

K-5 | W5

Today's Suggested Schedule—May 2026, Week 5

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

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

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

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener

Worship

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

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

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

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

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

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

Devotionals for Kids

Parent Cue App



Bible Story

Heaven • *Revelation 21:3-5*

Conversation Starter

What do you think heaven will be like?

Bottom Line

God will make everything right in the end.

Monthly Memory Verse

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


15 min

Social

5 min

K1 Social Activity | Made to Play

What You Need

 Offering container 1

5 min

23 Social Activity | Made to Explore

What You Need

 Offering container 1

 EveryChild Supplies: Crepe paper Several

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Gather the kids in a circle.
- Explain that you are going to create a story together, one sentence at a time.
- Tell them the most important rule: the story **MUST** have a happy ending.
- You start the story with, "Once upon a time, there was a brave little squirrel who wanted to climb the tallest tree in the forest."
- Point to the next kid and have them add one sentence to the story. (e.g., "But a big scary owl lived in that tree!")
- Continue around the circle with each kid adding one sentence to the story.
- Guide the story toward a happy conclusion.

What You Say:

"What a great story! Even though there were some scary parts, it had a happy ending. That's what we love about stories! Today, we're going to hear a true story from the Bible about the end of God's big story. And guess what? It's the happiest ending of all, and, as a follower of Jesus, you are going to live it! It's the ending of your story too! Let's go learn about it."

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five or fist bump.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Divide the kids into teams of five or six.
- Have each team line up with one person ("the finish line") standing several feet away.
- Explain that they are going to play a game called "Human Caterpillar."
- Demonstrate how to play the game by positioning two kids on the other side of the room, opposite the "finish line." The other two kids will be positioned a foot or two from the first pair. Ask this pair to hold arms and squat down. Now that everyone is in position, have the first two kids walk holding each other's arms and pass over the squatting pair, then they will squat. The original squatting pair will stand and walk until they pass over the squatting pair. This will continue until the team makes it to the team member at the end.








EveryChild tips

- Have some kids hold a crepe paper streamer to be the finish line in place of being part of the caterpillar.

5 min

Preteen Social Activity | Made to Play

What You Need

 Offering container	1
 "Codebreaker Message" Activity Page	2
 "Codebreaker Key" Activity Page	1
 Paper	2
 Writing supplies	Several

- Explain the rules: The teams will race, passing over each other, until their caterpillar reaches their "finish line" teammate.
- The first team to reach their "finish line" wins.

What You Say:

"Great job, caterpillars! It took a lot of teamwork and perseverance to get to the finish line. You had to keep going, even when it was tricky. Today, we're going to hear about the amazing finish line God has planned for all of us. It's the best ending ever! Let's go find out about it."

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Codebreaker Message" on paper, two per Small Group.
- Print "Codebreaker Key" on paper, one per Small Group.

During the Activity:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Give each team a "Codebreaker Message" Activity Page and writing supplies.
- Explain that the page contains a secret message from today's Bible Story written in a simple code.
- Challenge each team to work together to crack the code and discover Peter's bold message. The first team to decode it wins and gets to announce the message: *"We have to speak about the things we've seen and heard."*

What You Say:

"Great work, codebreakers! You uncovered Peter's message. Today, we're going to hear more about this message and what Peter meant when he said, *"We have to speak about the things we've seen and heard"* (Acts 4:20b NIV). Peter and John were ordinary men with no special training, but they had amazing boldness! Let's go learn how we can be bold and persevere when things get tough, just like Peter and John."

15 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Large Group Game | Freeze and Trek Countdown!

AUDIO: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video: Theme Loop

(Host enters with energy and excitement.)

Optional Video: Countdown

Optional Video: Theme Intro

Optional Video: Theme Loop

(Things to have ready: Two identical obstacle courses set up with cones and floor tape. Timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown. Game slide. Bottom Line slide.)

OPENER

HOST: “Hey, everyone! Welcome back to church! I am SO excited you’re here today because this is the very last week of two amazing things!

“It’s the very last week of our ‘TREK’ adventure that we’ve been taking all month. The full name of our series is ‘TREK: Don’t Stop, Don’t Give Up—God’s with You!’ All month long, we’ve been talking about what it means to keep going with God—to trust Him when things are great, when things are strange, and even when things get really, really tough. And you’ve shown up each week ready to learn, ready to try new challenges, and ready to grow. That’s what makes this room so awesome.

