

WEEK

ONE

Preteen | W1

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2026, Week 1

Bible Story: Image of God • Genesis 1:26-30, Colossians 1:15

Bottom Line: I am made in the image of God.

Conversation Starter: What does it mean to be made in the image of God?

Monthly Memory Verse: How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. • Psalm 139:14 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

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot

Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions

Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You

Prayer Activity: Make It Personal with Prayer

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

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



Bible Story

Image of God • Genesis 1:26-30, Colossians 1:15

Conversation Starter

What does it mean to be made in the image of God?

Bottom Line

I am made in the image of God.

Memory Verse

How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. • Psalm 139:14 NIV

10 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

 Host	1
 Painter's plastic or plastic tablecloth	1
 2 easels (You can also pre-determine 4 leaders to hold the posterboards while the kids paint—2 leaders per posterboard)	1
 2 small tables (to put the paint on while the kids are painting)	1
 6 posterboards (2 per round)	1
 2 sets of washable paint	1
 6 smaller paintbrushes	1
 Tape	1
 2 wooden spoons	1
 2 tennis rackets	1
 2 brooms	1
 Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown	1
 6 kid volunteers (2 per round—ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)	1

Setting the Tone for the Experience

What You Say:

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening

(Things to have ready: Painter's plastic or plastic tablecloth spread on the floor in the game area. Two easels set up on the painter's plastic/tablecloth with a posterboard on each easel. If you decide not to use easels, have four pre-determined leaders ready to hold the posterboards as the kids paint—two leaders for each posterboard. Four additional posterboards in the game area for more rounds—two posterboards per round. Two small tables set up to the side of each easel and one set of washable paint on each table. Six extended paintbrushes—two wooden spoons, two tennis rackets, and two brooms, with a paintbrush taped to the bottom of each one—in the game area. Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown. Game Slide 1. Bottom Line slide.)

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome to [Name of Environment]! How's everyone doing today?"

"I love it. Seriously, I'm glad you're here. No matter what your week looked like—exciting, stressful, weird, amazing, or somewhere in between—you made it, and we're really glad you're part of today. I believe God is going to speak to you in an amazing way!"

"This month, we're starting a brand-new series called 'Masterpiece.' The full name of our series is 'Masterpiece—Made by God,' and it's all about what God says is true about you and others—that you were made with purpose, value, and meaning. You aren't an accident. You aren't random. You were created by God, the greatest Artist ever!"

"And speaking of art ... it's time for our first challenge of the day.

(Hold up one of the extended paintbrushes.)

"This, my friends, is absolutely not how paint tools are supposed to look. But today, we're using them anyway. Welcome to 'Masterpiece Mayhem!'

5 min

Large Group Game | Masterpiece Mayhem

What You Need

	Painters Plastic or Plastic Tablecloth	1
	Easels or 2 Leaders to hold the posterboard	2
	Posterboards	6
	Washable Paint	Several
	Smaller Paintbrushes	6
	Tape	1
	Wooden Spoons	2
	Tennis Rackets	2
	Brooms	2

What You Say:

SLIDE: Masterpiece Mayhem!

ROUND 1

"This is our first brush: The Wooden Spoon Brush. Yes, it's exactly what it sounds like, a paintbrush taped to a wooden spoon. Because why wouldn't we do that?"

"I need two volunteers!"

"Your challenge is simple: paint a birthday cake. Your real challenge is: doing it with this kitchen-tool-slash-questionable-art-supply."

"Painters ready? Audience ready?"

"3... 2... 1... GO!"

Optional Video: 1 Minute Countdown

"Ooooh, look at that line go! Actually... it's not going where they're aiming, but it's definitely going somewhere. That might be a candle... or a carrot. Hard to tell."

"And TIME! Step away from your masterpieces!"

"Audience, if you think this looks even a little bit like a birthday cake, cheer!"

Celebrate, dismiss painters.

"Nice job! Let's make this a little more challenging."

ROUND 2

Reveal a tennis racket with a paintbrush taped to it.

"Okay, Round Two. This one is called The Tennis Racket Brush. Warning: this brush does not care about your hopes, dreams, or artistic ability."

"I need two new volunteers!"

"Your challenge: paint a happy cat face. Just the face. Whiskers, ears, a smile. And yes... you have to use the tennis racket paint brush."

"Painters ready? Let's do this!"

"3... 2... 1... GO!"

Optional Video: 1 Minute Countdown

"Oh wow. That whisker is at least two feet long. The eyes are... somewhere. That racket brush is absolutely doing its own thing. I respect the confidence, though!"

"And STOP!"

"Audience, cheer if you can tell this is a cat... or at least an animal... or maybe something with a face!"

Celebrate, dismiss painters.

"Awesome work. Time for our final round."

ROUND 3

Holds up the broom with a paintbrush duct-taped to the end.

"And now... The Broom Brush. The largest, most uncontrollable brush of them all. Perfect for giant sweeping motions or accidental modern art."

"I need two more volunteers!"

"Your final challenge: paint a sunglasses emoji. Big circle, sunglasses, big smile. Easy in theory... impossible in practice."

"Ready? 3... 2... 1... GO!"

Optional Video: 1 Minute Countdown

"That circle is HUGE. That sunglasses line went straight off the paper! Honestly, this might be good enough to hang in a museum. Or at least on your fridge."

"And TIME!"

"Audience, give it up for all our painters today! They survived Masterpiece Mayhem!"

Celebrate, dismiss painters.

"We saw some interesting Masterpieces...were they a Masterpiece? Possibly! The creativity and determination were definitely there. But did you know that you and I are actually real masterpieces?! Yes! It's a part of our Bottom Line for today. Take a look."

SLIDE: Bottom Line "I am made in the image of God."

"This truth is huge. You were created by God with His image inside you. That means your identity, your value, and your purpose come from Him, not from what you can do or what other people think."

15 min

Worship | Amazing Music

5 min

Let Everything That Has Breath | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hey, everyone! I’m so glad you’re here today. It’s time to worship! Worship isn’t just singing. It’s remembering the truth about God, the truth that never changes, even when our week does. So wherever you are today—excited, tired, distracted, unsure—you’re invited to show up just as you are.

“Our first song is upbeat, so go ahead and stand up. This one reminds us that everything God made, including you, was made to praise Him. Let’s start strong and sing it out together!

SONG: “Let Everything That Has Breath” Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

“This next song is a reminder of identity—that who you are isn’t defined by your mistakes, your reputation, or what other people think of you. It’s defined by the God who created you in His image. Let’s sing ‘Who You Say I Am’ together.

5 min

Who You Say I Am | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

What You Say:

SONG: "Who You Say I Am" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"That was incredible! And

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

What You Say:

before we move on, I want you to hear this: When we worship, we're not just singing words—we're reminding our hearts of what's true. God made you on purpose and for a purpose. So even on the days when you don't feel confident, or when life feels confusing, or when you forget your value, you can look back at what we just sang and remember: God calls you loved, and wonderfully made.

"Our Memory Verse this month comes from Psalm 139:14. When David wrote this, he wasn't bragging about himself—he was recognizing the truth about God. He realized that the same God who created everything also created him, on purpose and with care. And the same is true for you. Every part of who you are—your personality, your talents, the way you think and feel—is part of God's amazing design. So as we learn today about being made in God's image, let this verse remind you: You're not an accident. You're God's intentional creation.

"Let me read our Memory Verse out loud, and then we'll read it all together!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: "How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 NIRV).

"Now, let's say it together—nice and loud!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: "How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 NIRV)."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Nice job! This verse tells us that God didn't make you by accident. He made you with intention, care, and purpose, and He calls what He made wonderful. When we choose to follow Him, God helps us see ourselves the way He sees us: created, known, and deeply loved.

"Thanks for worshiping with me today, friends!"

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:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- Put the mirror, dry-erase marker, and microfiber cloth where the Communicator can access it.

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

 Communicator	1
 Bible	1
 Table	1
 Mirror (could be a small or standing mirror)	1
 Dry-erase marker	1
 Microfiber cloth	1

What You Say:

BIBLE STORY (COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT)

SLIDE: Theme Background

(Things to have ready: Set up the table at the front of the teaching area so the Communicator can place their Bible on it and read from it. Mirror, dry-erase marker, and microfiber towel accessible to the Communicator.)

Introduction

COMMUNICATOR: "Have you ever seen a sunset or a mountain or the ocean and thought: *Wow. That shows something about who God is. He's amazing! He's so creative!*"

"Creation has a way of pointing us back to God. It shows how amazing and wonderful He is. It shows pieces of His greatness.

"But what is easy to forget is this. Out of everything God made—stars and galaxies and oceans and animals—there is only one part of creation He designed in His image.

"And that is people. That is you! Today, we're going back to the beginning to understand what that really means. When God created human beings, He was not just adding another part to creation. He was creating living reflections of Himself.

"And when we see that clearly, it changes how we see God, how we see others, and how we see the world around us."

Tension

COMMUNICATOR: "We are going to start with something fun. A quick game that helps us think about the things we believe about ourselves and what God says is true.

"I'm going to say a statement. If you think it's true, stand up. If you think it's false, sit down. Everybody ready? Here we go.

"My identity is based on how other people see me. True or false?

(Kids stand or sit.)

"I'm seeing a lot of you sitting. Good. That's false. Other people don't get to decide who you are.

"Here's another one: My identity is what the world says about me. True or false?

(Kids stand or sit.)

"False again. The world changes its mind every five minutes. God does not!

"Okay, ready for the next one? I was created with purpose. True or false?

(Kids stand or sit.)

"True! God made you with intention!

"I was made to reflect who God is. True or false?

(Kids stand or sit.)

"True. That is one of the most important things God ever said about people!

"Here's an interesting one: I am only valuable when I am good at something. True or false?

(Kids stand or sit.)

"False. Your value comes from God—not your talent, your grades, or your highlight reel.

"Okay, last one: Who God says I am matters more than what anyone else says. True or false?

(Kids stand or sit.)

"True. Every time!

"You all did great. Here's why we did that: Every time you stood up for 'True,' you were agreeing with something God has said about people since the very beginning. From the very start, God created humans with a purpose. He made us to reflect Him. That means your identity is not something you earn. It is something God designed in you.

"To understand that, we need to go all the way back to the very first chapter of the Bible. This is the moment God created the first people. And what He said then applies to us today."

Truth

COMMUNICATOR: "The Bible tells us that God created everything. Light, sky, oceans, land, plants, animals ... everything He made had purpose. Every star, every leaf, every creature was designed intentionally. But then God did something completely different, something personal. Something that reflected Him in a way nothing else did.

(Open the Bible and read Genesis 1:26-28 NIV.)

Then God said, "Let us make human beings so that they are like us. Let them rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Let them rule

over the livestock and all the wild animals. And let them rule over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created human beings in his own likeness.

He created them to be like himself.

He created them as male and female.

God blessed them. He said to them, "Have children so that there will be many of you. Fill the earth and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Rule over every living creature that moves along the ground."

(Turn the clean mirror toward the group.)

"God didn't just create humans as another part of creation. He made us in His own image. That means something huge. Not our height or hair color, not the shape of our nose or the sound of our laugh, that is all good! But I'm talking about something deeper. God placed a reflection of Himself inside every person.

"Now, if that's where the story ended, God making people in His image, it would be a perfect world. But as you know, the world is not perfect. The first people God made, Adam and Eve, chose to go their own way instead of God's way. They sinned. That sinful choice made it so they couldn't be close to God anymore. Sin also infected the hearts of every single person who was born after Adam and Eve. Sin made things messy.

"This mirror is like your life. When it's clean, it reflects clearly. You can see every detail perfectly. When God created people, our lives were designed to reflect Him and know Him. But then sin came into the world. And that reflection gets cloudy.

(Pick up a dry-erase marker, and begin drawing visible streaks on the mirror.)

"Sin makes it so we don't show the image of God very well. That might look like selfishness, choosing our own way, hurting others with words, or ignoring what God says. And suddenly, the reflection of God is harder to see. The image is still there, but it's distorted. That is what happens every time we choose something apart from God's ways.

(Continue smudging.)

"Even King David recognized how amazing it is that God created us with such purpose.

(Open the Bible and read Psalm 139:14 NIV.)

How you made me is amazing and wonderful.

I praise you for that.

What you have done is wonderful.

I know that very well.

"David wasn't saying he was perfect. He was saying God's design was perfect. Even when we make choices that make the reflection cloudy, God's image in us is still real.

"But God didn't want us to wonder what it looks like to show His image perfectly. He sent Jesus so we could see exactly what God is like.

