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "No matter who you are, God wants to talk to you! So, everywhere you go, ask Him to make His voice the loudest that you hear. There are so many distractions, but God speaks to you in so many ways!

"Try to spend time every day reading or listening to God's Word and thinking about it so that when He does speak, you'll know if it sounds like Him.

"If you think God might be saying something to you and you're not sure if it's Him, talk with a trusted grown-up who loves God. They can help you, and God might have put them in your life to help you hear from Him.

"In time, like the person calling, and calling, and calling, you will start recognizing God's voice.

"Let's talk to the God who wants you to hear from Him!"

What You Say:

PRAYER

STORYTELLER or HOST: "God, thank You for loving us so much and for wanting a real relationship with each one of us. Thank You for being our Good Shepherd who knows us by name, cares for us, and leads us every day. We want to recognize Your voice in our lives. When things get noisy and distracting, remind us to listen for You. We want a conversation with You that goes on and on. We love You, and we pray 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

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 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.

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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
- Leader
- Kid volunteers (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)
- Chair
- Crawling tunnel
- Ball
- Bucket

Music and Sound Effects:

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

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Teaching Slide 1 (boom box with tuning dial)
- Tune In! Title Slide

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.

- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. *Note: Legally, a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.*
- Pre select one leader set up the simple obstacle course when the first kid volunteer is blindfolded: chair to climb over, tunnel to crawl through, ball to pick up and toss in the bucket.
- Place all of the items for the game on the stage so they are accessible.

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Echo"- available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Jesus At The Center" - available on APlay with Amazing Music

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

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>

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"Hallelujah" words and music by John Doe

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3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Smartphones (pretend ones, or non-functioning ones will work as well), two per Large Group
- Kid volunteer

Music and Sound Effects:

- Voice Clip 1 (YouTuber: "Thanks for watching! Don't forget to like and subscribe! See ya in the next one!")
- Voice Clip 2 (Coach: "Okay, we got practice Tuesday and Thursday, plus three games on Saturday! And make sure your parents get you signed up for fall break camp if you want to make the team again.")
- Voice Clip 3 (Advertiser: Open up the new KindleCandy and find a delightful toy in every pack! Your life just won't be complete without this delicious treat and play adventure all in one! Buy at your local megastore!")
- Calm music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Theme Slide

Optional Video:

- Theme Loop

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 variety show full of humor and biblical truth.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Countdown video

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- Host
- Bible
- Smartphones (pretend ones, or non-functioning ones will work as well)
- Kid volunteer
- Music and Sound Effects
- Voice Clip 1 (YouTuber: "Thanks for watching! Don't forget to like and subscribe! See ya in the next one!")
- Voice Clip 2 (Coach: "Okay, we got practice Tuesday and Thursday, plus three games on Saturday! And make sure your parents get you signed up for fall break camp if you want to make the team again.")
- Voice Clip 3 (Advertiser: Open up the new KindleCandy and find a delightful toy in every pack! Your life just won't be complete without this delicious treat and play adventure all in one! Buy at your local megastore!")
- Calm music to use as kids exit the room
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Theme Slide
- Optional Video
- Theme Loop
- Optional Video: (available in APlay)
- Motion graphics, including loops
- Countdown video

Supplies

Opener	Quantity
1. Host	1
2. Leader	1
3. Kid volunteers (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)	1
4. Chair	1
5. Crawling tunnel	1
6. Ball	1
7. Bucket	1

Echo Worship Song	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Jesus At The Center Worship Song	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Bible Story (Live)	Quantity
1. Storyteller	1
2. Host	1
3. Bible	1
4. Smartphones (pretend ones, or non-functioning ones will work as well)	2
5. Kid volunteer	1

WEEK

TWO

K-3 | W2

Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2026, Week 2

Bible Story: How to Read the Bible • *Matthew 6:11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

Bottom Line: I can learn to know God through the Bible.

Monthly Memory Verse: *My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.* • John 10:27 NIV

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.

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

- Opening Activity

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

- Opener
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Prayer

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Books of the Bible (K–1st grade), Puzzle Piece Review (2nd–3rd grade)

Application Activity: Is It in the Bible? (K–1st grade), Pack Your Bag (2nd–3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Pass the Sheep (K–1st grade), Scripture Stack (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

How to Read the Bible • *Matthew 6:11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

Bottom Line

I can learn to know God through the Bible.

Memory Verse

My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. • John 10:27 NIV

10 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

 Host

1

5 min

Large Group Game | Book-mojis!

What You Need

No supplies needed

Setting the Tone for the Experience

What You Say:

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Come on in, find a seat, and get ready because we are about to have some fun today! Welcome to [environment name]! My name is [Host Name], and I am so glad you are here.

"This month, we're talking about something really important ... how we can hear from God. Our series this month is called: 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God.'

"When we listen to God, it actually changes our lives. And today, we're going to discover something huge. God has already given us a way to know Him, to hear from Him, to learn what He's like. It might even be something you already have at home. But before we get into that, we're going to play a game. See, another amazing thing that God has given us is great stories! So our game is called 'Book-mojis!'

What You Say:

GAME SLIDE 1: Book-mojis! Title

"Raise your hand if you have a favorite story. Okay, let's hear a few of them.

(Take several responses.)

"Those are some really fantastic stories! And right now, we're going to see if we can guess some more fun stories ... using emojis! Let's try one together first.

GAME SLIDE 2: Cat in the Hat (Emojis: cat, hat)

"We've got a cat emoji and a hat emoji. So what story do you think this is?

(Get a response.)

"*The Cat in the Hat!* You're absolutely right. It's such a fun and silly story. Let's try some more!

(You can choose from the following list, or do all of them if you wish. Help the kids if they get stuck.)

GAME SLIDE 3: *Charlotte's Web* (Emojis: pig, spider, spider web)

GAME SLIDE 4: *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* (Emojis: mouse, cookie)

GAME SLIDE 5: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (Emojis: boy, golden ticket, chocolate bar, factory)

GAME SLIDE 6: *Goodnight Moon* (Emojis: sleeping face, moon)

GAME SLIDE 7: *The Three Little Pigs* (Emojis: pig, pig, pig, wolf, house)

GAME SLIDE 8: *Green Eggs and Ham* (Emojis: green dot, egg, egg, ham)

GAME SLIDE 9: *Curious George* (Emojis: question mark, question mark, monkey)

GAME SLIDE 10: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (Emojis: caterpillar, apple, pear, orange, cake, butterfly)

GAME SLIDE 11: *How to Train Your Dragon* (Emojis: question mark, train, dragon)

"That was so fun! You all really know your stories. And you know your emojis! But today we are going to talk about the very best story, ever. In fact, this is a TRUE story. It's God's story—and we can read all about it in the Bible. It's one of the very best ways that we can learn to know God. That's our Bottom Line for today!

SLIDE: *Bottom Line*

[Bottom Line] "I can learn to know God through the Bible. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "I can learn to know God through the Bible."

HOST: "Awesome job! We will be talking more about that very soon!"

10 min

Worship | Amazing Music

5 min

Echo | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey friends, our first song is called 'Echo.' Have you ever shouted in a big room or outside and heard your voice come back? That is called an echo!"