“And there’s something else that’s coming to an end this week! Our journey through the key stories of the entire Bible! We are going to look at the very best part of the story, our story, the ending! It’s absolutely incredible and amazing! God has written such a great, true story.

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.

What You Need

👤	Host	1
👤	Floor tape	1
👤	Cones (enough to create two obstacle courses to weave in and out of)	Several
👤	kid volunteers for each round you do (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)	12
👤	Timer (or smartphone or watch or countdown)	1

- *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.*
- Create two identical obstacle courses using cones for the kids to weave in and out of. Place floor tape throughout the obstacle courses to create lines for the kids to jump over.
- Create a start line and a finish line for each obstacle course with floor tape.

"But before we get to that, we've got one more 'TREK' challenge to take on. This one is interesting; it looks simple, but really, you don't know what's going to happen. Because on a 'TREK,' paths twist, weather changes, and surprises pop up when you least expect them.

"Our game today is called 'Freeze and Trek Countdown!'

SLIDE: Freeze and Trek Countdown! Title

AUDIO: Fun, upbeat music

"Here's how it works: We have a very simple obstacle course here for you guys. We'll have two teams, and there will be six kids on each team. One pair from each team will go at a time, and you have to weave through the cones and jump over the tape lines.

"But here's the thing: That's too easy! So you don't know how much time you'll have—each round, a random amount of time will pop up for the countdown. It could be 23 seconds or 15 minutes; that would be crazy! You never know! We'll play in rounds, and each round has a different countdown time. One group may get 30 seconds ... another could get one minute ... and another group might only get 15 seconds to make it through the course.

"Oh, and here's another twist! At ANY moment, I might yell, 'FREEZE!' And when I shout that, YOU freeze, and the countdown freezes too. When I yell, 'GO!' you can move again. And the countdown continues!

"So your mission as trekkers is simple: Keep moving through the cones, hop over the tape lines, and finish the course. The first team to get to the end wins.

"Okay, let's get our teams in place! I need 12 volunteers. Raise your hand if you want to play 'Freeze and Trek Countdown!'

(Pick 12 volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised, invite them to the game area, and split them into two teams of six. Line up each team in three pairs of two at the start of their obstacle course. There are three rounds, and two kids from each team will run through the obstacle course each round.)

ROUND 1

"Alright, first group, line up at your start lines!

"Your countdown is ... one minute!

"Ready? Three ... two ... one ... GO!

(Start one-minute countdown. Kids run to the finish line. Make sure they are weaving around the cones and jumping over the floor tape lines.)

"And FREEZE!

(Countdown freezes. Kids freeze.)

" ... and GO!

(Countdown resumes. Kids try to run to the finish line.)

(Once there are five seconds left on the one-minute timer ...)

"Five ... four ... three ... two ... one ... TIME!

"Nice work, trekkers! It looks this team (*gesture to team*) won this round! Great job!

"Let's get our next two pairs from each team ready to race!

ROUND 2

"Okay, next group, it's your turn!

"This round gets ... 20 seconds!

"Ready? Three ... two ... one ... GO!

(Start 20-second countdown. Kids run to the finish line. Make sure they are weaving around the cones and jumping over the floor tape lines.)

"FREEZE!

(Countdown freezes. Kids freeze.)

"GO!

(Countdown resumes. Kids run to the finish line.)

"Ten seconds left, keep going!

(Once the 20-second countdown is up ...)

"And ... that's time!

"It looks this team (*gesture to team*) won this round! Great job! Let's get our last two pairs from each team ready to race!"

ROUND 3

"Last round! Go ahead and step up to your team's starting line!

"Your time is ... 12 seconds! Let's see that courage!

"Three ... two ... one ... GO!

(Start 12-second countdown. Kids run to the finish line. Make sure they are weaving around the cones and jumping over the floor tape lines.)

"FREEZE!

(Countdown freezes. Kids freeze.)

"GO!

(Once the 12-second countdown is up ...)

"That's time!

"It looks this team (*gesture to team*) won our final round! Great job to both of our teams!

(If time allows, continue with more rounds. Ask for 12 new volunteers at the start of each round.)

"You all did amazing! You kept going, even when the countdown surprised you. What a journey! We're going to unpack such an amazing thing today—even on this journey we're all on in this life, God has a plan to make everything right in the end.

"In fact, that's our Bottom Line for today! Let's check out what it says.

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

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

HOST: "Thanks for playing our game with me today, friends! We've got an awesome Bible Story coming up—let's go hear about the amazing ending to our story!"