"The apostle Paul wrote something that helps us understand this:

(Open the Bible and read Colossians 1:15 NIV.)

The Son is the exact likeness of God, who can't be seen. The Son is first, and he is over all creation.

"Jesus reflects God perfectly. Everything Jesus said and did showed God's love, compassion, forgiveness, and truth, because He is God!

"Remember how those first people chose to go their own way and sinned? How they fell under the curse of sin and everyone after them did too? How they couldn't be close to God anymore, and neither could anyone else? Well, Jesus gave His life to pay for sin. He broke the curse of sin and death. And because He paid for sin, He made a way for us to be close to God again! Now we can spend our lives being Jesus' friends, getting to know Him, and becoming more and more like Him.

"The more we follow Jesus, the more our lives start clearly reflecting God's image. Not because we pretend or try to look impressive, but because Jesus helps us become who we were created to be from the beginning.

(Wipe the mirror until it's clean. Hold it up to the audience again.)

"And the Holy Spirit is our Helper. He is constantly helping us live in a way that reflects God. When we choose to accept that Jesus paid for our sins on the cross, Jesus' very Spirit, the Holy Spirit, moves inside of us. He can help us reflect God better because He is God! We can show kindness, love, forgiveness, and truth to others, just like Jesus did. We don't have to fake it or pretend to be something we're not. Step by step, moment by moment, we can let the Holy Spirit shape us from the inside out.

"Let's bring this back to our mirror. Every smudge represented a choice we make that causes us to reflect God's image more cloudily. But every time we choose to follow Jesus, every time we rely on the Holy Spirit, every time we choose to reflect God instead of ourselves or the world, what we reflect gets clearer.

"That's your identity. You are made in God's image. You are designed to reflect Him.

"God made you with purpose. You aren't random. You are not an accident. You are a living reflection of God's love, creativity, and character. And the more you follow Jesus, the more that reflection becomes clear for others to see."

Application

COMMUNICATOR: "Think about what we just saw. Being made in God's image is two things: It's a status we all have. And it's something we are all to do as Jesus followers."

"So, as a starting point: Remember that you are made in God's image, no matter who you are or what you've done. That is something we are born with—it doesn't depend on your grades, how popular you are, or what other people think. You are made in God's image just because He made you, and nothing can take it away."

"From the beginning, God created people to reflect Him. That is your identity. It is not something you earn. It is something God designed in you. Every person in this room carries the image of God."

"But being made in God's image is not only who you are. It is also something you live out. In the same way this mirror reflects, your life reflects something too. The way you talk. The way you treat people. The choices you make when no one else is watching. All of it shows the world something about who God is."

"And the truth is, there are days when you reflect God pretty clearly. Days when you choose kindness like He would. Days when you forgive someone like He would. Days when you speak truth with love like He would. Days when you use your strength or your creativity or your patience to help someone else like He would. On those days, the reflection is clear."

"But there are also days when the reflection gets cloudy again. Days when anger shows up. Days when pride shows up. Days when you feel pressure to act like someone you are not. Days when the world tells you lies about where your identity comes from. And it gets harder to see the image of God clearly."

"Here's the good news: You aren't doing this alone. The Holy Spirit, the Helper, can help you reflect Jesus and give God glory. And little by little, as you make the choice to follow Jesus again and again, you begin to reflect Jesus more than you reflect anything else."

"So maybe today you need to remember something. You are not created to reflect the world. You are not created to reflect the opinions around you. You are created to reflect God. The Holy Spirit will help you live it out."

"I want to ask you, what are you reflecting right now? And what needs to change so the image of God can be seen more clearly in your life?"

10 min

Closing

5 min

Landing

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

What You Say:

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "Today we learned something incredibly important. When God created people, He made them in His image. That means every person was designed to reflect what God is like. We do not always reflect Him perfectly, but through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, the reflection becomes clearer as we follow Him.

"Today's Bottom Line talks about this too. Let's take a look.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "I am made in the image of God."

KIDS AND COMMUNICATOR: **[Bottom Line]** "I am made in the image of God."

"So here's the question I want you to think about, not just right now, but all week.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] "What does it mean to be made in the image of God?"

"This is the question I want you to carry into Small Group: What does it really mean to be made in the image of God? Not just as an idea, but in your actual life. Since God created you to reflect Him, what should that look like in the way you speak, think, and treat the people around you?"

"Maybe it means choosing compassion when it would be easier to ignore someone. Maybe it means telling the truth even when it costs you something. Maybe it means showing patience or forgiveness or courage because that is what God is like.

"And here's something important: Reflecting God doesn't mean being perfect. It means being willing. It means letting God shape your heart so the world can see Him through you. It means asking, 'How can I show what God is like in this moment, with this person, in this situation?'"

"So in your Small Groups today, talk about that. What does it mean that you carry the image of God? What is one step you can take this week to live that out?"

"Let's pray together."

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

PRAYER

COMMUNICATOR: "God, thank You for creating us in Your image. Thank You for giving every person here a purpose and a place in Your story. Help us see ourselves the way You see us. Help us reflect who You are in the way we think, speak, and act. When we make the reflection cloudy, remind us that You never give up on us. Help us show compassion, truth, courage, forgiveness, and love so the world can see You more clearly through our lives. We love You, and we want to reflect You this week. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video: Theme Loop

Getting Ready | Preteen Large Group

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

APlay

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

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

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
- Painter's plastic or plastic tablecloth
- 2 easels (You can also pre-determine 4 leaders to hold the posterboards while the kids paint—2 leaders per posterboard)
- 2 small tables (to put the paint on while the kids are painting)
- 6 posterboards (2 per round)
- 2 sets of washable paint
- 6 smaller paintbrushes
- Tape
- 2 wooden spoons
- 2 tennis rackets
- 2 brooms
- Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown
- 6 kid volunteers (2 per round—ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)

Music and Sound Effects:

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

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Game Slide 1: Masterpiece Mayhem Title
- Bottom Line 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.*
- *Optional:* Download a countdown video from a royalty-free site. Load it into your presentation software and have it ready to play during the Opener. You could also keep time on a smartphone or watch. *Note: Some presentation software, such as ProPresenter, includes a built-in countdown clock that can be overlaid on a still image.*
- Lay down painter's plastic or tablecloths in the game area, and if you're using easels, set up the easels with the posterboards. (If you're having leaders hold the posterboards while the kids paint, pre-determine four leaders before the game.)
- Set up the two small tables—one to the side of each easel. Put one set of washable paint on each table.
- Tape two paintbrushes to the ends of the two wooden spoons.
- Tape two paintbrushes to the ends of the two tennis rackets.
- Tape two paintbrushes to the ends of the two brooms.
- Put the six extended paintbrushes in the game area.

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

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Let Everything That Has Breath" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Who You Say I Am" - 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:*

"Hallelujah" words and music by John Doe

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

- Communicator
- Bible
- Table
- Mirror (could be a small or standing mirror)
- Dry-erase marker
- Microfiber cloth

Music and Sound Effects:

- Calm music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Conversation Starter 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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- Put the mirror, dry-erase marker, and microfiber cloth where the Communicator can access it.

Supplies:

- Host
- Painter's plastic or plastic tablecloth
- 2 easels (You can also pre-determine 4 leaders to hold the posterboards while the kids paint—2 leaders per posterboard)
- 2 small tables (to put the paint on while the kids are painting)
- 6 posterboards (2 per round)
- 2 sets of washable paint
- 6 smaller paintbrushes
- Tape
- 2 wooden spoons
- 2 tennis rackets
- 2 brooms
- Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown
- 6 kid volunteers (2 per round—ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)
- Music and Sound Effects
- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Upbeat music to use for the game
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- Game Slide 1: Masterpiece Mayhem Title
- Bottom Line Slide
- Optional Videos
- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro

- Worship Leader(s)
- Music and Sound Effects
- "Let Everything That Has Breath" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Who You Say I Am" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide
- Communicator
- Bible
- Table
- Mirror (could be a small or standing mirror)
- Dry-erase marker
- Microfiber cloth
- Music and Sound Effects
- Calm music to use as kids exit the room
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Conversation Starter 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. Painter's plastic or plastic tablecloth	1
3. 2 easels (You can also pre-determine 4 leaders to hold the posterboards while the kids paint—2 leaders per posterboard)	1
4. 2 small tables (to put the paint on while the kids are painting)	1
5. 6 posterboards (2 per round)	1
6. 2 sets of washable paint	1
7. 6 smaller paintbrushes	1
8. Tape	1
9. 2 wooden spoons	1
10. 2 tennis rackets	1
11. 2 brooms	1
12. Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown	1
13. 6 kid volunteers (2 per round—ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)	1

Who You Say I Am Worship Song	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Memory Verse	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Bible Story (Live)	Quantity
1. Communicator	1
2. Bible	1
3. Table	1
4. Mirror (could be a small or standing mirror)	1
5. Dry-erase marker	1
6. Microfiber cloth	1

Large Group Game | Masterpiece Mayhem**Quantity**

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| 1. | Painters Plastic or Plastic Tablecloth | 1 |
| 2. | Easels or 2 Leaders to hold the posterboard | 2 |
| 3. | Posterboards | 6 |
| 4. | Washable Paint | Several |
| 5. | Smaller Paintbrushes | 6 |
| 6. | Tape | 1 |
| 7. | Wooden Spoons | 2 |
| 8. | Tennis Rackets | 2 |
| 9. | Brooms | 2 |

Let Everything That Has Breath | Worship Song**Quantity**

- | | | |
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| 1. | Worship Leader(s) | 1 |
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WEEK

TWO

Preteen | W2

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2026, Week 2

Bible Story: Created for a Purpose • Ephesians 2:10, 1 Timothy 4:12

Bottom Line: God made me for a purpose.

Conversation Starter: What purpose did God make you for?

Monthly Memory Verse: How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. • Psalm 139:14 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

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot

Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions

Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You

Prayer Activity: Make It Personal with Prayer

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

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



Bible Story

Created for a Purpose • Ephesians 2:10, 1 Timothy 4:12

Conversation Starter

What purpose did God make you for?

Bottom Line

God made me for a purpose.

Memory Verse

How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. • Psalm 139:14 NIV

10 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

	Host	1
	6 posterboards (2 per round)	1
	2 easels (or 4 pre-determined leaders to hold posterboards—2 leaders per posterboard)	1
	4 rolls of masking tape	1
	Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown	1
	4 kid volunteers (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)	1

Setting the Tone for the Experience

What You Say:

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome to [Environment Name]! I'm really glad you're here today. This month, we're in a series called 'Masterpiece—Made by God,' and we've been talking about how we are God's masterpiece—His favorite creation!

"Today is going to be a good one. Now, to get us started, I want you to turn to someone near you and ask, 'How was your week ... for real?' Go!

(Pause while kids talk to each other.)

"Awesome! Some of you had a great week. Some of you had a wild week. And some of you clearly just woke up five minutes ago. I see you!

"One more thing: Turn to someone else, and tell them one word that describes your day so far. Just one word. Go!

(Pause while kids talk to each other.)

"Alright! This room is officially awake.

"Today, we're kicking off with something creative and fast. And definitely something you can't prepare for.

(Hold up a roll of masking tape.)

"This is all you get. Just tape. And what you do with it is either going to reveal some hidden artistic talent ... or give the rest of us the chance to figure out what you created!

"Today's game is called 'Rapid Shapes!'

5 min

Large Group Game | Rapid Shapes

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

GAME SLIDE 1: Rapid Shapes Title

"I'm going to need two teams of two. If you're ready to play, raise your hand!"

(Pick four volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised, and split them into two teams of two. Have each team stand in front of a posterboard, and give each player one roll of masking tape.)

"Here's how it works: Each round, I'll give you something to create. You have one minute to create that shape on your posterboard using only masking tape. Masking tape and creativity.

"Everyone else, your job is simple. Cheer them on! Make this place feel like a live design contest.

"Then, I'll choose the winner of each round based on creativity. Sound good?"

"Okay, teams, your first shape is ... a globe.

"Ready ... set ... go!"

Optional Video: One-Minute Countdown

(Start one-minute countdown. Allow the teams to create with the masking tape until the one-minute countdown is up.)

"Is that Antarctica I see? I see the North Pole! Wow, those look incredible!"

"And ... time! Step away from your tape creations!"

(Pick a winner based on creativity, and celebrate both teams.)

"Great job to both of our teams! You guys can take your seats.

"Okay, let's get two more teams up here!"

(Continue with more rounds as time allows. Select four new volunteers at the start of each round, and switch out the used posterboards for new ones at the start of each round.)