This song reminds us that God's love keeps going and going. His love is big, strong, and never runs out. And when we know God loves us, we can show His love to others, too. So let's stand up, get ready to move, and sing with happy hearts. Let's worship God together!

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

"That was incredible! Have you ever tried to follow someone in a huge crowd before? Maybe at the store, at school, or at an amusement park? You keep looking around because you don't want to lose the person you trust to lead you.

"Well, that's kind of what worship is like. Worship helps us keep our eyes on God. There are so many voices in the world telling us what to do, what to think, and who we should be. But God's voice is the one we can always trust.

"And this first song reminds us that when God makes a promise, He keeps it. Every time. So let's stand up, sing loud, and worship together!"

What You Say:

SONG: "Take You at Your Word" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"I love worshipping with you all! Worship changes us. The more time we spend with God, the more we begin to know His voice and follow His ways.

"Now it's time for our Memory Verse! This verse is from Jesus, and He uses an example everybody listening back then would understand: sheep and a shepherd."

5 min

Take You at Your Word | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

"Here's the cool thing about sheep. They don't follow just anybody. They know the voice of the shepherd who takes care of them. Out of all the noise, they recognize the one voice they trust."

"And Jesus says that's how it can be with Him too!"

"Here's our Memory Verse for this month. I'll read it first, then I will guide you through it. It's John 10:27!"

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27 NIV).*

"Now, let me guide you through it. Repeat after me—nice and loud!"

WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"I know them,"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"I know them,"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"and they follow me."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"and they follow me."*

WORSHIP LEADER: "John 10:27!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: "John 10:27!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "You know what I love most about this verse? Jesus says, 'I know them.' That means God knows your name. He knows what makes you happy, what makes you nervous, and what you need."

"And because He knows us so well, we can trust Him and follow Him."

"So this month, let's practice listening for God's voice through worship, prayer, and learning His Word. Because when we follow Jesus, He always leads us the right way."

15 min

Bible Story

5 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

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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).
- Cover the eight thick-spined hardback books with the brown, paper grocery bag or the kraft paper.
- With the thick marker, label the spines of each book:
- Set the small bookshelf on the table and the eight books so the spines are unreadable at the beginning of the Bible Story.

What You Say:

"True Stories"

"Songs & Prayers"

"Letters"

"Wise Sayings"

"Chapters"

"Verses"

"Living Words"

"Daily Bread"

5 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

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"True Stories"

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"Chapters"

"Verses"

"Living Words"

"Daily Bread"

5 min

Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

 Storyteller	1
 Host	1
 Bible	1
 Small bookshelf	1
 Hardback books with large spines	1
 Paper grocery bags or kraft butcher paper (enough to cover eight books per Large Group)	8
 Thick, permanent marker	Several
 Two Kid volunteers	2

What You Say:

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: "You guys! It's my favorite time—when we get to know God together! Just as a reminder, we're learning how to hear from God all month long! Our series is called: 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God.'"

"And this week, we're going to learn something really important: how we can actually know God."

"Let me ask you something. How do you get to know someone? You talk to them, you spend time with them, and you listen to what they say. That's how you become friends and get to know them better. And here's something amazing. God wants you to know Him. The God of the universe doesn't want to keep who He is a secret—He wants you to know Him. And one of the biggest ways He helps us do that is through the Bible."

"Now, the Bible is a big book with a lot of pages and a lot of stories. There is so much to learn and discover about God!"

"And when we open the Bible, we're not just reading words ... we're learning who God is!"

Setting up the Story

STORYTELLER: "Think about this. What is the Bible actually for? Because when we understand that, everything starts to make more sense."

"The Bible isn't just a book we read sometimes. It's not just a list of rules, and it's not just a bunch of random stories. The Bible is how we get to know God. It helps us understand who He is, what He's like, and what He cares about. That's one of the most important reasons why He gave us the Bible. God wants us to know Him!"

"The Bible is God saying, 'Hi, this is who I am.'"

"And that's a really big deal. The God of the universe wants you to know Him."

"So when you come to read the Bible, come with the expectation that you're going to get to know God better. You're not just learning information, you're learning about your friend. When you come to read the Bible, you can pray, 'God, I want to meet with You.' And He will. He loves to spend time with His friend."

What the Bible Is

(Point out the bookshelf and stack of books, and the Bible you are going to read from.)

STORYTELLER: "Do you like to go to the library?"

(Get a response.)

"I love to go to the library! There are so many different books and stories to choose from: picture books and chapter books and books about cooking or different countries or science or drawing. Some you read to learn how to do stuff. Some you read for fun. Some you read if you're getting ready to travel to a new place.

"The books you find in a library all have different purposes.

(Pick up the Bible that you are going to read from.)

"But look at this book. This is the Bible. At first, it might look like just one book, but it's actually made up of 66 books! I need two helpers to come up here and help put some of the different things we find in the Bible on our bookshelf. If you'd like to volunteer, raise your hand!

(Choose two volunteers from the ones who have their hands raised, and have them come up on stage.)

"Okay, this bookshelf is our Bible, and these books are the kinds of things that we find in the Bible—or things to know about the Bible. [Volunteers], I'm going to hand you these different books to put in our Bible bookshelf.

"Now the Bible actually has 66 books in it.

(Pick up book labeled "True Stories.")

"Some parts are stories, where you see what God has done. Can you put this on our Bible bookshelf?

(Volunteer places book. Pick up book labeled "Songs & Prayers.")

"Some parts are songs and prayers, where people talk to God or sing songs about who He is.

(Volunteer places book. Pick up book labeled "Letters.")

"Some parts are letters, where people teach others how to follow God.

(Volunteer places book. Pick up book labeled "Wise Sayings.")

"And some parts are wise sayings that help us make good choices."

"So when you read the Bible, it might feel a little different depending on what part you're in. And that's okay. Each part has a purpose."

"But here's what makes the Bible really special. All of those different parts come together to tell one big story."

"It starts at the very beginning with God creating the world. If you opened your Bible to the first book, you'd find Genesis.

(Open Bible to Genesis.)

"That's part of the Old Testament, which is the first section of the Bible. The book of Genesis tells the story of how God made the world—including the first people. The first people broke their relationship with Him, which affected everybody and everything, but God promised to send a Rescuer. The rest of the Old Testament tells the true story of God preparing to send that Rescuer He promised."

(Flip to the New Testament.)

"Then if you flip toward the end of the Bible, you'll find the New Testament. It starts with Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These are called the gospels, and they tell us about Jesus, who is the Rescuer God promised. Jesus came to save us and bring us back to God."

(Flip to Acts.)

"After Jesus came and rescued us, we read about the early church and letters written to help people follow Jesus. Jesus wasn't just our Rescuer, He is God! So even though the Bible has lots of books, it all fits together, as God's big story."

(Set down Bible and pick up book labeled "Chapters" and the one labeled "Verses.")

"Now, here's something that will really help you when you read the Bible. The Bible was later divided into chapters and verses. Chapters are like big sections, and verses are the smaller parts inside each chapter.

"Can you put those on our Bible bookshelf?"

(Hand books to volunteers to place on shelf.)