(Other suggestions for the kids to make out of tape: a face, ocean waves, a church, a dog, a mountain.)

"That was awesome! Our artists got a different shape every round, but the job stayed the same: Take what you have, and make something out of it. What we're learning about today is God taking something and being very intentional in creating it for a purpose. Any guesses on what that would be?"

(Pause while kids respond.)

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

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God made me for a purpose. Let's all say it together!"

10 min

Worship | Amazing Music

5 min

Every Move I Make | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everyone! Before we sing today, we need to be reminded that worship isn't just singing songs. It's about remembering who God is and who we are because of Him.

"Think about your week. Think about the moments that felt fun, confusing, stressful, or overwhelming. God was with you through all of them. The same God who created galaxies is the God who created you on purpose. He knows you. He sees you. And He made you for something bigger than you even realize.

"With that in mind, we're going to start with a song that reminds us that every step we take can be taken with God. You don't walk alone. Even when you don't know the whole plan for your life, God leads you, guides you, and walks with you every step of the way.

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

"That was amazing! Now we're going to move to our next song, 'Worthy of It All.'

"Sometimes worship is loud. Sometimes worship is quiet. But every moment of worship is a chance to say, 'God, You deserve everything from me because You made me, You love me, and You are so very good.'

"This next song reminds us that God isn't just a part of our life—He's the center of it! And He's worthy of it all.

"Let's sing together!

5 min

Worthy of It All | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

What You Say:

SONG: "Worthy of It All" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"That was beautiful worship! Let's pray and talk to God for a minute, friends.

"God, thank You for being close to us. Thank You for creating us with purpose, for loving us before we ever loved You, and for inviting us to trust You with every step. Help us hear You clearly today. Show us the purpose You created us for, and help us live it out. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

"Now it's time to go over the Memory Verse we're learning this month! David wrote this in the book of Psalms, and he understood something that's often easy to forget: God didn't create you by accident. He didn't throw you together or make you the same as everyone else. The God who designed sunsets, mountains, and oceans also designed you—on purpose and for a purpose, with intention and care.

"And since God made you intentionally, then your purpose isn't something random. It's not something you have to force or chase or stress about. It flows out of who God already made you to be.

"Let's look at our Memory Verse. It's Psalm 139:14! I'll read it first, then we'll say it together.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: *"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 NIV).*

"Now let's say it together!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 NIV).*

WORSHIP LEADER: "When you believe the truth in this verse, it changes how you see yourself. You stop trying to be someone else. You stop letting the world define you. And you start realizing: God made me. God loves me. God has a purpose for me. And He knows exactly what He's doing with my life.

"Thanks for worshipping with me today, friends!"

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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- Pre-determine a leader to dim the lights when prompted to in the script.

5 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

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- Pre-determine a leader to dim the lights when prompted to in the script.

5 min

Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

	Communicator	1
	Bible	1
	Table	1
	Flashlight	1
	Pre-determined leader (to dim the lights during the teaching)	1

What You Say:

BIBLE STORY (COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT)

SLIDE: Theme Background

(Things to have ready: Set up the table at the front of the teaching area so the Communicator can place their Bible on it and read from it. Flashlight on the table and a leader ready to dim the lights.)

Introduction

COMMUNICATOR: "What's up, everyone? I'm so excited to be with you today! This month, we're in a series called 'Masterpiece—Made by God,' and we've been talking about how we are God's masterpiece—His favorite creation!

"As we dive in to learn more today, I want to start with something fun. When I was your age, I had some pretty crazy ideas about what I wanted to be when I grew up. At one point, I wanted to be a _____.

"And then, I changed my mind completely and wanted to be a _____.

"Then, a little later, I changed my mind again. And honestly, most people do. It's completely normal.

"Some of you already have big dreams. Some of you are still figuring it out. Some of you change your mind every couple of weeks. And some of you are like, 'Please stop asking me what I want to be. I don't know yet.' And that's okay!

"Here's the good news: Today is not about having your whole future planned out. Today is about something bigger. Something that's true about you right now, no matter what job you end up having one day.

"God has an amazing purpose for you, a purpose that starts with who you are and how you show Him in the world, and that starts right now, not with choosing the perfect job someday.

"Before we jump in, let's talk about why purpose can feel like such a big deal."

Tension

COMMUNICATOR: "Purpose. That word can feel huge. And a lot of times, when people start talking about purpose, our brains jump straight to the future.

"Suddenly, you feel like you are supposed to know exactly who you will be, what you will do, and how everything will turn out. And if you don't know yet, it can feel like something is wrong with you.

"For some of you, thinking about the future is exciting. You already have ideas and dreams. For others, it feels overwhelming. You hear people ask, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' And all you can think is, 'How am I supposed to know that right now?'"

"And some of you might be super zoned in on doing something for the rest of your life.

"Here's the thing: Most people think purpose is about your future job or figuring out your entire life. But what if purpose isn't something far away—what if it begins with who you belong to and how you reflect God today?"

"Today's Bible Story is going to help us see exactly that."

Truth

COMMUNICATOR: "Today, we are going to look at a truth from the Bible that tells you exactly where your purpose begins. Not with your future job. Not with figuring out your whole life. Not with being the best at something. Your purpose begins with who you belong to. Let's read what the Bible tells us about our purpose:

(Open the Bible and read Ephesians 2:10 NIV.)

We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do.

"This one verse answers a question people spend their whole lives trying to figure out. *Who am I, and why am I here?* And God answers that like this: you are His creation. You belong to Christ Jesus. That means your identity comes first. Before any achievement. Before any talent. Before any future plan.

"You are a child of the King. And because of that identity, you have a purpose.

"Ephesians 2:10 also talks about something else. The good works God prepared for you. These aren't random moments. These aren't accidents. These are the ways God invites you to glorify Him every day.

(Pre-determined leader dims the lights. Turn the flashlight on, and point it to the ground.)

"When we talk about purpose, we sometimes think it's one huge thing waiting somewhere in the future. But God doesn't expect you to know your whole future. He doesn't hand you your entire life plan. Instead, He shows you the next thing. The next good work. The next act of love or courage or obedience that glorifies Him.

"It's like walking with a flashlight in the dark, I might not see all around me, but I can see the next step, and then the next, and then the next. God has good for you right now, not just later. And you, can live in God's purpose, one step at a time. God wants to walk with you today.

(Take more steps as you speak.)

"So what might the next good work be in your life? Maybe it's forgiving someone. Maybe it's sitting with the kid who's alone. Maybe it's choosing honesty when nobody's watching. Maybe it's encouraging someone who's hurting. These things glorify God. These things point to who He is. These things are part of the purpose He created you for.

"These moments might feel small to you, but they are not small to God. Every good work reflects who He is.

(Turn the flashlight off. Pre-determined leader turns the lights back on.)

"Now let's see how this played out in the life of someone in the Bible. His name was Timothy.

"Timothy was one of Paul's best friends. Timothy lived in the town of Lystra—and his family was different from everyone else's. Timothy's mom was Jewish, but his father was Greek. It probably wasn't easy for Timothy—trying to live in both worlds.

"After Paul visited Lystra, Timothy became a believer in Jesus! Remember how we talked about 'good works'? Timothy started doing those. Timothy didn't just learn about God, he lived it out. He served the church. He cared about people and helped them follow Jesus too. In his own 'Timothy' way, with the life God had given him, he did good works.

"Later, when Paul returned, many of the believers had good things to say about Timothy. Though Timothy was young, he was already doing lots of things that showed he was following Jesus. Paul needed someone to help him tell people about Jesus. And he could see that not only did Timothy love Jesus, but that because of his family, Timothy would be comfortable talking with people who were from all different backgrounds.

"All of this made Timothy a perfect fit to travel with Paul! God hadn't wasted a thing in Timothy's life. Later, Paul even left Timothy in charge of the church in Ephesus. Paul wanted Timothy to know something important: Being young didn't stop God from using him. Paul wrote to him—

(Open your Bible and read 1 Timothy 4:12 NIV.)

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure.

"Paul wrote that because he wanted Timothy to understand something we need to understand too: you don't glorify God someday, once you're older. You glorify God now. Through your next step. Through your next choice. Through your next act of love.

"Timothy didn't know his whole future. He didn't know he'd travel with Paul. He didn't know he'd help lead a church. He didn't know God would use him as a young man to strengthen believers all over the ancient world. He just followed Jesus faithfully. He did the good works in front of him. He did those good works in Lystra, and he did them when he was in Ephesus.

"Your big purpose is the same as Timothy's—to glorify God. To show the world how good He is. Your daily purpose is to do the next good work He puts in front of you. And God uses all the details of your life, your personality, your gifts, your relationships, even your challenges, to shape you for those good works. Just like God used Timothy's family background to prepare him to talk to lots of different people about Jesus, God isn't wasting a thing in your life.

(Pre-determined leader dims the lights again. Turn the flashlight back on, and take more steps.)

"When you walk with Jesus, your purpose becomes clearer step by step. You belong to Him. You reflect Him. And you glorify Him through every good work He calls you to.

"You don't need the whole plan. You don't need to have life figured out. You just need to know who you belong to ... and trust Him with your next step."

(Turn the flashlight off. Pre-determined leader turns the lights back on.)

Application

COMMUNICATOR: "Think back to what we just read in Ephesians 2:10. Before God talked about good works, before He talked about purpose, He said something even more important. He said we are His creation, created to belong to Christ Jesus. That means your purpose doesn't start with what you do. It starts with who you belong to.

"You are a child of the King. And then, out of who you are, you are to do the good works He prepared for you. That means He has everyday ways for you to glorify Him in your real life. Not someday far away, not after you choose a career, not when you're older. Right now.

"God doesn't give us the whole future all at once. He gives us the next good work. The next opportunity to glorify Him. The next moment to choose love, kindness, honesty, patience, or courage. The next moment to look like Jesus and show His love.

"Timothy lived this out. He didn't wait until he was older or more experienced or more confident. He didn't let his age or his background stop him. He simply said yes to the good works in front of him. And God used him in incredible ways, not because he had his life figured out, but because he trusted God with the next step.

"And the same thing is true for you. You don't need a perfect plan for your future. You don't need to choose the 'right' job right now. You don't need

everything figured out. Because your purpose isn't about predicting your future. Your purpose is about glorifying God today. It's about showing the world how good He is so they see He's worth following.

"And the way you glorify God, the way you point out His goodness, is by doing the good works He puts right in front of you. The small moments you think don't matter. The decisions you make when no one sees. The way you treat people. The way you speak. The way you choose to love others, even when it's hard.

"So let me ask you something real: Since God created you for a purpose, and since you already belong to Him, what is the next good work He is putting in front of you this week? Who can you encourage? Who can you help? Where can you choose honesty or courage or kindness? How can you glorify God with the step He's showing you right now?"

10 min

Closing

5 min

Landing

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

What You Say:

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "Today, we learned something huge: Purpose isn't something you have to chase into your future. It's not about choosing the perfect job or figuring out your whole life. Before anything else, God says you are His creation. You belong to Christ Jesus. You are a child of the King.

"And then, out of who you are, He created good works that only you can do.

"That's what our Bottom Line today is all about! Let's take a look.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God made me for a purpose. Let's say it together!"

COMMUNICATOR AND KIDS: **[Bottom Line]** "God made me for a purpose."

COMMUNICATOR: "Nice! Now, before we head to Small Groups, I want to leave you with one last question to think about.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] "What purpose did God make you for?"

"This is the question I want you to take seriously today: What purpose did God make you for?"

"As we saw today, your purpose starts with who you are: a child of the King. And then you are to do the good works God has prepared for you.

"Why are there good works prepared for you to do? Well, those good works show the world who God is. Good works are one of the ways you show the world that you are God's and you are living like Him. Good works are one of the ways you glorify or make much of God.

"God has prepared good works for you: What might those be this week? Who could you encourage? Who could you include? Who needs kindness? Where do you need to choose truth? What situation in your life needs a little more Jesus in it?"

"These aren't random moments. These are real ways God wants to use you right now. You don't have to make it complicated. You just start with

this question: Since I belong to Jesus, how can I show the world more of who He is today?

"In your Small Groups, talk about what that looks like. Talk about the gifts you have. Talk about what others see in you. And talk about what the next good work might be that God is putting in front of you."

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

PRAYER

COMMUNICATOR: "Let's pray together."

"God, thank You for creating each one of us with a purpose. We belong to You. Help us remember that our big purpose is to glorify You and show the world what You're like through the way we live. Help us see the next good work You've put in front of us today, and give us courage to take that step. Remind us that even small things matter to You and that You can use us right now, no matter our age, to point people to You. Thank You for walking with us, step by step, and for shaping us to reflect You more and more. We love You, God, and we want to glorify You in everything we do. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video: Theme Loop

Getting Ready | Preteen Large Group

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

APlay

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

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

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
- 6 posterboards (2 per round)
- 2 easels (or 4 pre-determined leaders to hold posterboards—2 leaders per posterboard)
- 4 rolls of masking tape
- Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown
- 4 kid volunteers (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)

Music and Sound Effects:

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

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Game Slide 1: Rapid Shapes Title
- Bottom Line Slide

Optional Videos:

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro
- One-Minute Countdown

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.

- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.
- *Optional:* Download a countdown video from a royalty-free site. Load it into your presentation software and have it ready to play during the Opener. You could also keep time on a smartphone or watch. *Note: Some presentation software, such as ProPresenter, includes a built-in countdown clock that can be overlaid on a still image.*
- Set up the two easels in the game area, and put a posterboard on each one. (You can also pre-determine four leaders to hold the posterboards during the game—two leaders per posterboard.)
- Put the masking tape and four extra posterboards (for more rounds) in the game area.

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Every Move I Make" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Worthy of It All" - 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:

- Communicator
- Bible
- Table
- Flashlight
- Pre-determined leader (to dim the lights during the teaching)

Music and Sound Effects:

- Calm music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
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Supplies:

- Host
- 6 posterboards (2 per round)
- 2 easels (or 4 pre-determined leaders to hold posterboards—2 leaders per posterboard)
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- Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown
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- Theme Intro
- One-Minute Countdown
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- Music and Sound Effects
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- Theme Slide
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- Bible
- Table
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- Theme Background Slide
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Supplies

Opener	Quantity
1. Host	1
2. 6 posterboards (2 per round)	1
3. 2 easels (or 4 pre-determined leaders to hold posterboards—2 leaders per posterboard)	1
4. 4 rolls of masking tape	1
5. Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown	1
6. 4 kid volunteers (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)	1

Every Move I Make Worship Song	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Worthy of It All Worship Song	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Bible Story (Live)	Quantity
1. Communicator	1
2. Bible	1
3. Table	1
4. Flashlight	1
5. Pre-determined leader (to dim the lights during the teaching)	1

WEEK

THREE

Preteen | W3

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2026, Week 3

Bible Story: In All Things God Works for Good • Romans 8:28-29

Bottom Line: God can use all things.

Conversation Starter: What do you need to trust God with?

Monthly Memory Verse: How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well • Psalm 139:14 Nlrv

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

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot

Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions

Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You

Prayer Activity: Make It Personal with Prayer

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

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



Bible Story

In All Things God Works for Good • Romans 8:28-29

Conversation Starter

What do you need to trust God with?

Bottom Line

God can use all things.

Memory Verse

How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well • Psalm 139:14 Nlrv

10 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

-  Host 1
-  Stool or table 1
-  Buzzer or random object (plush ball, foam block, cone, rubber chicken, etc.) 1
-  2 kid volunteers (Ask for two new volunteers at the start of each round!) 1

Setting the Tone for the Experience

What You Say:

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

(Things to have ready: Table or stool set up in the game area. Buzzer or random object on the stool. Game Slide 1. Game Slides 2-11: Quick Take. Bottom Line Slide)

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome to [Environment Name]! Turn to someone next to you and say, 'I'm glad you made it!' Go ahead, tell them!"

(Pause while kids talk to each other.)

"Now, turn to someone else and say, 'Your hair looks fantastic today!'"

(Pause while kids talk to each other.)

"So nice of you all!"

"I'm glad you're here. Every week, we get to show up, hang out, and figure out more about the amazing God who created us. And this month, we're in a series called 'Masterpiece—Made by God.' We've been talking about what it means to be God's masterpiece. Not perfect ... but purposeful. It's going to be great!"

"But before we get to that, we're going to kick things off with a game that tests your speed, your memory, and your ability to notice details others might miss."

5 min

Large Group Game | Quick Take

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

GAME SLIDE 1: Quick Take Title

"I need two brave competitors to go head-to-head in 'Quick Take!' If you're fast, alert, and mildly competitive, raise your hand!

(Pick two volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised, invite them to the game area, and have them stand on either side of the stool/table with the buzzer/random object between them.)

"Alright, here's how this works: I'm going to show an image on the screen for ten seconds. The moment it disappears, I'll ask one question.

"Whoever hits the buzzer/grabs the object first gets to answer. If you're right, you win the round. If you're wrong, your opponent gets a shot. Sound good?

AUDIO: Upbeat music

"Okay, competitors ... eyes on the screen. Your ten seconds start now!

GAME SLIDE 2: Quick Take (Key Object: Red arrow)

(Keep the slide up for ten seconds, then take it down.)

"Question: What color was the arrow? GO!

(Whichever kid hits the buzzer or grabs the random object first gets to answer.)

"Alright, you grabbed it first! What's your answer?

(If the first kid guesses right, they win the round. Celebrate both players, have them take a seat, and start a new round.)

(If the first kid guesses wrong, the second kid can answer. If both kids guess wrong, let the audience help them out. Celebrate both players, have them take a seat, and start a new round.)

(As time allows, continue with more rounds. Ask for two new volunteers at the start of each round. Use the game slides and questions below for more rounds—one game slide and question per round.)

GAME SLIDE 3: Quick Take (Key Object: Clock showing 3:00) (Question: What time was on the clock?)

GAME SLIDE 4: Quick Take (Key Object: Four stars) (Question: How many stars were there?)

GAME SLIDE 5: Quick Take (Key Object: Pink heart) (Question: What shape was pink?)

GAME SLIDE 6: Quick Take (Key Object: Snow-covered mountain) (Question: Was the mountain covered with snow or not?)

GAME SLIDE 7: Quick Take (Key Object: Open book) (Question: What object was open?)

GAME SLIDE 8: Quick Take (Key Object: Left-pointing arrow) (Question: Which direction was the arrow pointing?)

GAME SLIDE 9: Quick Take (Key Object: 4 paintbrushes) (Question: How many paintbrushes were there?)

GAME SLIDE 10: Quick Take (Key Object: Man running) (Question: Was the man running or sitting?)

GAME SLIDE 11: Quick Take (Key Object: 3 frames) (Question: How many frames were there?)

"You guys made some great and interesting choices! Love to see it!

"Looks like it's time to learn our Bottom Line for today.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God can use all things. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "God can use all things."

HOST: "Great job, friends! We will be learning more about that soon!"

10 min

Worship | Amazing Music

5 min

Let Everything Has Breath | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everyone! Go ahead and stand with me. Before we sing anything, I want you to think about this: Sometimes we walk into a place carrying stuff nobody else knows about. Maybe something happened this week that you didn't expect. Maybe there's something going on at home or with friends that feels messy. Maybe you're wondering why something in your life is the way it is.

"The amazing thing is ... God sees all of it. Worship is our chance to say, 'God, even when I don't understand everything, I trust You.' So let's start by lifting our voices and giving Him all the praise we've got.

*SONG: "Let Everything Has Breath" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental
Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay*

"That was amazing worshipping with you all! This next song is powerful because it reminds us of this truth: God is a Way Maker. That means when things feel confusing, broken, or don't make sense yet, God is still moving. He's still working. And He can take things that feel hard or frustrating or disappointing and use them for something good.

"So right now, think about something in your life that feels uncertain. Something you don't totally understand. Something you need God's help with. Hold it in your mind, and let this song be a prayer as you trust Him with it.

5 min

Way Maker | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

What You Say:

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

"That was beautiful worship! Let's talk to God for a minute, friends.

"God, thank You that You see us and love us in every moment—the good ones, the hard ones, and the ones we don't even know how to talk about. Thank You that You never waste anything in our lives. Even the things we don't understand, You can use for good. You are a Way Maker, and we can trust You. Help us open our hearts today so we can see and understand how deeply You care for us and how You work in all things. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

"Let's take a moment to look at our Memory Verse for this month. This verse is so important because it reminds us of something that's true before anything else in our lives even begins. It's Psalm 139:14!

"It tells us this truth: God creates with intention, purpose, and incredible detail. Nothing about you is random. And that's what this verse is talking about! I'll go ahead and read it, then we'll say it together.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: *"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 NIV).*

"Now let's all say it together—nice and loud!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 NIV).*

WORSHIP LEADER: "This verse reminds us that God didn't make a mistake when He made you. He didn't leave out pieces. He didn't overlook anything. Know that God created you, and God loves what He created. Keep memorizing this verse throughout the week. Keep standing on God's truth, and it will change how you view yourself and others.

"Thanks for worshipping with me today, friends!"

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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- Then show the finished cookie example.

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

	Communicator	1
	Bible	1
	Table	1
	Cookie ingredients (flour, baking soda, salt, melted butter, sugar, vanilla extract, eggs, and chocolate chips)	1
	Clear bowl	1
	Spoon	1
	Baked cookies	1
	Cookie sheet	1
	Cloth or paper towels to cover the baked cookies	1

What You Say:

BIBLE STORY (COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT)

SLIDE: Theme Background

(Things to have ready: Set up the table at the front of the teaching area so the Communicator can place their Bible on it and read from it. All cookie ingredients, bowl, and spoon ready on the table. Baked cookies on a cookie sheet covered on the table.)

COMMUNICATOR: "Let's dive into our third week of our series: 'Masterpiece—Made by God.' All month long, we've been talking about what it means to be God's masterpiece!

"To get started, I need your help with something. I'm going to say a scenario, and you respond by raising your hand if it's happened to you. Ready?

"First one: Raise your hand if you've ever had a plan fall apart. Maybe a project, a test, a game, or just your whole day ... and it went nowhere close to what you pictured.

"Oh, yeah, it happens more than we would like to admit, right?

"Next one: Raise your hand if you've ever had something happen that you didn't understand until later. Maybe it ended up being better than you thought. Maybe something good came out of it.

"Okay, one more. Raise your hand if there's something in your life right now that you wish made more sense.

"Thank you for answering! Here's why we're doing this. Every single one of us has moments we don't love, moments that confuse us, moments that don't go the way we planned. But here's what's incredible: God doesn't waste any of it.

"Today, we're learning that God can use all things for good. Not just the happy parts of your story. But even the moments you raised your hand for. Even the things you'd rather skip."

Tension

COMMUNICATOR: "Here's the thing about those moments you raised your hand for—the ones you didn't plan, didn't want, or didn't understand. When we're in them, they don't feel meaningful. They don't feel important. Most of the time, they just feel ... frustrating.

"Because when something in our life goes wrong or feels confusing, our first thought usually isn't, 'Wow, I bet God is doing something amazing with this.'

"It's more like, 'Why is this happening? What am I supposed to do with this? How could anything good come from this?'"

"And it doesn't have to be huge, life-changing stuff. Sometimes it's the everyday things: a fight with a friend. Bombing a quiz you studied for. A day where everything feels off. Feeling left out. Having something you hoped for fall apart.

"Other times it's bigger things like family stress, health issues, or moments when you feel alone or worried about the future.

"In moments like those, it's easy to think that the hard parts of our story don't matter ... or worse, that they're just random or painful. But what if there's more happening than what we can see? What if God can work with the parts of our story we'd never choose? What if He doesn't throw away the confusing pieces ... but actually uses them for something good?

"That's exactly what we're going to look at today. Because the Bible teaches something surprising, let's get to it."

Truth

COMMUNICATOR: "Today's story comes from something Paul wrote to the church in Rome. And what he wrote has encouraged people for thousands of years, even in seasons when life felt confusing or difficult. This truth teaches us something huge about how God works in our lives.

(Open your Bible and read Romans 8:28-29 NIV.)

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with his purpose. God planned that those he had chosen would become like his Son. In that way, Christ will be the first and most honored among many brothers and sisters.

"Let's stop there for a second. Paul, the writer of this, wrote: *in all things God works for the good of those who love him*. All things. This verse does not say everything in your life will feel good. It does not say everything that happens is good. And it definitely doesn't say God causes every hard thing. But it does say something incredibly hopeful: God works for good in all things. Not just the good days. Not just the victories. Not just the moments that make sense. All things. Even the moments you would never choose.

"God is shaping us to become more like Jesus. When God works in all things, the goal is not to make life perfect; it's to make us more like Jesus. God uses the confusing things, the frustrating things, the painful things, and the beautiful things. Nothing is wasted with Him. And this isn't just an idea. We see examples of this all throughout Scripture.