"So when someone says something like 'John 3:16,' they're telling you exactly where to find a certain verse in the Bible. The first number is the chapter, and the second number is the verse. That helps you find your place and read just a small part of the Bible at a time."

"When you read the Bible, you're not just reading short verses or random stories. You're getting to know God."

"You don't have to know everything to start. One of the best places to begin is in the gospels, because they tell us about Jesus. You could also read Proverbs for wisdom or Psalms for prayers and songs."

"No matter where you start, the most important thing is that you start. Each verse and each chapter is like one small piece of a big picture, a big picture that will help you learn more about who God is. And as you read, you can pray, 'God, teach me more about who You are and how to follow You.'"

What the Bible Does

STORYTELLER: "So now that we know what the Bible is, let's talk about what it actually does. Because the Bible is not just something we read ... it actually does something in us."

(Open the Bible and read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV.)

God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right. By using Scripture, the servant of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing.

"That verse tells us something really important. The Bible is not just a regular book. It says God breathed life into it.

(Pick up book labeled "Living Words.")

"The Bible is filled with 'living words' that come from God. They are alive, and God uses them to speak to us.

(Hand the book to the volunteers.)

"Because the words in the Bible are alive, they get in your heart and change you. They're not just black and white words, or words you hear in an audio Bible, God put life in them! Life that gets in your heart and changes you. Reading the God-breathed words of the Bible will change how you think, how you treat people, and how you live every day.

"Those verses also tell us that the Bible teaches us what is true. That means that the Bible tells us how the world works. It tells us that there is a God and He is in control of everything. It tells us who God is and what it looks like to follow Him.

"Because the Bible teaches us about who God is and His ways—including the ways that lead to life and goodness—the Bible also helps us understand what's true when we're not sure what's right or wrong. It corrects us when we get off track. After spending time in God's Word, we might think about something we've done and realize, 'Oh, this isn't something God would do or that God wants me to do. I need to go in a different direction.' The Bible will help us see our wrong choices, and helps us to turn back in the right direction."

Depend on God Daily

STORYTELLER: "Jesus Himself said that when we pray, we should ask for something specific.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 6:11 NIV.)

"Give us today our daily bread."

"When Jesus taught us to pray like that, He was teaching us to depend on God every single day. We don't just depend on Him once in a while. We ask Him to give us what we need for today."

(Hold up book labeled "Daily Bread.")

"This says Daily Bread. You see, daily bread is more than just food for our bodies. Our bodies need food every day. But our hearts need things every day too."

(Hand "Daily Bread" book to volunteers.)

"You can put that on our Bible bookshelf too!"

(Hold up the Bible.)

"One of the main ways God provides what your heart needs is through His Word, the Bible. When you open the Bible, you're not just reading stories. You're receiving truth. You're learning who God is. You're being reminded that He loves you and that He sent Jesus to rescue you."

"So when we pray, 'Give us this day our daily bread,' we are saying, 'God, I need You today.' And one of the ways He answers that prayer is by meeting us in His Word."

"You don't need to understand everything at once. You just need enough for today. And when tomorrow comes, you come back again."

"That's how you grow close to God. Not all at once. But by daily opening up His Word, the Bible."

"Let's get a round of applause for our great library volunteers!"

(Send volunteers back to their seat.)

Wrapping up the Story

STORYTELLER: "God wants you to know Him. Not just know about Him or hear stories about Him, but actually know Him in a real and personal way. And He hasn't made that confusing or impossible. He's given you a way to hear from Him and learn what He's like."

"He's given you His Word, the Bible. When you open the Bible, you're not just reading a book."

(Gesture to the Bible bookshelf.)

"You've got a whole library that shows you the different parts of Who God is. You're stepping into a relationship. You're learning who God is, how much He loves you, and what is true. And every time you come back to it, even if it's just a little bit, you are getting to know Him more."

"You don't have to have it all figured out. You don't have to understand everything right away. You just have to start."

"Our Bottom Line today talks about how we can get to know God through the Bible. Let's check it out!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "I can learn to know God through the Bible."

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "I can learn to know God through the Bible."

10 min

Closing

5 min

What's Our Part in the Story?

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

What You Say:

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: "God wants you to know Him! And getting to know God is not something far away or only for grown-ups. It's something you can begin right now. God has already made a way for you to know Him in the Bible, and He invites you into that every day."

"You can start small. You can make a simple plan to read just a little bit of the Bible each day, and as you do, you can ask God, 'Help me know You. Show me who You are.' He will meet you there."

"If you're still learning to read, that's okay. You can ask a parent or another grown-up to read with you, or help you listen to the Bible. And talk to God about what you are learning. Ask Him to help His words come alive for you and help you understand."

"And over time, something will begin to change. You'll start to recognize what's true. You'll get to know God more. You'll start to live in His love more. You start to make wiser choices, not because you want to behave better, but because you love who God is and want to follow His ways."

"So this week, just take one step. Open your Bible, read a little, and trust that you're meeting with the God of the universe. When you read the Bible, it's a really awesome moment. You are getting to know and meeting with the King of all."

"Let's take a moment and talk to the God who wants us to know Him."

What You Say:

PRAYER

STORYTELLER or HOST: "God, thank You that You want us to know You. Thank You for giving us Your Word so we can learn who You are and what You are like. Thank You that You care about what we need every single day. We want to depend on You, not just sometimes, but every day. We are going to read the Bible more because we want to know You. Teach us who You are. We love You, and we pray 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

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.

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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, one per Large Group

Music and Sound Effects:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Book-mojis! Title Slide
- *GAME SLIDE 2: Cat in the Hat* (Emojis: cat, hat)
- *GAME SLIDE 3: Charlotte's Web* (Emojis: pig, spider, spider web)
- *GAME SLIDE 4: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* (Emojis: mouse, cookie)
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- *GAME SLIDE 10: The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (Emojis: caterpillar, apple, pear, orange, cake, butterfly)
- *GAME SLIDE 11: How to Train Your Dragon* (Emojis: question mark, train, dragon)

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.
- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. *Note: Legally, a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.*
- Choose which Book-moji slides you would like to use with the kids (or use them all).

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

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Echo"- available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Take You at Your Word" - available on APlay with Amazing Music

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

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>

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3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Small bookshelf, one per Large Group
- Hardback books with large spines, eight per Large Group
- Paper grocery bags or kraft butcher paper, enough to cover eight books per Large Group
- Thick, permanent marker; one per Large Group
- Two Kid volunteers

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 Video:

- Theme Loop

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 variety show full of humor and biblical truth.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Countdown video

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- Cover the eight thick-spined hardback books with the brown, paper grocery bag or the kraft paper.
- With the thick marker, label the spines of each book:
 - "True Stories"
 - "Songs & Prayers"
 - "Letters"
 - "Wise Sayings"
 - "Chapters"
 - "Verses"
 - "Living Words"
 - "Daily Bread"
- Set the small bookshelf on the table and the eight books so the spines are unreadable at the beginning of the Bible Story.