"Think about Moses. Moses was born during a horrible moment in history when Pharaoh commanded that all Hebrew baby boys be killed. That was not good. But God protected Moses, and he ended up being

raised in Pharaoh's palace. He learned to read, write, lead, and think at a level most people never had the chance to.

"Later, he made a terrible choice and ran away from Egypt to hide. He lived as a shepherd for forty years. Imagine how long that must have felt. Forty years of wondering if he ruined everything. But when Moses was eighty years old, God called him to lead His people out of slavery in Egypt. And suddenly, all of Moses' story came together. His palace education helped him speak to Pharaoh. His years as a shepherd trained him to guide people. His failures taught him humility. God used the difficult things in Moses' life for something good, even when Moses couldn't see it at the time.

"And then there's Paul himself: the person who wrote the letter that the truth we looked at earlier comes from. After Paul began following Jesus, his life didn't get easier. As he went around telling people about Jesus, he was beaten, arrested, shipwrecked, hungry, and even thrown in prison. None of that felt good. But God used it for good. While Paul was stuck in prison, unable to travel or preach, he wrote letters. Letters that eventually became books of the New Testament. Letters that still help us today. God didn't waste Paul's suffering. He worked through it.

"And that's what Paul meant when he wrote that God works for good in all things. It doesn't mean the hard things suddenly feel good or disappear. It means God can use things in your life for good, and shape you to look more like Jesus. Even the parts that feel confusing or painful right now.

"Let me show you something that might help us understand this a little more.

"Up here, I have everything you need to make cookies. Flour, eggs, salt, vanilla, sugar, butter, baking soda—and of course—chocolate chips. Some of these ingredients taste great by themselves. Some of them taste horrible. A spoonful of flour? Not good. A raw egg? Definitely not good. Vanilla smells amazing, but tastes awful. Salt on its own? Not helping anyone.

(Dump flour messily into the bowl so it puffs into the air. Mix ingredients and spill some.)

"And this is what life can feel like sometimes. Some moments are sweet. Some moments are not. Some things make sense. Some things don't. Some things you wish you could skip. And when you look at everything all together, it's easy to wonder how anything good could possibly come out of it.

(Mix the batter. Show how lumpy and messy it looks.)

"Right now, this is pretty messy. But when someone who knows what they're doing takes all these ingredients—even the ones you don't like on their own—and mixes them together for the right purpose ...

(Uncover the tray of baked cookies.)

Something good comes out of it. The ingredients didn't look good on their own. Or even taste good on their own. But in the hands of a baker, and baked at the right temperature for the right time, they become something completely different.

(Hold up a baked cookie and take a bite.)

"Buying the ingredients, following the recipe, spilling the ingredients, waiting for them to bake, waiting for them to cool—all worth it. Not every moment in your life is going to be good. But God can work through every moment in your life for good. He can use the parts that feel sweet, the parts that feel bitter, and the parts that feel confusing. God sees the whole picture when all we can see is one ingredient at a time.

"You don't have to pretend everything is good. You don't have to like everything that happens. But you can trust the One who is working for good. Because God never wastes anything. He is good, good, good. And when you belong to Him, He will use all things to shape you into someone who looks more like Jesus."

Application

COMMUNICATOR: "When Paul wrote that God works for good in all things, he wasn't giving us a quick, easy answer to the hard moments in life. He wasn't saying, 'Don't worry, everything's fine.' He was reminding us that even when things aren't fine, God is still working, and He's working for good. This doesn't mean that God *causes* hard things to happen—but it does mean that God is so good and powerful, He can work good through every single thing in our lives.

"You might have something in your life that you wish were different. Maybe it's something happening at home or school. Maybe it's something you struggle with. Maybe it's a disappointment, a frustration, or a situation you can't control. And sometimes those things can make you wonder where God is, or why this is happening, or how anything good could come out of it.

"Remember this messy bowl from earlier? You might be looking at only one ingredient of your life right now. One moment. One situation. One part of your story. But God sees the whole thing. He knows how every piece fits together.

"Some of you are facing things that feel really heavy. And maybe you've thought, 'If God is good, why is this so hard?' The truth is, God doesn't promise that everything will feel easy. But He does promise that He is with you in it, and He can work through it. God can use your struggles to build strength in you. He can use your challenges to help you show compassion to others.

"And some of you might be in a season that feels confusing. Maybe things are changing. Maybe friendships look different. Maybe you're dealing with pressure or worry or big decisions. You don't have to pretend those things aren't real. You don't have to pretend they don't

hurt. But you can trust that God is working for good in the middle of them. Even when you can't see it yet.

"What are you facing right now that you need to trust God with? What part of your story feels confusing or frustrating or heavy? And what would it look like to say, 'God, I don't understand everything, but I trust that You're working for good in it'? You don't need to see the whole picture. You just need to trust the good One who does."

LANDING

Communicator: "Today, We Learned That God Doesn't Waste Anything. Even When Life Feels Confusing or Hard, God Can Work Through Every Part of Your Story to Shape You to Be More Like Jesus. Moses Saw It. Paul Saw It. and You'll See It Too. **[Bottom Line] God Can Use All Things.**"

"That's actually our Bottom Line for today! Let's check it out.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God can use all things. Say that with me!"

Kids and Communicator: [Bottom Line] "God Can Use All Things."

COMMUNICATOR: "Before we head to Small Groups, I want to leave you with one last question to think about.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] "What Do You Need to Trust God With?"

"You might have something on your mind today. Something that feels heavy, confusing, or just not how you wish it was. Maybe it's something happening at home. Maybe it's a friendship that changed. Maybe it's a situation you can't fix.

"Since God really works for good in all things, then even the thing you're thinking about right now is something He can work through. So take a second and be honest with yourself: What is one part of your story that you need to hand over to Him? What's the thing you're carrying that God is inviting you to trust Him with?

"That's what your group is going to talk about today. Not the complicated version, not the perfect version, just the real, honest version of what you need God to help you with."

5 min

Closing

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

What You Say:

PRAYER

COMMUNICATOR: "Let's talk to the good, good God, friends.

"God, thank You that nothing in our lives is wasted. Thank You that You see every part of our story—even the parts that feel confusing, frustrating, or hard. Help us trust that You are working for good in all things, even when we can't see how yet. When we face moments that don't make sense, remind us that You are good, You are close, and You are shaping us to become more like Jesus. Give us the courage to trust You with the things we're carrying today. We love You, and we're thankful that You never stop working for good. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video: Theme Loop

Getting Ready | Preteen Large Group

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

APlay

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

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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
- Stool or table
- Buzzer or random object (plush ball, foam block, cone, rubber chicken, etc.)
- 2 kid volunteers (Ask for two new volunteers at the start of each round!)

Music and Sound Effects:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
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Large Group Visuals:

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- Game Slides 2-11: Quick Take
- Bottom Line Slide

Optional Videos:

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro

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- Set up the stool/table in the game area. Put the buzzer/random object on the stool/table.

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Let Everything That Has Breath" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Way Maker" - 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:

- Communicator

- Bible
- Table
- Cookie ingredients (flour, baking soda, salt, melted butter, sugar, vanilla extract, eggs, and chocolate chips)
- Clear bowl
- Spoon
- Baked cookies
- Cookie sheet
- Cloth or paper towels to cover the baked cookies

Music and Sound Effects:

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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 pre-baked cookies with a cloth.
- While teaching, making cookies doesn't have to be exact measurements; this is more just a visual example, make it a little messy on purpose while pouring and mixing.
- Then show the finished cookie example.

Supplies:

- Host
- Stool or table
- Buzzer or random object (plush ball, foam block, cone, rubber chicken, etc.)
- 2 kid volunteers (Ask for two new volunteers at the start of each round!)
- Music and Sound Effects
- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Upbeat music to use for the game
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- Game Slide 1: Quick Take Title
- Game Slides 2-11: Quick Take
- Bottom Line Slide
- Optional Videos
- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro
- Worship Leader(s)
- Music and Sound Effects
- "Let Everything That Has Breath" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Way Maker" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide
- Communicator
- Bible
- Table
- Cookie ingredients (flour, baking soda, salt, melted butter, sugar, vanilla extract, eggs, and chocolate chips)
- Clear bowl
- Spoon
- Baked cookies
- Cookie sheet
- Cloth or paper towels to cover the baked cookies
- Music and Sound Effects
- Calm music to use as kids exit the room
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Background Slide
- Conversation Starter 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. Stool or table	1
3. Buzzer or random object (plush ball, foam block, cone, rubber chicken, etc.)	1
4. 2 kid volunteers (Ask for two new volunteers at the start of each round!)	1

Let Everything Has Breath Worship Song	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Way Maker Worship Song	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Bible Story (Live)	Quantity
1. Communicator	1
2. Bible	1
3. Table	1
4. Cookie ingredients (flour, baking soda, salt, melted butter, sugar, vanilla extract, eggs, and chocolate chips)	1
5. Clear bowl	1
6. Spoon	1
7. Baked cookies	1
8. Cookie sheet	1
9. Cloth or paper towels to cover the baked cookies	1

WEEK

FOUR

Preteen | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2026, Week 4

Bible Story: Woman at the Well • John 4

Bottom Line: Jesus values everyone.

Conversation Starter: What does it mean to value others?

Monthly Memory Verse: How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. • Psalm 139:14 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

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot

Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions

Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You

Prayer Activity: Make It Personal with Prayer

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

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



Bible Story

Woman at the Well • John 4

Conversation Starter

What does it mean to value others?

Bottom Line

Jesus values everyone.

Memory Verse

How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. • Psalm 139:14 NIV

10 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

-  Host 1
-  40 glowsticks (2 per kid) 1
-  Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown 1
-  20 kid volunteers (Ask for 20 new volunteers at the start of each round!) 1

Setting the Tone for the Experience

What You Say:

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

(Things to have ready: Forty pre-cracked glow sticks in the game area. Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown. Game Slide 1. Bottom Line Slide.)

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome to [Environment Name]. I'm really glad you're here!"

"Let me ask you something: Did anything interesting happen to you this week? Maybe you tried something new, something funny happened, or you learned something about yourself. Raise your hand if you'd like to share!"

(Call on two or three kids who have their hands raised, and let them share.)

"I love it! That's one of the things I enjoy about this group: nobody's story is the same. Every one of you brings something different into this room. And that fits perfectly with what we're talking about this month: being God's masterpiece!"

"Our series this month is called 'Masterpiece—Made by God,' and we've been learning about how we weren't created randomly or accidentally. God created us on purpose and for a purpose!"

"Today, we're learning something huge: **[Bottom Line] Jesus values everyone.** Even people who feel overlooked. Even people who don't think they matter much. Every single person. And we're going to get there ... but first, we need to get this room awake."

"Let's kick things off with some creativity and glowsticks in a game I like to call ... 'Neon Art Party!'"

5 min

Large Group Game | Neon Art Party

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

"I need two teams of ten. If you want to jump in, and you're not afraid of a little stage time, raise your hand!"

(Choose twenty kids from the ones who have their hands raised, invite them to the game area, and divide them into two teams of ten. Give each kid two glowsticks.)

"Each of you gets glowsticks. Here's how the game works: I'm going to give you a shape. When the music starts, your team has two minutes to work together and create that shape using nothing but the glowsticks.

"When I say, 'Freeze!' you stop. Then, the audience will vote on which team made the clearest shape. Sound good?"

"Okay, teams ready? Audience ready? Let's start Round One.

ROUND 1

HOST: "Your shape is a lightning bolt. You have two minutes. Go!"

Optional Video: Two-Minute Countdown

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Dim the lights. Allow the kids to arrange the glow sticks until the two-minute countdown is up.)

"Team One is already in a serious discussion about angles. Team Two looks confident. Or confused! Hard to tell from here.

"And ... freeze!"

(Stop audio.)

"Audience, what do you think? How did Team One do?"

(Pause while the audience reacts.)

"What about Team Two? Does this look like a lightning bolt to you?"

(Pause while the audience reacts.)

(Announce the winning team based on audience reaction, celebrate both teams, and dismiss them to their seats.)

"Great work, everyone! Let's bring up a new set of players for Round Two.

(Turn the lights on.)

(As time allows, continue with more rounds. Ask for twenty new volunteers at the start of each round. Suggestions for other shapes the kids can make with glow sticks: a star, a heart, a smiley face, the word "Art.")

"Wow! What a great time! You guys worked all worked so well together AND made some pretty insane neon art! Great job, everyone!"

"It's time to unpack our Bottom Line for today. This one means a lot, so let's zone in on it."

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Jesus values everyone. Let's say it together!"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "Jesus values everyone."

HOST: "Great job today, friends! Now get ready, because we're going to talk more about how important that is very soon."

10 min

Worship | Amazing Music

5 min

Every Move I Make | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hey, everyone! I’m so excited to be with you all today! Go ahead and stand up with me. Before we jump into our first song, I want you to think about something. All week long, you hear a lot of voices: friends, family, teachers, the internet—everyone has something to say. But right now, for the next few minutes, you get to pause all of that noise and focus on the one voice that actually matters most.

“We can choose to stop everything else and turn our attention toward God. And when we do that, something changes in us. We experience the presence and power of God. Let’s start with a song that reminds us that every step we take, God is right there with us.

SONG: “Every Move I Make” Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

“Awesome! I love hearing you guys sing. This next moment is a little different. Sometimes, life moves fast, and maybe we don’t slow down long enough to notice what’s going on inside us. But Jesus invites us to come to Him with all of it—the good, the bad, the confusing, and even the questions we don’t say out loud.

“This next song is a chance to breathe and say, ‘Jesus, I need You.’ Nothing fancy or complicated. Just honest. Let’s sing together!

5 min

Give Me Jesus | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

What You Say:

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

"Amazing! Jesus isn't just a good teacher or someone from the past. He is the Savior, the King, and the One who holds our lives together. Worship shifts our perspective. Instead of focusing on what we don't have, what we can't control, or what we're worried about, we focus on Jesus, who loves us, leads us, forgives us, and never changes.

"When we say His name and sing His truth, we're reminding our hearts who He actually is: the One who deserves our attention, our trust, and our whole lives. Worship is our way of saying, 'Jesus, You are God, and I want my life to show that.'

"Before we look at our Memory Verse, I want to say something you may not hear very often. Most of us spend a lot of time trying to figure out who we are, what we're good at, what people think of us, and where we fit in. And because of that, it can be easy to let someone else's opinion or a single bad moment define us. The truth God shares with us in the Bible pushes back on that. It reminds us that before anyone else had something to say about you, God already decided your value. That's why this verse matters. It tells you the truth before the world tries to tell you something else.

"I'll read our Memory Verse first, then we'll all say it together.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: *"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 NIV).*

"Let's say it together—nice and loud!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 NIV).*

WORSHIP LEADER: "This verse isn't bragging. It's not about pretending you're perfect or pretending you never struggle. It's about agreeing with what God has already said about you. When God created you, He didn't make a mistake. He didn't leave anything out. And when you repeat this verse, when you speak the truth in it and believe it, His voice will start to have more weight than every other voice in your life, including the negative ones in your own head. The words in this verse are truth. This week, choose to let God define you instead of anything or anyone else.

"Thanks for worshipping with me today!"

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).
- Write on the labels with big bold letters so they are easy to read.
- Make two piles of labels, and write these descriptions on them—one word on each label. First pile: Annoying, Weird, Dramatic, Choices, Too Much. Second Pile: Loved, Seen, Known, Valuable, Image of God.
- Set the two piles of labels and the hoodie on the table.

5 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
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- Set the two piles of labels and the hoodie on the table.

5 min

Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

 Communicator	1
 Bible	1
 Table	1
 Hoodie in a solid color	1
 10 "Hello, My Name Is" Labels or 10 blank name labels	1
 Thick marker	1

What You Say:

BIBLE STORY (COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT)

SLIDE: Theme Background

(Things to have ready: Set up the table at the front of the teaching area so the Communicator can place their Bible on it and read from it. Hoodie and two piles of pre-written labels on the table.)

Introduction

COMMUNICATOR: "Alright, welcome back to 'Masterpiece,' everyone! This month, our series is called: 'Masterpiece—Made by God.' All month long, we've been looking at the truth that we are God's greatest creation!

"Before we jump into today's Bible Story, we're going to try a little warm-up that might help us notice something we don't always pay attention to.

"Here's how it works: I'm going to say a type of person. If you know someone like that, someone in your life who fits that description, I want you to take one step forward. Don't say names or point at anybody. Just take a step and stay there.

"Let's start simple.

"Take one step forward if you know someone who is kind.

"Take one step forward if you know someone who includes others.

"Good job! Okay, now let's go a little deeper.

"Take one step forward if you know someone who gets left out a lot.

"Take one step forward if you know someone people avoid because they've made some bad choices.

"Take one step forward if you know someone who can be difficult to be around.

"Take one step forward if you know someone most people judge before they even get to know them.

"Now stop right where you are. Look at how far you've moved.

"Every step you took represents a real person. Some of them are easy to value, kind, encouraging, and fun to be around. But some of the steps you just took represent people who've messed up. People who are awkward. People who push others away. People who get talked about.

"And here's the part we usually don't think about: Those people matter just as much to Jesus. He doesn't only value the kind, the confident, or the easy to be around. Jesus values the people everyone else avoids. Even the people who made choices that hurt others. Even the ones who feel alone because of their past. **[Bottom Line] Jesus values everyone.**

"Today's Bible Story is about a woman exactly like that—someone no one wanted to be around, someone people judged, someone everyone avoided. But Jesus didn't avoid her.

"And if Jesus valued someone like that ... it means we need to rethink how we value people too."

Tension

COMMUNICATOR: "Have you ever noticed how quickly we make decisions about people? Sometimes it happens in seconds. We see the way someone acts, or something they've done, or the group they hang out with, and our brain already says, 'I already know who they are.' We don't say it out loud, but it shows up in the way we treat them. Maybe we avoid them. Maybe we don't trust them. Maybe we assume the worst before we ever learn the truth.

"And the thing is, people don't usually end up on the outside for no reason. Sometimes they've made choices that hurt others. Sometimes they've done things they regret. Sometimes they've messed up in ways everyone knows about. And once that happens, people tend to back away.

"When someone has a complicated story, or a reputation that isn't great, or behavior that makes us uncomfortable ... we convince ourselves we don't have to value them. We act like their mistakes lower their worth. Like they deserve the distance they get.

"What we don't realize is that behind every reputation is a real person. Someone who made bad choices, with pain, with questions, with needs. Someone who may be carrying more than anyone sees.

"And this matters because Jesus doesn't respond to people the way we do. He doesn't step back. He steps in. He doesn't let someone's worst moments define their value. And sometimes the people we pull away from are the very people Jesus moves toward."

Truth

COMMUNICATOR: "Today's Bible Story is one of the clearest examples of how Jesus values people others overlook.

"Jesus and His disciples were traveling from Judea to Galilee, and the fastest route was through Samaria. But here's what you need to know: Jewish people almost never traveled through Samaria. They went the long way around. Why? Because there was a broken history between Jews and Samaritans—years of arguments, disagreements, and distrust. So choosing to walk through Samaria wasn't normal.

"But Jesus wasn't interested in avoiding people. He was interested in meeting them.

"He stopped by a well outside a town called Sychar. It was the middle of the day, hot, and uncomfortable. And Jesus was sitting at the well.

"A woman came to draw water by herself in the middle of the day. That tells us a lot. She wasn't included with the other women who came early in the morning. Something about her life made her an outsider, someone people whispered about, avoided, or judged.

(Open the Bible and read John 4:7 NIV.)

A woman from Samaria came to get some water. Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

"That one question broke every social rule. A Jewish man talking to a Samaritan woman in public? That didn't happen. She was shocked!

(Open the Bible and read John 4:9-10, 13-14 NIV.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew. I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" She said this because Jews don't have anything to do with Samaritans.

Jesus answered her, "You do not know what God's gift is. And you do not know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would have asked him. He would have given you living water. ..."

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But anyone who drinks the water I give them will never be thirsty. In fact, the water I give them will become a spring of water in them. It will flow up into eternal life."

"Jesus was offering something deeper than water. He was offering life, real life that doesn't run out. See, when our bodies are tired, we need water to refresh us and give us energy. But it only satisfies us for a little while. Jesus gives us something better—the Holy Spirit! When we have the Spirit of God inside of us, it's like having living water, which flows like a fountain. It never runs out, so we'll never be thirsty again! That kind of water sounded so good to the woman.

(Open the Bible and read John 4:15-18 NIV.)

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water. Then I will never be thirsty. And I won't have to keep coming here to get water."

He told her, "Go. Get your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands. And the man you live with now is not your husband. What you have just said is very true."

"Imagine hearing your biggest secrets spoken out loud by someone you just met. Imagine expecting judgment ... but instead, receiving compassion. Jesus didn't bring up her story to embarrass her. He brought it up to show her that He knew all of it, and still cared for her."

"She eventually said to Jesus that she'd been waiting for the Messiah."

(Open the Bible and read John 4:25-26 NIV.)

The woman said, "I know that Messiah is coming." Messiah means Christ. "When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus said, "The one you're talking about is the one speaking to you. I am he."

"Jesus revealed His identity to someone everyone else avoided. Not to a crowd. Not to a religious leader. To her."

(Open the Bible and read John 4:28-30 NIV.)

The woman left her water jar and went back to the town. She said to the people, "Come. See a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Messiah?" The people came out of the town and made their way toward Jesus.

"She was so shocked that she left her water jar behind and ran into town to tell the very people who avoided her. And many of them came out and believed in Jesus because of what she said."

"I need a volunteer to represent someone for me. Raise your hand if you'd like to help me!"

(Select a volunteer from the kids who have their hands raised, invite them to the teaching area, and have them put on the hoodie.)

"This person represents someone we don't always treat well. Someone we think we already know. Someone we've labeled."

(Hand the negative labels one at a time to the volunteer as you teach, and have them put the labels on.)

"Sometimes we label people based on the first thing they do that annoys us."

(Hand the label that says "Annoying" to the volunteer, and have them put it on.)

"Sometimes we label people because they're different."

(Hand the label that says "Weird" to the volunteer, and have them put it on.)

"Sometimes we label people because of something we've heard about them.

(Hand the label that says "Dramatic" to the volunteer, and have them put it on.)

"Sometimes we label people because of choices they've made.

(Hand the label that says "Choices" to the volunteer, and have them put it on.)

"Sometimes we label people because it's easier to judge than to understand.

(Hand the label that says "Too much" to the volunteer, and have them put it on.)

"These labels change the way we see them. We don't talk to them. We avoid them. We assume the worst. We decide their value based on their reputation, their behavior, or a single moment.

"This is exactly how the woman at the well was treated. People didn't see her as a person; they saw her labels. But when Jesus looked at her, He didn't see labels. He saw a person made in God's image. Someone with a real story. Someone worth His time.

(Have the volunteer start removing the negative labels.)

"Jesus talked with her, listened to her, and knew her past and still valued her. She experienced meeting the Messiah, someone who cares deeply for people.

(Hand the positive labels one at a time to the volunteer, and have them put the labels on.)

"Jesus loves everyone. His love isn't conditional—it's unconditional.

(Hand the label that says "Loved" to the volunteer, and have them put it on.)

"Jesus sees the people who are quiet, who want to be invisible.

(Hand the label that says "Seen" to the volunteer, and have them put it on.)

"He knows everything about everyone—the good, the bad, the ugly. And still chooses to love and pursue.

(Hand the label that says "Known" to the volunteer, and have them put it on.)

"People are the most valuable and precious creation God made. People are valuable to Jesus.

(Hand the label that says "Valuable" to the volunteer, and have them put it on.)

"Every person is made in the image of God; that's a big deal. Everyone should be treated with respect, and they have the image of God in them.

(Hand the label that says "Image of God" to the volunteer, and have them put it on.)

"When Jesus sees someone, this is what He sees. No matter what they've done. No matter what others say. No matter how complicated their past is.

"Since Jesus sees people this way, then as His followers, we're called to see them this way too.

"The kid everyone avoids? Jesus sees 'valuable.' The person with a reputation? Jesus sees 'loved.' The kid who pushes people away? Jesus sees 'known.' The kid who makes bad choices? Jesus sees 'valuable.'

"This is how Jesus saw the woman at the well. And this is how He wants us to see others."

Application

COMMUNICATOR: "It's easy to say we value people. It's harder to actually do it.

"Think back to the woman at the well. Everyone in her town had made up their minds. They kept their distance.

"And honestly? We can do the same thing today. Think about someone at school who always sits alone. Someone who's made bad choices that everyone knows about. Someone who tries too hard. Someone who talks too much. Someone who's easy to ignore, or easy to judge, or easy to avoid.