Supplies:

- Host
- Music and Sound Effects
- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- Book-mojis! Title Slide
- GAME SLIDE 2: Cat in the Hat (Emojis: cat, hat)
- GAME SLIDE 3: Charlotte's Web (Emojis: pig, spider, spider web)
- GAME SLIDE 4: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (Emojis: mouse, cookie)
- GAME SLIDE 5: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Emojis: boy, golden ticket, chocolate bar, factory)
- GAME SLIDE 6: Goodnight Moon (Emojis: sleeping face, moon)
- GAME SLIDE 7: The Three Little Pigs (Emojis: pig, pig, pig, wolf, house)
- GAME SLIDE 8: Green Eggs and Ham (Emojis: green dot, egg, egg, ham)
- GAME SLIDE 9: Curious George (Emojis: question mark, question mark, monkey)

- GAME SLIDE 10: The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Emojis: caterpillar, apple, pear, orange, cake, butterfly)
- GAME SLIDE 11: How to Train Your Dragon (Emojis: question mark, train, dragon)
- Optional Videos
- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro
- Worship Leader(s)
- Music and Sound Effects
- "Echo"- available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Take You at Your Word" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide
- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Small bookshelf
- Hardback books with large spines
- Paper grocery bags or kraft butcher paper (enough to cover eight books per Large Group)
- Thick, permanent marker
- Two Kid volunteers
- 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 Video
- Theme Loop
- Optional Video: (available in APlay)
- Motion graphics, including loops
- Countdown video

Supplies

Opener

1. Host	Quantity	1
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Echo | Worship Song

1. Worship Leader(s)	Quantity	1
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Take You at Your Word | Worship Song

1. Worship Leader(s)	Quantity	1
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Bible Story (Live)

1. Storyteller	Quantity	1
2. Host		1
3. Bible		1
4. Small bookshelf		1
5. Hardback books with large spines		1
6. Paper grocery bags or kraft butcher paper (enough to cover eight books per Large Group)		8
7. Thick, permanent marker		Several
8. Two Kid volunteers		2

WEEK

THREE

K-3 | W3

Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2026, Week 3

Bible Story: The Vine and the Branches • *John 15:1-11*

Bottom Line: I can grow when I stay close to God.

Monthly Memory Verse: *My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.* • John 10:27 NlrV

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Prelude: Setting the Tone for the Experience

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- In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

- Opening Activity

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

- Opener
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Prayer

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Grow, Don't Grow (K–1st grade), Stay Connected (2nd–3rd grade)

Application Activity: The Grapevine Walk (K–1st grade), Fruit or No Fruit? (2nd–3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Standing Sheep Verse (K–1st grade), Build-a-Branch (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

The Vine and the Branches • John 15:1-11

Bottom Line

I can grow when I stay close to God.

Memory Verse

My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. • John 10:27 NlrV

10 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

 Host

 Leaders

5 min

Large Group Game | Stay Connected!

What You Need

No supplies needed

Setting the Tone for the Experience

What You Say:

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, friends!!! I'm so happy to see you today! We're continuing our series we've been in this month: 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God.'"

"I have a question for you: Have you ever tried really, really hard to listen to something? Maybe you were trying to hear your mom's voice in a loud store. Or maybe you were trying to hear your name when someone called you. Or maybe you were trying to hear your favorite song playing quietly somewhere. There are so many things we hear all day every day!"

"This month our theme is called 'Frequency.' That's a big word! Well, *frequency* is how you find the right signal. Frequency means tuning in so you can hear clearly."

"All month long, in this series called 'Frequency,' we're learning how we can tune in and hear from God! God talks to us because He loves us. He wants us to stay close to Him so we can hear His voice and follow Him. It's going to be great! But now it's time for a game! It's called 'Stay Connected!' Let's play!"

What You Say:

GAME SLIDE: Stay Connected! Title

"Here's how we play. You are going to be put into small groups. In your group, when I give you instructions on what to do, you must stay physically connected the whole time. That means holding hands, linking elbows, but you cannot let go! If your group breaks apart, you sit down. Let's get into our groups! Leaders, can you help divide the kids into smaller groups?"

(Leaders help divide kids into small groups of 4-6.)

"Okay, is everyone in a group? Awesome! Let's get started! Everyone, connect! Grab hands or link arms! Make sure nobody is left out. We stay connected!"

AUDIO: Upbeat Music

"First challenge ... JUMP! All together! No one break loose! Let me see you now jump five times together! Now ten! Don't let go! Keep holding on! Whew! That was a lot of jumping! Great job! Let's keep going.

"Next ... SPIN!

"I see some dizzy friends! Stay connected!

"Next challenge ... SIT DOWN!"

"Okay ... now a fun one. Let me see your best dance move! I see those dances! We have got a coordinated group dance over here!

"Wow! That was so much fun! Great job! You can all take a seat.

"Friends, just like we had to stay connected to each other in the game, we need to stay connected to God. When we stay close to Him, He helps us grow strong. He helps us listen. He helps us follow Him."

"That's our Bottom Line for today!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "I can grow when I stay close to God. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "I can grow when I stay close to God."

HOST: "Awesome job! We will be talking more about that very soon!"

10 min

Worship | Amazing Music

5 min

Echo | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

5 min

Jesus at the Center | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: "Our first song is called 'Echo.' An echo is when you hear something, and it repeats back. When we sing this song, we're reminding how God's love keeps going. Over and over like an echo. His love never ends!"

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

"Wow! That was awesome! You were singing so strong!"

"Our next song is called 'Jesus at the Center.' That means Jesus is the most important part of everything. He is at the center of our hearts, our families, and our lives.

"This song is a little slower, so let's slow down and really think about what we're singing. We're telling Jesus that He comes first.

What You Say:

SONG: "Jesus at the Center" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"Friends, when we sing songs like these, we are telling God what we believe. We are reminding our hearts that Jesus is most important. Singing helps us focus on Him. It helps us remember who He is and how much He loves us.

"Looks like it's time for our Memory Verse! Today we're learning something that Jesus Himself said.

"Jesus calls His followers sheep! Isn't that a little funny!?! But we are His sheep, and Jesus is our Shepherd who takes care of us. A shepherd protects his sheep; he leads them. And sheep learn to recognize their shepherd's voice.

"When the shepherd calls, the sheep move toward him because they know him.

"In this verse, Jesus says, *'My sheep listen to my voice.'* That means we can learn to listen to Him. We listen when we read the Bible. We listen when we pray. We listen when someone teaches us about Him.

"Then He says, *'I know them.'* Think about that. Jesus knows you. He knows your name. He knows your thoughts. He knows your heart. You are not forgotten.

"And then He says, *'and they follow me.'* When sheep hear their shepherd, they walk behind him. When we hear Jesus and trust Him, we follow Him.

"Great! Here is that Memory Verse! It's John 10:27! I will read it first, then I will guide you through it!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27 NIV).*

"Now, let me guide you through it. Repeat after me—nice and loud!

WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"I know them,"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"I know them,"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"and they follow me."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"and they follow me."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"John 10:27!"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"John 10:27!"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"In a world with lots of voices and lots of noise, Jesus is the voice that leads us somewhere safe. And when we listen to Him and follow Him, we stay close to Him."*

15 min

Bible Story

5 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

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5 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

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- Inflate and tie one of the balloons.
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5 min

Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

 Storyteller	1
 Host	1
 Bible	1
 Table	1
 Inflated balloon	Several
 Deflated balloon	Several

What You Say:

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: "WOOHOO! It's time for my favorite time—when we get together and learn about God! All month long, we've been doing something incredibly awesome. We're learning how to hear from God in this noisy world.

"Our series has been called, 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God.' And this week, we're continuing right along with that theme!

"To get started, I have a question. You can answer it with a show of hands. Have you ever tried to grow taller? Like really tried?

"Let's try it. Stretch up as tall as you can. Reach for the ceiling. Stand on your tippy toes. Think really hard: 'Grow! Grow! Grow!'

"Did it work? No! You can't grow taller just by trying really hard.

"Your body grows when it gets what it needs. And it needs food, sleep, and time.

"Now think about muscles. Do muscles grow if you just yell at them? 'Grow, muscles!' Of course not. They grow when they get what they need.

"What about plants? Can a plant grow if it's not planted in the dirt? No. It needs water. It needs sunlight. It needs to stay close to what gives it life.

"We don't grow by trying harder. We grow when we stay close to what gives us life.

"And that's true about our hearts too. Just like you can't stretch yourself taller, you can't grow love and kindness and the things of Jesus in your heart all by yourself. You grow when you stay close to Jesus.

"And today, we're going to hear how Jesus explained that."

Setting up the Story

STORYTELLER: "Let's go back in time today. Jesus had been spending a lot of time with His disciples. Those were His closest friends. They walked with Him everywhere, they listened to Him teach, they saw Him do miracles, they ate meals together, they laughed together, and they learned together.

"But something important was about to happen. Jesus knew that soon that His time was coming to die to pay for sin, and rise again, and a few days later, go to heaven. His friends didn't fully understand yet, but Jesus knew. And because He loved them so much, He wanted to

teach them something they would always remember. He wanted them to understand how to stay close to Him.

"Back then, people saw vines and branches all the time. Grapes grew on long twisting vines. Everyone understood how plants worked."

Jesus Is the Vine

STORYTELLER: "Okay, friends, I brought a couple things with me today as we look into what Jesus said.

(Hold up the balloons.)

"Which balloon do you think could float around the room and bounce everywhere?

(Let kids answer.)

(Bop the inflated balloon into the air.)

"Yep! This one can!"

(Then hold up the deflated balloon.)

"Now ... what about this one? Do you think this one can float into the air?

(Drop it dramatically.)

"It just goes... plop. What's the difference between these two balloons?"

(Let kids answer.)

"That's right! One is filled with air. One is empty. This balloon can only do what it was made to do when it's filled up. And today, Jesus taught something kind of like that. He wanted His friends to understand where real life comes from.

"Back then, people saw vineyards everywhere. They understood how vines and branches worked. Branches stayed alive because they stayed connected to the vine. Jesus told us this:

(Open the Bible and read John 15:5 NIV.)

"I am the vine. You are the branches. If you remain joined to me, and I to you, you will bear a lot of fruit. You can't do anything without me."

"Jesus said, 'I am the vine.' Jesus is strong and steady. Jesus is lifegiving.

TEACHING SLIDE 1 *(image of a vine)*

"Think about a vine. Everything flows from the vine first. Water flows through it, and life flows through it. The vine is the source for the branches and the fruit.

"Then Jesus said, 'You are the branches.' Branches grow out from the vine. They don't grow by themselves. They don't make fruit on their own. They grow because they are connected.

TEACHING SLIDE 2 (image of branches on a vine)

"Branches don't grow all by themselves. Fruit doesn't appear by magic. The branch stays alive because it stays connected."

(Hold up the inflated balloon again.)

"That's kind of like this balloon. The air inside is what fills it up and gives it what it needs. And Jesus gives us what WE need too.

"When we stay close to Jesus, He helps us grow in love, kindness, patience, and joy."

We Need the Vine

STORYTELLER: "Now, let's think about this: What happens if a branch is not connected to the vine?"

(Get some answers from some kids.)

"If a branch breaks off from the vine, it doesn't keep growing. It doesn't stay alive. It slowly dries up. It can't make fruit. It can't stay strong."

TEACHING SLIDE 3 (dead branch)

"Now, what if I blow up this balloon, but don't tie it up, what's going to happen?"

(Blow up the empty balloon. Release the balloon so it flies wildly around the room. Then pick up the flat balloon after it lands.)

"Now it's empty again!"

"It still LOOKS like a balloon. But it's not filled anymore. Jesus told us:

(Open the Bible and read John 15:6 NIV.)

"If you don't remain joined to me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and dries up. Branches like those are picked up. They are thrown into the fire and burned."

"That's what Jesus said. Jesus loved His friends, and He wanted them to understand how important this was. Without staying connected to Him, we dry up inside.

"We might still go to school. We might still smile. We might still look okay on the outside. But inside, we're not growing the way God made us to grow. We start to get impatient more easily. We start to get angry faster. We start to think more about ourselves than about others.

"Jesus had already said, 'You can't do anything without me.' That means we can't grow the good fruit God wants in our hearts without Him.

(Hold up the deflated balloon.)

"Just like this balloon needs air inside it, we need Jesus filling our hearts."

Stay Close and Grow

STORYTELLER: "Jesus didn't just tell His friends what would happen if they disconnected. He also told them what would happen if they stayed connected to Him. He said this.

(Open the Bible and read John 15:7-8 NIV.)

"If you remain joined to me and my words remain in you, ask for anything you wish. And it will be done for you. When you bear a lot of fruit, it brings glory to my Father. It shows that you are my disciples."

"Jesus said, 'Remain joined to me.' That means staying connected and close to Jesus. Not drifting away or letting go.

"Jesus said when we remain joined to Him, something happens inside us. His words remain in us. That means the things He says start to live in our hearts. We begin to remember what He teaches. We begin to want what He wants. And then we will bear a lot of fruit.

TEACHING SLIDE 4 (image of grapes on a vine)

"When we stay connected to Jesus, something changes inside us. Fruit begins to grow."

"Not real grapes growing on your arms ... but fruit like kindness, love, patience, joy, and forgiveness."

"Think about this. Fruit grows because life is flowing through the vine. When we stay connected to Jesus, His life flows into us, and we begin to start living like Jesus, and growing good fruit like kindness and love and trustworthiness. He is loving and kind and trustworthy, and that flows right into us, growing fruit! And when that fruit grows, it brings glory to God. That means it points back to Him. People see our kindness and our love and our trustworthiness and they see Jesus.

"And then Jesus said something beautiful.

(Open the Bible and read John 15:11 NIV.)

"I have told you this so that you will have the same joy that I have. I also want your joy to be complete."

"Jesus wants us to stay connected so we can have joy. Not pretend joy, not tiny joy. Complete joy.

Other things might make us happy for a little while. Toys, Games, and fun days. But staying close to Jesus is the only thing that brings the kind of joy that lasts."

Wrapping up the Story

STORYTELLER: "Jesus wanted His friends to understand something simple but powerful. He is the vine. We are the branches. We need the vine. Not just sometimes. Not just when we feel like it. We need Jesus every day. Without staying joined to Him, we slowly dry up inside. We can't grow the good fruit God made us to grow.