"We don't usually say it out loud, but we decide who they are in our minds. We decide how close we'll let them get. We decide whether they matter to us. But Jesus didn't do that. Jesus moved toward the woman everyone else moved away from.

"So here's a question for you: Who are you moving away from that Jesus might be calling you to move toward?

"Is there someone you've written off because of a rumor? Someone you avoid because they annoy you? Someone you've judged because of what they have done? Someone you've labeled without ever getting to know them? And what would it look like this week if you saw that person the way Jesus sees them? They aren't perfect. No one is. But they are

valuable and created by God. They are worth your time, worth talking to, worth treating them with kindness.

"Jesus didn't wait for the woman to get her life together before He valued her. He valued her first. And that's the kind of love that changes people.

"You might be the only person in someone's life who treats them with value. The only person who listens. The only person who doesn't join in when others judge. The only person who chooses respect instead of labels. God can use you to show someone else what Jesus is like. You can start seeing people the way Jesus does."

10 min

Closing

5 min

Landing

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

What You Say:

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "Today, we saw something powerful in the way Jesus treated the woman at the well. Everyone else saw labels. Everyone else saw her past. Everyone else saw reasons to avoid her. But Jesus saw value. He saw a person worth talking to, worth knowing, worth loving. And because of that moment, her entire story changed."

"That actually reminds me of our Bottom Line for today! Let's check it out."

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Jesus values everyone. Say that with me!"

COMMUNICATOR AND KIDS: **[Bottom Line]** "Jesus values everyone."

COMMUNICATOR: "Now, before we head to Small Groups, I want to leave you with one last question to think about."

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] "What does it mean to value others?"

"When Jesus chose to talk to the woman at the well, He chose someone people avoided. Someone people judged. Someone most people thought wasn't worth their time."

"Every single one of us has someone in our life who needs to know they are valuable. That's why today's question matters. What does it mean to value others? Does it mean slowing down long enough to listen? Is it choosing kindness when you don't feel like it? Is it giving someone a second chance? Is it refusing to join in when others make fun? Is it noticing someone who usually gets ignored? Does it mean seeing someone the way Jesus sees them? Unpack that in your Small Group today."

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

PRAYER

COMMUNICATOR: "Let's pray together, friends."

"God, thank You for showing us what real love looks like. Thank You for seeing people others ignore. And thank You for doing the same for us. Help us notice the people around us who feel alone or overlooked. Help us slow down long enough to listen. Give us courage to move toward people instead of away from them. Teach us to see others the way You see them—with compassion, patience, and value. This week, help us treat people the way You treated the woman at the well. We love You, Jesus, and we want our lives to reflect You. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video: Theme Loop

Getting Ready | Preteen Large Group

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

APlay

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

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

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
- 40 glowsticks (2 per kid)
- Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown
- 20 kid volunteers (Ask for 20 new volunteers at the start of each round!)

Music and Sound Effects:

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

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Game Slide 1: Neon Art Party Title
- Bottom Line Slide

Optional Videos:

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro
- 2-Minute Countdown

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.

- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.
- *Optional:* Download a countdown video from a royalty-free site. Load it into your presentation software and have it ready to play during the Opener. You could also keep time on a smartphone or watch. *Note: Some presentation software, such as ProPresenter, includes a built-in countdown clock that can be overlaid on a still image.*
- Pre-crack the glow sticks so they're ready for the game. Put the glow sticks in the game area.

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Every Move I Make" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Give Me Jesus" - 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:

- Communicator
- Bible
- Table
- Hoodie in a solid color
- 10 "Hello, My Name Is" Labels or 10 blank name labels
- Thick marker

Music and Sound Effects:

- Calm music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Conversation Starter 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

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- Write on the labels with big bold letters so they are easy to read.
- Make two piles of labels, and write these descriptions on them—one word on each label. First pile: Annoying, Weird, Dramatic, Choices, Too Much. Second Pile: Loved, Seen, Known, Valuable, Image of God.

- Set the two piles of labels and the hoodie on the table.

Supplies:

- Host
- 40 glowsticks (2 per kid)
- Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown
- 20 kid volunteers (Ask for 20 new volunteers at the start of each round!)
- Music and Sound Effects
- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Upbeat music to use for the game
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- Game Slide 1: Neon Art Party Title
- Bottom Line Slide
- Optional Videos
- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro
- 2-Minute Countdown
- Worship Leader(s)
- Music and Sound Effects
- "Every Move I Make" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Give Me Jesus" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide
- Communicator
- Bible
- Table
- Hoodie in a solid color
- 10 "Hello, My Name Is" Labels or 10 blank name labels
- Thick marker
- Music and Sound Effects
- Calm music to use as kids exit the room
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Conversation Starter 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. 40 glowsticks (2 per kid)	1
3. Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown	1
4. 20 kid volunteers (Ask for 20 new volunteers at the start of each round!)	1

Every Move I Make | Worship Song

	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Give Me Jesus | Worship Song

	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Bible Story (Live)

	Quantity
1. Communicator	1
2. Bible	1
3. Table	1
4. Hoodie in a solid color	1
5. 10 "Hello, My Name Is" Labels or 10 blank name labels	1
6. Thick marker	1

WEEK

FIVE

Preteen | W5

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2026, Week 5

Bible Story: Gifted Together (Building the Tabernacle) • Exodus 25:1-2, 8-9; 28:1-3; 31:1-11; 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43

Bottom Line: God grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom.

Conversation Starter: What gifts can you use to build God's kingdom?

Monthly Memory Verse: How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. • Psalm 139:14 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

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot

Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions

Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You

Prayer Activity: Make It Personal with Prayer

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

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



Bible Story

Gifted Together (Building the Tabernacle) • Exodus 25:1-2, 8-9; 28:1-3; 31:1-11; 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43

Conversation Starter

What gifts can you use to build God's kingdom?

Bottom Line

God grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom.

Memory Verse

How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. • Psalm 139:14 NIV

10 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

	Host	1
	Table	1
	3 cardboard boxes that are all the same size (more if you plan on doing multiple rounds)	1
	3 rolls of tape (one for each box station)	1
	A few pieces of string for each box station	1
	A few markers for each box station	1
	Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown	1
	3 kid volunteers (Ask for 3 new volunteers at the start of each round!)	1

Setting the Tone for the Experience

What You Say:

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

(Things to have ready: Table set up in the game area. Three "box stations" set up on the table with a cardboard box, a roll of tape, a few pieces of string, and a few markers at each station. Have more cardboard boxes and more "box station" supplies if you plan on doing more rounds. Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown. Game Slide 1. Bottom Line slide.)

OPENER

HOST: "Alright, alright, bring it in! Good to see you all! Let's get started. We're not warming up slowly today; we're jumping straight in. All month long, we've been in our series called 'Masterpiece—Made by God,' and we've been talking about how God made us His masterpiece!

"Today, we're kicking things off with something that's all about creating.

"But first, I need you to turn to someone near you and answer this: What's the craziest or most random thing you've ever created? It could be a fort, a school project, something you built out of boredom—whatever comes to mind. Go ahead and talk to your neighbor!

(Pause while kids talk to each other for a minute or two.)

"I love it! Some of you have built things that make sense ... and some of you have built things that probably should've come with a warning label.

"Today we're going to put some of that creativity to the test. It's time to play ... 'Can You Create It?'

5 min

Large Group Game | Can You Create It?

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

GAME SLIDE 1: Can You Create It? Title

"I need three volunteers who are ready to create something out of ... pretty much nothing. If you're excited, great. If you have no idea what you're doing, but you're ready to try, even better.

"Raise your hand if you'd like to play!

(Pick three kids from the ones who have their hands raised, invite them to the game area, and have each kid stand at a box station.

"Alright, come on up and pick a box station. Here's what you get: one cardboard box, tape, string, and markers.

"Your goal is to turn this box into anything you want. It could be a spaceship, a helmet, an animal, a trophy, an elevator—make a masterpiece! I want to see your creativity! You can rip the box, tape string to it, draw on it—this is your blank canvas!

"Artists, I need to see your hands on your box. Audience, get loud and support our artists!

"Okay, artists ... three ... two ... one ... GO!

Optional Video: Two-Minute Countdown

(Play the game. Allow the kids to work on their boxes until the two-minute countdown is up.)

"I'm seeing strong choices here ... possibly questionable choices ... but strong choices.

"That's it ... commit to the idea! Tape is your friend! Or your enemy, depending on how you use it.

(Once there are ten seconds left on the countdown ...)

"Ten seconds left! Bold moves! Get your box creation finished!"

"And TIME! Step away from the cardboard!

(Allow each kid to describe what their creation is, and celebrate all the creations.)

(Continue with more rounds if time allows. Ask for three new volunteers at the start of each round, and give each kid a new cardboard box at the start of each round.)

"Give it up for all our artists today! That was amazing. Just like that cardboard box, God can take something simple and grow it into

something meaningful. Today, we are going to learn about how God gave people an incredible opportunity to build something beautiful for Him. It's going to be great!

"Looks like it's time to check out our Bottom Line for today.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "God grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom."

HOST: "Great job, friends! Now let's get ready to learn more about that!"

10 min

Worship | Amazing Music

5 min

Let Everything That Has Breath | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hi, everyone! I’m so excited to be here with you! We’re going to take some time to worship God today. Worship isn’t something we do because it’s the next thing on the schedule. It’s a time when we intentionally turn our attention back to the One who designed us in the first place.

“When we worship, we’re choosing to say something true about God, even on days when we’re distracted, confused, or stressed. And our first song today, ‘Let Everything That Has Breath,’ is basically one giant reminder that everything in us—our breath, our creativity, our gifts, our opportunities, our possessions—comes from God. And when you realize that, worship becomes a way of giving back what He’s already given us. It’s a way of saying, ‘God, You’re the source of all of it.’ Let’s sing!

SONG: “Let Everything That Has Breath” Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

“This next song, ‘Build My Life,’ isn’t just a song with cool words—it’s a prayer. It’s you talking directly to God. When you sing, ‘I will build my life upon Your love,’ you’re not just saying a line—you’re asking God to help you build your choices, your decisions, your friendships, your future, everything on something solid. You’re asking Him to shape you, guide you, and grow you. And that is a bold thing to pray. Let’s worship!

5 min

Build My Life | Worship Song

What You Need

 Worship Leader(s)

1

What You Say:

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

"God is worth your worship. As we move into the rest of today, hold onto that. Let your worship be more than a song—let it be the way you live, the way you choose, and the way you let God keep shaping your life into something that reflects Him.

"I want us to look at the Memory Verse we've been learning all month. It's one of those verses that sounds simple at first, but it actually says something huge about who you are and what God is doing in you.

"I'll read it first, then we can all say it together.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: *"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 NIV).*

"Now, let's say it together—nice and loud!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 NIV).*

WORSHIP LEADER: "This verse reminds us that God didn't just make you—He designed you! He put gifts inside you on purpose. Some of those gifts are already showing. Some of them are just getting started. Some of them are still in the 'rough sketch' stage. Remember, you are God's masterpiece—start living it out!

"Thanks for worshipping with me today!"

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

What You Do:

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5 min

Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

-  Communicator
-  Bible
-  Table

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What You Say:

BIBLE STORY (COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT)

SLIDE: Theme Background

(Things to have ready: Set up the table at the front of the teaching area so the Communicator can place their Bible on it and read from it. Teaching Slides 1-8.)

Introduction

COMMUNICATOR: "Hey, everyone! Welcome to the last week of our series: 'Masterpiece—Made by God.' All month long, we've been looking at what the Bible says about how we are God's masterpiece!

"Before we jump into anything today, I want to start with something simple. You're going to need the people around you for this.

"I'm going to give you a few quick questions. Your job is to turn to someone next to you and answer as fast as you can. Ready?

"Here we go ... If you could instantly be amazing at any skill, something you've never tried before, what would it be? Go!

(Pause while kids talk to each other.)

"Nice! Next one. If you could build anything, what would you build? Go!

(Pause while kids talk to each other.)

"Okay, I'm hearing some pretty cool answers. Sounds like we're dreaming big today!

"Last one. Who's someone in your life who does something really well, and you wish you could learn from them? Go!

(Pause while kids talk to each other.)

"Awesome. You guys actually have some solid people in your lives, and it sounds like a lot of you want to learn how to cook, draw, or play guitar.

"Alright, bring it back in. You did great. And here's why I wanted you to think about those questions: Every skill you mentioned ... every person you admire ... everything you imagined building—none of that happens instantly. All of it grows over time. But for some reason, if we're not amazing at what we think we should be good at or if we're still learning, we often shy away from using it. Sometimes we shut ourselves down.