"But when we remain joined to Him, when we stay close, something beautiful happens. His love flows into us. His joy fills us. We have an amazing life. We don't grow because we try harder. We grow because we stay connected.

"That's exactly what our Bottom Line for today says!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "I can grow when I stay close to God. Can you say that with me?"

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "I can grow when I stay close to God."

10 min

Closing

5 min

What's Our Part in the Story?

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

What You Say:

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: "Jesus told us that life is a constant flow as we, the branches, stay connected to Him, the vine. But how do we practice staying connected to Jesus all of the time so His goodness keeps flowing into us?"

"Well, first, remember that Jesus is with you all of the time. When you decided to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit, His very Spirit, came to live inside of you. So Jesus is with you every second of every day! So turn your heart to Him regularly, throughout the day, to remember He is with you. Because He is!

"In any situation, you can talk to Jesus and say, 'Okay, Jesus, I know You are with me. Guide me and lead me right now.'

"Another way you can remember God is with you is by reading the Bible to get focused on what is real and true. You can spend time reading the Bible with a grown up. Or even listening to it on a Bible app! Reading the Bible will help you stay close and connected to Jesus.

"You can even create habits that help you stay connected throughout the day—so you're purposely reminding yourself of the truth that Jesus is with you. Talk with Jesus before you get out of bed, at mealtimes, when you brush your teeth, when you get in the car or on the bus, before you do your homework, when you go to bed. And be sure to listen too, Jesus is speaking to you!

"So this week, remember this truth: **[Bottom Line] I can grow when I stay close to God.** When you wake up, you can pray, 'Jesus, help me stay close to You today.' When you're at school, you can remember He is with you. When you feel upset, you can ask Him for help. You don't have to grow alone. The vine is strong. Jesus is always ready to give you life.

"Let's talk to the God who wants us to stay close to Him!"

What You Say:

PRAYER

STORYTELLER or HOST: "Jesus, thank You that we don't have to try really hard to grow all by ourselves. Thank You that just like our bodies grow when they get what they need, our hearts grow when we stay close to You. Sometimes we try to be kinder or more patient on our own, and it doesn't always work. We need You. We want to stay connected to You

every day. Help us remember that You are the one who gives us love, joy, and strength. We love You, and we pray 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

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
- Leaders

Music and Sound Effects:

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

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Stay Connected! Title Slide

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.

- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. *Note: Legally, a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.*
- Prepare leaders to divide the group into small groups of 4-6.

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Echo"- available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Jesus at the Center" - available on APlay with Amazing Music

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

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>
- *Make sure your church has obtained licensing rights to play or perform music. You can obtain a license to perform worship music from Christian Copyright Licensing International (www.ccli.com). It covers over 200,000 worship songs for congregational singing. You are responsible for including the copyright information on all songs reproduced under the Church Copyright License (including song lyrics projected onscreen). This includes the song title, writer credit(s), copyright notice, and your church's CCLI license number. You can include this information on one of the lyric slides, or you can create a separate slide detailing this information, but the copyright information must appear at least once for each song you play or perform. For example:*

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3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Table
- Inflated balloon, one per Large Group
- Deflated balloon, one per Large Group

Music and Sound Effects:

- Calm music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Theme Slide
- Teaching Slides 1-4

Optional Video:

- Theme Loop

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 variety show full of humor and biblical truth.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Countdown video

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Supplies:

- Host
- Leaders
- Music and Sound Effects
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- Upbeat music for the game
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- Theme Slide
- Stay Connected! Title Slide
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- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro
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- Host
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Supplies

Opener	Quantity
1. Host	1
2. Leaders	1

Echo Worship Song	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Jesus at the Center Worship Song	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Bible Story (Live)	Quantity
1. Storyteller	1
2. Host	1
3. Bible	1
4. Table	1
5. Inflated balloon	Several
6. Deflated balloon	Several

WEEK

FOUR

K-3 | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2026, Week 4

Bible Story: The Lord Calls Out to Samuel • 1 Samuel 3

Bottom Line: I can ask God to speak to me.

Monthly Memory Verse: *My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.* • John 10:27 NIV

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Prelude: Setting the Tone for the Experience

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- In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

- Opening Activity

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

- Opener
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Prayer

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Act It Out (K–1st grade), Who's Calling? (2nd–3rd grade)

Application Activity: Blindfolded Trek (K–1st grade), Keys to Listening (2nd–3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Whose Voice Is It? (K–1st grade), Blindfold Mix & Match (2nd–3rd grade)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss (K–1st grade, 2nd–3rd grade)

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue App



Bible Story

The Lord Calls Out to Samuel • 1 Samuel 3

Bottom Line

I can ask God to speak to me.

Memory Verse

My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. • John 10:27 NIV

10 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

 Host

 Sound Corners Printables 1-4

 Tape

5 min

Large Group Game | Sound Corners!

What You Need

No supplies needed

Setting the Tone for the Experience

What You Say:

OPENER

HOST: "Hellooooo, everybody! I'm so glad you're here today at [Name of Environment]! My name is [Host Name], and today we are talking all about listening! All month long, we've been learning how we can hear from God. Our series is called, 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God.'"

"So, let's practice listening! I need to know if you can hear me today! When I say 'Hello!' I want you to shout back: 'We're listening!' Let's practice! 'Hello!'"

KIDS: "We're listening!"

HOST: "Ohhhh, that was pretty good ... but I think you can get even LOUDER. Let's try again! 'Hello!'"

KIDS: "We're listening!"

HOST: "Yes! I heard you that time! We listen to lots of things every day. We listen to teachers. We listen to parents. We listen to friends. We listen to music. We even listen for the ice cream truck! Does anybody know that sound?"

(Hum an ice cream truck tune badly.)

"Oh yeah. The second you hear that music, everybody suddenly becomes an Olympic sprinter!"

(Host runs in place dramatically.)

"Well, today we are going to play a game where you have to listen very carefully, and be very silly at the same time. It's called 'Sound Corners!'"

What You Say:

GAME SLIDE 1: Sound Corners! Title

"Here's how it works. Each corner of the room has a different sound and action!"

"Over here is the clap corner! Everybody, clap!"

(Kids clap.)

"And over here is the stomp corner! Everybody, stomp!"

(Kids stomp.)

"Over here is the high-five corner! Everybody, high-five somebody!"

(Kids high-five someone.)

"And finally ... the sing corner! Everybody sing, 'la la la!'"

(Kids sing.)

"Awesome! Now listen carefully because I'm going to call out a sound. When I do, you run to that corner and do the action. But remember ... you have to listen carefully! I might bring in a couple twists!

"Everybody ready? Let's go!!!

AUDIO: Play high-energy music

"Okay! First one! Stomp corner! Whoa! Those stomps sound like a herd of elephants!

"Next one! High-five corner! Clap corner! Sing corner!

"Okay, okay ... let's make this harder now.

(Host speaks dramatically.)

"Clap corner! No wait ... stomp corner!

"Ohhh, I gotcha there!

(Continue with several more fast-paced rounds:)

- "Sing corner!"
- "High-five corner!"
- "Clap corner!"
- "Stomp corner!"
- "Clap corner while stomping!"
- "Sing corner while high-fiving!"
- "Freeze!"