"In this week's Bible Story, we're going to look at how God makes beautiful things out of what people share with Him. As we'll see, God has

put your skills and gifts in you to build something big and beautiful—His kingdom!"

Tension

COMMUNICATOR: "Let's dive in a little further. Have you ever been in a situation where someone expected you to do something ... and you instantly felt like you weren't the right person for it? Maybe it was a school project, a group assignment, a team position, or even something your family asked you to help with.

"Sometimes we look at ourselves and think, 'Why would anyone want me for this? I'm not good enough yet. Other people are way better at this than I am.' And the crazy thing is, we don't always say that out loud, but we feel it. Deep down, we might compare. We might assume we don't have enough to offer.

"Sometimes it's because we've tried something before and it didn't look great. Sometimes it's because someone else seems more talented. And sometimes ... it's just because we don't see what God sees in us. We forget that God doesn't expect instant perfection.

"And then there's the other part, even when we do have a gift or something we're good at... we don't always think it matters. We think, 'It's just drawing,' or 'It's just organizing things,' or 'It's just helping people,' or 'It's just fixing stuff.' We don't think about how our gifts could be used for something bigger than us.

"Because when a gift is in its early stage, when it's a rough version of what it could be, we don't see the end result. It's easy to think God couldn't use something that's still growing.

"But what if that's not true? What if God actually loves starting with gifts that aren't finished yet? What if He takes the things we offer, even when they feel simple or small, and grows them into something bigger than we ever imagined?

"Today's Bible Story is one of the best examples of that. God gave His people a huge job—something that would take skill, creativity, teamwork, and courage. And the people just brought what they had. Let's jump in."

Truth

COMMUNICATOR: "I want to show you something.

TEACHING SLIDE 1 (Lump of clay)

"Take a look at this. This is clay in its most basic form. Just a lump. No shape or detail. Honestly, pretty messy. Nothing special. Most of us see this and think, 'Okay ... and?' But this is where every single pottery piece begins.

TEACHING SLIDE 2 (Shaped, rough clay)

"Now, look at the same clay once someone starts shaping it. It's still rough. Still not something you'd put on display. But you can finally see the beginning of what it might become. It's early, but it's growing.

TEACHING SLIDE 3 (Rough sketch)

"Here's another example. A rough sketch, literally the first version of a drawing. Lines everywhere. No detail. If this were the final product, you might say, 'Nice try,' but this is how every masterpiece starts.

TEACHING SLIDE 4 (Developed sketch)

"And here's that same drawing a little later. It's not finished, but now it has direction. You can tell what it's becoming. Something is developing that wasn't obvious at the beginning.

"Hold onto those images, because today's Bible Story is all about people who just brought what they had, and God used those gifts for something incredible—not for themselves, but for the glory of God.

"God had rescued His people from Egypt. They were finally free. But they were also out in the wilderness, trying to figure out who they were and how to follow God. Even when they complained or doubted, God continued to provide for them. But God wanted something even more for His people—He wanted them to know that He was with them.

"Let's read what God told Moses while Moses was on Mount Sinai.

(Open the Bible and read Exodus 25:8-9 NIV.)

"Have them make a sacred tent for me. I will live among them. Make the holy tent and everything that belongs to it. Make them exactly like the pattern I will show you."

"This tent, the tabernacle, was going to be a physical place where God's presence would dwell among His people. But building something this detailed and meaningful wasn't a one-person project. Moses couldn't pull it off by himself.

"So God told Moses exactly who He had given skills to.

(Open the Bible and read Exodus 31:1-6 NIV.)

Then the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "I have chosen Bezalel, the son of Uri. Uri is the son of Hur. Bezalel is from the tribe of Judah. I have filled him with the Spirit of God. I have filled Bezalel with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skill. He can make beautiful patterns in gold, silver and bronze. He can cut and set stones. He can work with wood. In fact, he can work in all kinds of crafts. I have also appointed Oholiab, the son of Ahisamak, to help him. Oholiab is from the tribe of Dan."

"I have given ability to all the skilled workers. They can make everything I have commanded you to make."

"Wow, this is amazing! God used normal people and filled them with His Spirit. And these people were willing to do what God had appointed them to do.

"And the tabernacle didn't just need builders and designers. It needed people who could create clothing for the priests who would serve inside it.

(Open your Bible and read Exodus 28:1-3 NIV.)

"Have your brother Aaron brought to you from among the Israelites. His sons Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar must also be brought. They will serve me as priests. Make sacred clothes for your brother Aaron. When he is wearing them, people will honor him. They will have respect for him. Speak to all the skilled workers. I have given them the skill to do this kind of work. Tell them to make clothes for Aaron. He will wear them when he is set apart to serve me as priest."

"God had already given His people the abilities they needed. Notice God said: *I have given them the skill to do this kind of work.*'

"But God did even more! God didn't just give people the abilities to get the job done—He gave them the materials too. And Scripture says the people gave from the materials they had. This wasn't a project for just a few important people. Everyone chipped in!

(Open the Bible and read Exodus 35:21 NIV.)

"Everyone who wanted to give offerings to the Lord brought them to him. The offerings were for the work on the tent of meeting. They were also for the sacred clothes and for any other purpose at the tent."

"That means people brought what they had. The Bible says that some people brought fabric. Some people brought wood. Some people brought jewelry. Some people brought leather. Some people brought spices and olive oil. God had given the people these things, and they gave them right back to help with building the tabernacle.

"God had given people the gift of materials, and they brought those too! Whatever God had given them, they brought.

"When the tabernacle was finally finished, after months of working with all kinds of gifts God had given people, Scripture says this:

(Open your Bible and read Exodus 39:43 NIV.)

Moses looked over the work carefully. He saw that the workers had done it just as the Lord had commanded. So Moses gave them his blessing.

"The tabernacle didn't happen because one person was amazing. It happened because everyone came together, and God gave them the gifts and the skills and the materials.

"And that brings me back to the last few things I want to show you.

TEACHING SLIDE 5 (Underpainting)

"This is the start of a painting. Artists call it an underpainting. It doesn't look impressive. It looks like a few shapes and colors thrown together. But this stage matters, because everything else depends on it.

TEACHING SLIDE 6 (Final version of painting)

"And here is the final painting. This was the same artist with the same canvas. The difference is time, patience, practice, and growth.

TEACHING SLIDE 7 (Early weave)

"This is the early stage of a tapestry. Just a few threads crossing back and forth. Nothing about this looks museum-worthy.

TEACHING SLIDE 8 (Final version of tapestry)

"But when the weaver keeps going, thread by thread, row by row ... this is what it becomes. Something rich, purposeful, and beautiful.

"The four examples we saw—the clay, the drawing, the painting, and the tapestry—show us the same thing: Gifts don't start finished. They grow and take time. If we are willing to work at it, God is the one who develops them and helps you use them.

"God isn't asking you for perfection. He's asking you for whatever you've got. No matter what stage you feel like your gift is in, give it back to God. Use it. He is in the business of making beautiful things."

Application

COMMUNICATOR: "I think a lot of us look at our gifts the same way we looked at those early slides—like a lump of clay or a rough sketch. We think, 'I'm not good enough at that yet,' or 'Other people are way better than me,' or 'I don't even know if what I have matters.' And because of that, we hide the gift. We hold back. We wait until we think we're 'good enough.'"

"But here's the thing: God wants to develop you for His kingdom. The Israelites learned that the moment each of them offered what they had, even if it didn't look impressive, God grew it into something that helped build His kingdom. Some people gave olive oil, some people gave pieces of wood, some people gave yarn, and God used it all.

"So think about you for a second. What's a gift you know God has put inside you? Maybe you're creative. Maybe you're good at encouraging people. Maybe you make others feel included. Maybe you're great at

organizing things. Maybe you have musical talent, or athletic ability, or you're great at listening to people when they're struggling. Maybe you have an extra pair of shoes you could donate.

"Whatever it is, it matters. And just like God's people, just bring what God has given you, in the state that it's in. If the people never brought their gold jewelry or yarn or wood, God couldn't use it. Growth begins with willingness. And God will do great, kingdom things with whatever you give."

10 min

Closing

5 min

Landing

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

What You Say:

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "Today, we saw that God isn't waiting for you to become an expert before He uses you. He's simply asking for the beginning of what He's already placed inside you, your early-stage gift, your rough sketch, your first step. Just like the Israelites building the tabernacle, your part matters, your gift matters, and God wants to use it to build something bigger than you can see right now. The only question is whether you're willing to bring Him what you have and trust Him to do something beautiful with it.

"That reminds me of our Bottom Line for today.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom. Say that with me!"

COMMUNICATOR AND KIDS: **[Bottom Line]** "God grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom."

"Now, before we head to Small Groups, I want to leave you with one last question to think about.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] "What gifts can you use to build God's kingdom?"

"When God asked His people to build the tabernacle, He just asked them to bring what He had given them.

"And every single one of us has something like that. Something God has planted. Something He wants to use. Maybe it's a talent you're already aware of. Maybe it's something you're just starting to explore. Maybe it's something you never realized God could actually use.

"That's why today's question matters. **[Conversation Starter]** **What gifts can you use to build God's kingdom?** Maybe it's creativity. Maybe it's kindness. Maybe it's leadership. Maybe it's the ability to include people. Maybe it's encouragement. Maybe it's an instrument you haven't picked up in a while. Maybe it's sharing some extra stuff you have.

"Whatever it is for you ... that's what your Small Group is going to talk about today."

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

PRAYER

COMMUNICATOR: "Let's pray together.

"God, thank You for the gifts You've given each of us. Help us remember that we don't need to be perfect or have everything figured out. You can take even our first attempts—the rough sketches, the beginnings of what we're learning, whatever we have—and grow them into something amazing for Your kingdom. Holy Spirit, guide us, strengthen us, and help us trust that You can use what we already have. Empower us, Holy Spirit. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen"

AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video: Theme Loop

Getting Ready | Preteen Large Group

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

APlay

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

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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
- Table
- 3 cardboard boxes that are all the same size (more if you plan on doing multiple rounds)
- 3 rolls of tape (one for each box station)
- A few pieces of string for each box station
- A few markers for each box station
- Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown
- 3 kid volunteers (Ask for 3 new volunteers at the start of each round!)

Music and Sound Effects:

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

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Game Slide 1: Can You Create It? Title
- Bottom Line Slide

Optional Videos:

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro
- 2-Minute Countdown

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- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.
- *Optional:* Download a countdown video from a royalty-free site. Load it into your presentation software and have it ready to play during the Opener. You could also keep time on a smartphone or watch. *Note: Some presentation software, such as ProPresenter, includes a built-in countdown clock that can be overlaid on a still image.*
- Set up the table in the game area.
- Create three "box stations" on the table. Put a cardboard box, a roll of tape, a few pieces of string, and a few markers at each box station. (Have more cardboard boxes and more "box station" supplies if you plan on doing more rounds.)

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Let Everything That Has Breath" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Build My Life" - 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:

- Communicator
- Bible
- Table

Music and Sound Effects:

- Calm music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Teaching Slides 1-8
- Bottom Line Slide
- Conversation Starter 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

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).

Supplies:

- Host
- Table
- 3 cardboard boxes that are all the same size (more if you plan on doing multiple rounds)
- 3 rolls of tape (one for each box station)
- A few pieces of string for each box station
- A few markers for each box station
- Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown
- 3 kid volunteers (Ask for 3 new volunteers at the start of each round!)
- Music and Sound Effects
- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Upbeat music to use for the game
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- Game Slide 1: Can You Create It? Title
- Bottom Line Slide
- Optional Videos
- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro
- 2-Minute Countdown
- Worship Leader(s)
- Music and Sound Effects
- "Let Everything That Has Breath" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Build My Life" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide
- Communicator
- Bible
- Table
- Music and Sound Effects
- Calm music to use as kids exit the room
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Background Slide
- Teaching Slides 1-8
- Bottom Line Slide
- Conversation Starter 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. Table	1
3. 3 cardboard boxes that are all the same size (more if you plan on doing multiple rounds)	1
4. 3 rolls of tape (one for each box station)	1
5. A few pieces of string for each box station	1
6. A few markers for each box station	1
7. Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown	1
8. 3 kid volunteers (Ask for 3 new volunteers at the start of each round!)	1

Let Everything That Has Breath Worship Song	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Build My Life Worship Song	Quantity
1. Worship Leader(s)	1

Bible Story (Live)	Quantity
1. Communicator	1
2. Bible	1
3. Table	1