"Everybody, freeze! Wow! You all are amazing listeners! Give yourselves a huge cheer!"

"You know what? Listening is really important. Today we're going to hear about someone who heard God calling his name. And that God can and wants to speak to all of us too. It's time to check out our Bottom Line for today!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "I can ask God to speak to me. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "I can ask God to speak to me."

HOST: "Awesome job today, friends! We will be talking more about that in our Bible Story very soon!"

10 min

Worship | Amazing Music

5 min

Echo | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

5 min

Take You at Your Word | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, friends! I'm so excited we get to worship together today! Sometimes worship is loud and exciting, and sometimes worship helps us slow down and think about God. Today we get to do both!

"Our first song is called 'Echo.' An echo is when a sound keeps going and comes back again. This song reminds us that God's love keeps going and going too! God's love is big, strong, and never runs out. When we know God loves us, we can show His love to others.

"So let's stand up, get ready to move, and sing about God's amazing love!

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

"That was so much fun! You all sounded amazing! Our next song is all about trusting God. Have you ever had somebody make you a promise? Maybe they promised to help you, share with you, or take you somewhere fun. Well, guess what? God always keeps His promises! We can trust everything God says."

"So, let's jump up, sing loud, and worship together!

What You Say:

SONG: "Take You at Your Word" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"That was beautiful worship, everybody. I love hearing all of your voices singing together. Worship is one of the ways we grow closer to God. When we sing, pray, and focus on Him, we are showing God that we love Him and want Him to be first in our lives.

"And sometimes worship helps us stop thinking about all the noisy and distracting things around us so we can focus completely on God.

"So this week, remember that worship is more than just music. Worship is spending time with God, listening to Him, and making room for Him in your heart every day.

"Let's look at this month's Memory Verse! Our Memory Verse are words Jesus Himself spoke. In it, He tells us that His sheep listen to His voice and follow Him. Now ... sheep aren't the smartest animals in the world. They need someone to lead them, protect them, and show them where to go. And that's what Jesus does for us! Jesus loves us, cares for us, and helps guide us every day.

"Let me read you our Memory Verse, and then I will guide you through it!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27 NIV).*

"Now, let me guide you through it. Repeat after me—nice and loud!

WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"I know them,"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"I know them,"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"and they follow me."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"and they follow me."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"John 10:27!"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"John 10:27!"*

WORSHIP LEADER: "I love that this verse reminds us that Jesus knows us personally. He doesn't just know your name. He knows your heart, your feelings, your worries, and everything about you. And because Jesus loves you so much, you can trust Him to lead you the right way. This week, remember that you can listen to Jesus, follow Him, and trust that He will always take care of you."

15 min

Bible Story

5 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

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5 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

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5 min

Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

 Storyteller	1
 Host	1
 Bible	1
 Table	1
 Leader	1
 Bandanas	1
 Banana	Several

What You Say:

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! I'm so excited you're here today! All month long, we've been learning different ways to hear from God. Our series is called, 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God.' And this week is our last week in the series!

"Today we're learning a key part about our lifelong conversation with God: We are going to look at how we can ask God to speak to us. So, to get started, let's make sure your listening skills are great! I'm going to whisper something, and if you can hear me, you have to do it. Ready?

(Storyteller whispers.)

"Touch your ears. Pat your head.

(Whisper softer.)

"Wiggle your fingers.

"Whoa! You all listened so carefully! Now let's make this harder. Everybody, start making a little bit of noise. Not super loud... just some chatter.

(Kids make noise.)

(Storyteller whispers.)

"Clap one time.

(Storyteller speaks in a normal voice.)

"See? That was WAY harder to hear!

"Sometimes listening gets difficult when there are distractions and noise around us. If everybody is talking at the same time, it can be hard to focus on one voice.

"And life can feel like that too. There are so many things fighting for our attention every day. Games, YouTube, people talking, busy schedules, loud noises, and so many distractions.

"But today we're going to learn something really important. Even when life is noisy and distracting, God still wants to speak to us. And the more we spend time with God, the more we learn to recognize His voice and listen to Him."

Setting up the Story

STORYTELLER: "Today's story comes from the book of First Samuel in the Bible. Everybody say, 'First Samuel!'"

KIDS: "First Samuel!"

STORYTELLER: "This story happened a long, long time ago, and it takes place in a very special place called the tabernacle. The tabernacle was where people went to worship God.

"There was a boy named Samuel who lived there and helped serve alongside a priest named Eli. Samuel was still young, and he was still learning about God and what it meant to follow Him.

"Now one night, everything was really quiet. The day was over, and people were getting ready to sleep.

"And in the middle of that quiet night ... something happened that Samuel never expected."

Samuel Hears the Voice

STORYTELLER: "Let's look at what the Bible tells us happened.

(Open the Bible and read 1 Samuel 3:1-4 NIV.)

The boy Samuel served the Lord under the direction of Eli. In those days the Lord didn't give many messages to his people. He didn't give them many visions.

One night Eli was lying down in his usual place. His eyes were becoming so weak he couldn't see very well. Samuel was lying down in the Lord's house. That's where the ark of God was kept. The lamp of God was still burning. The Lord called out to Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am."

"Have you ever been almost asleep when suddenly you hear something?

"Maybe you hear your floor creak. Maybe your dog barks. Maybe somebody walks down the hallway.

"And your eyes pop open immediately like ...

(Open your eyes wide, like you're having a wide-eyed reaction.)

"Well, that's what happened to Samuel, but it wasn't a TV in the background, or someone's phone ringing. God was actually speaking to Samuel! How cool is that?!"

(Open the Bible and read 1 Samuel 3:4-5 NIV.)

The Lord called out to Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." He ran over to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called out to me."

"Samuel heard someone call his name in the middle of the night, but Samuel didn't know that it was God calling to Him.

"He heard: 'Samuel!'

"Samuel thought Eli was calling him, so he jumped out of bed and ran to Eli as fast as he could. But Eli looked at Samuel and said, 'I didn't call you.' Samuel heard the voice ... but he misunderstood who was talking. Now to help us understand how to listen very well, I have asked our leader to come and show us how to listen! Leader, where are you? Are you ready?"

(Leader enters with a bandana sticking out of one pocket and a banana sticking out of the other pocket. Both need to be visible.)

LEADER: "I'm ready to listen!!! This is going to be great!"

STORYTELLER: "Perfect. I have some simple instructions for you, and all you have to do is ... listen. It's easy! We're both going to follow the same instructions, but we can't look at each other, you just have to use your ears, okay?"

LEADER: "Oh, that is so easy ... I'm the best listener you can find! I'm a pro at listening! I mean, do you see how shiny my ears are? It's because they listen so well! Let's do it."

(Storyteller and Leader stand on opposite sides of the stage facing the audience.)

STORYTELLER: "Great, this is going to be so simple. Go ahead and grab your bandana."

(Storyteller grabs their bandana while Leader confidently grabs the banana.)

"Awesome. Now, all I want you to do is count the four corners on our bandanas together. One ... two ... three ... four."

(Leader is confused, looking at the two ends of the banana and then awkwardly peels banana into four separate peels while counting.)

LEADER: "Um ... okay ... guess I'll get creative here. One ... two ... three ... four ..."

STORYTELLER: "Perfect! Great listening!"

(Leader stares at peeled banana in confusion.)

STORYTELLER: "I have more instructions for you, but we need to understand that listening is so important! Samuel heard a voice, but he didn't understand yet that it was God speaking to him."

Samuel Hears the Voice Again

STORYTELLER: "Samuel went back and laid down again. Everything got quiet. The room was dark, Eli was resting, and Samuel was probably trying to fall back asleep.

"Then suddenly ... 'Samuel!'

"Everybody say, 'Samuel!'"

KIDS: "Samuel!"

STORYTELLER: "Samuel heard the voice again!"

"And once again, Samuel jumped out of bed and ran straight to Eli.

(Open the Bible and read 1 Samuel 3:6 NIV.)

Again the Lord called out, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli. He said, "Here I am. You called out to me."

"My son," Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back and lie down."

"Samuel still didn't understand that it was God speaking to him."

"Now, leader, let's continue and see how you're doing with listening carefully."

"Okay, so we counted the corners of our bandanas, now take your bandana and start folding it up really small."

(Storyteller neatly folds their bandana. The leader carefully tries folding the peels of the banana and holds it awkwardly.)

LEADER: "Ummmmm ..."

STORYTELLER: "Perfect! Nice folding!"

(Leader stares in disbelief at the banana.)

LEADER: "This feels VERY wrong."

STORYTELLER: "You're doing amazing! Just keep listening! Everybody, look how small and neat my bandana is getting."

(Leader desperately keeps trying to fold banana pieces.)

STORYTELLER: "Now think about Samuel, he still misunderstood what was happening, he didn't know God was speaking to Him. He heard the voice clearly, but he didn't recognize that God was the One speaking. And sometimes learning to hear God takes time. The more we spend time with God, the more we learn to recognize His voice."

Samuel Learns It Is God

STORYTELLER: "So Samuel went back to bed AGAIN. Can you imagine how confused he probably felt by now?"

(Open the Bible and read 1 Samuel 3:7-9 NIV.)

Samuel didn't know the Lord yet. That's because the Lord still hadn't given him a message.

The Lord called out for the third time. He said, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli. He said, "Here I am. You called out to me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down. If someone calls out to you again, say, 'Speak Lord. I'm listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

"This time, Samuel realized God was speaking to him. And Samuel was ready to listen. Now let's check back in with our leader one more time."

"Okay, now that your bandana is folded up, watch this. You can squish it into your hand so nobody can even see it anymore."

(Storyteller squishes the folded bandana into their hand. Leader stares at the messy banana in horror.)

LEADER: "Oh no ..."

STORYTELLER: "Leader ... it's really not that difficult. You can do it!"

(Leader slowly squishes banana into their hand while acting completely grossed out. Banana mush squeezes through their fingers.)

LEADER: "EWWWWWW!"

STORYTELLER: "Perfect! And now you can even put it back in your pocket!"

(Leader looks horrified but slowly tries stuffing banana mush back into their pocket. Storyteller finally turns around and freezes.)

STORYTELLER: "... why do you have banana all over your hands?"

LEADER: "You told me to grab the banana!"

STORYTELLER: "I said BANDANA!"

LEADER: "OH!"

STORYTELLER: "You heard the wrong thing the WHOLE time!"

LEADER: "That explains so much ..."

STORYTELLER: "Listening is so important—we will get it right next time leader! Maybe ... you should go clean up."

LEADER: "Yeah ... I'll make sure to bring my extra shiny listening ears next time!"

(Leader exits.)

STORYTELLER: "Wow! That was crazy! Listening is so important! Think about this with Samuel. Samuel heard the voice, but he didn't understand who was speaking. But once Samuel realized it was God, he stopped running around confused and started listening carefully and asked God to speak to Him.

(Open the Bible and read 1 Samuel 3:10 NIV.)

The Lord came and stood there. He called out, just as he had done the other times. He said, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel replied, "Speak. I'm listening."

"Samuel learned that God wanted to speak to him, and Samuel chose to listen."

Wrapping up the Story

STORYTELLER: "Samuel started the night confused. He heard a voice calling his name, but he didn't understand who was speaking to him. He kept running to Eli because he thought Eli was the one calling him. But finally, Samuel learned that it was actually God speaking to him. And then Samuel listened.

"God still speaks to us today too. It can happen out loud as it did to Samuel, but God usually speaks through the Bible, through what He made, through others who love Him, through prayer, through worship, and through the Holy Spirit helping guide our hearts.

"And the more we spend time with God, the more we learn to recognize His voice and trust Him.

"God wants to speak to you! You can even ask Him to, just like Samuel did, and He will! And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "I can ask God to speak to me. Can you say that with me?"

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "I can ask God to speak to me."

10 min

Closing

5 min

What's Our Part in the Story?

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

What You Say:

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: "You can ask God to speak to you! The question is, after you ask, are you going to listen to what He says?"

"Sometimes people think talking to God is only about us speaking to Him. But prayer is also about listening. Prayer is a lifelong conversation with God. We both talk, and we both listen!"

"And the more we spend time with God, the more we learn what His voice is like. That's why reading the Bible is so important. God will never tell us something that goes against what is true in His Word."

"If you ever feel unsure about something you've read or heard, you can also talk with a trusted grown-up who follows Jesus, just like Samuel had Eli helping him understand what God was saying."

"This week, when life feels noisy or distracting, take a moment to slow down and talk to God and listen to Him. You can pray something simple like, 'God, would You speak to me?'"

"What if we did that right now? Just asked God to speak to us? You might not hear anything, and that's okay, but that shouldn't stop us from asking. Let's close our eyes and bow our heads, and you can just have a personal conversation with God, asking Him to speak to you. And then, just listen."

Pause for a moment before going into prayer.

What You Say:

PRAYER

STORYTELLER or HOST: "God, thank You that You speak to us. Sometimes life can feel loud and distracting, and sometimes it can be hard to listen. But help us slow down and spend time with You. Help us learn to recognize Your voice more and more. And just like Samuel said, we want to say, 'Speak Lord, I'm listening.' We love You, and we pray 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

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
- Sound Corners Printables 1-4
- Tape, one roll per Large Group

Music and Sound Effects:

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

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Sound Corners! Title Slide

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.

- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. *Note: Legally, a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.*
- Tape the Sound Corners printables in four corners of the room.

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Echo"- available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Take You at Your Word"- available on APlay with Amazing Music

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

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>
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3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Table
- Leader
- Bandanas, two per Large Group
- Banana, one per Large Group

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 Video:

- Theme Loop

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 variety show full of humor and biblical truth.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Countdown video

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Supplies:

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- Sound Corners Printables 1-4
- Tape
- Music and Sound Effects
- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Upbeat music for the game
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- Motion graphics, including loops
- Countdown video

Supplies

Opener	Quantity
1. Host	1
2. Sound Corners Printables 1-4	1
3. Tape	1

Echo Worship Song	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Take You at Your Word Worship Song	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Bible Story (Live)	Quantity
1. Storyteller	1
2. Host	1
3. Bible	1
4. Table	1
5. Leader	1
6. Bandanas	1
7. Banana	Several