11 min

Worship Option 1 | Amazing Music

3 min

Move | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

One Day | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Memory Verse

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

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

(Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What You Need

No supplies needed

SLIDE: Memory Verse

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

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

WORSHIP LEADER: *"Let us not"*

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

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

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

WORSHIP LEADER: *"At the right time"*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 min

Worship Option 2 | Orange Kids Music

5 min

Never Give Up | Orange Kids Music

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Can't Stop Won't Stop | Worship song

What You Need

No supplies needed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

62 min

Bible Story

12 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

12 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

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













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

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

38 min

Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

 Storyteller	1
 Host	1
 Table	1
 Bible	1
 Cardboard box large enough to hold the tissue box and the bandage/gauze	1
 Tissue box	1
 Bandage or gauze	1
 Piece of dark construction paper	1
 Scissors	1
 Marker	1
 Gift box that is nicely wrapped with a bow	1
 Optional: confetti cannon(s)	1

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).
- Cut the piece of construction paper into a heart and add marks to it with the marker, rip the heart a little, and make it look rough.
- Put the tissue box, bandage/gauze, construction paper heart, and cardboard box on the table for the Storyteller.
- Put the wrapped gift box backstage or under the table so it stays hidden until it's used during the teaching.
- *Optional: Set the confetti cannon(s) on the table. (There will be several opportunities to shoot confetti cannons, or feel free to use whatever method is celebratory for your environment. Reaching the end of the story of the entire Bible and talking about heaven are great reasons to celebrate!)*

(Things to have ready: Set up the table in the teaching area so the Storyteller can place their Bible on it and read from it. Tissue box, bandage/gauze, construction paper heart, and cardboard box on the table. Wrapped gift box backstage or under the table. Optional: confetti cannon[s].)

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: "Hello, trekkers! We've been on quite a journey this month, haven't we? Storms, surprises, big questions, new ways of seeing things. And you've stuck with us every step. That's what makes a 'TREK' so exciting. You never know what challenge you're going to face next or what amazing moment is waiting around the corner. Our theme this month has been: 'TREK: Don't Stop, Don't Give Up—God's with You!'

"And not only have we been on quite a journey this month, we've also been on quite a journey all year! Way back in August, we began our journey through the key stories of the Bible! And today is our very last day of that journey!

"Think about your favorite stories, books, movies, even video games. They all have something in common—they build up to a moment when everything finally comes together. The hero reaches the end of the adventure, the mystery gets solved, or the whole story finally makes sense.

"Well, today, we're stepping into a moment like that. Today isn't about the beginning of the story God has been telling in the Bible ... and it's not about the middle either. Today, we get to look toward the ending, the part that God wants His people to hold onto when life gets confusing, scary, or just plain hard.

"And guess what? This ending is full of hope. It's full of joy. It's full of promises that God Himself says will come true. It's your forever future!

"I hope this year as you've traveled through the Bible, you've learned about God. That's one of the most important reasons why He gave us

the Bible—for us to know about Him. The Bible is God saying, ‘Hi. This is Me. And this is what I am like.’”

“Let’s go learn about the beautiful ending to our story that He wrote for us!”

GOD’S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

STORYTELLER: “But before we learn about the incredible ending to our story, let’s look at the rest of the story so we can get the complete picture.

SLIDE: God’s Big Story

“This is the Big Story God has been telling in the entire Bible! (*Gesture to slide.*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Do you want to know the short version of God's Big Story? Let's do it! Here is God's Big Story—the story of the whole Bible—short version!

"In the beginning, God made people to be His close, close friends. But they ushered in sin and couldn't be close to God anymore. But that wouldn't do because God loves us so much! So God started His great rescue plan. God worked for years and years until it came. The rescue plan was Jesus! Jesus gave His perfect life, broke the curse of sin, and rose from the dead. Now anyone who believes in what Jesus did for them can be God's friend forever! Then Jesus went back to heaven and sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of His followers. We are all going around right now, teaching people about God and His great love, so more and more people can be God's friends. Then Jesus is going to come back and fix the pain, sickness, and death that is still in the world. And we will live with Him as His friends forever in this fixed world, just like He always wanted! We are going to be God's friends forever!

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

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Let's step into the very last part of the story God has been telling us in the Bible—the part that shows us how everything ends. This is the backstory behind how we know about our forever future!

"One of Jesus' followers, a man named John, had spent his whole life telling people about Jesus. He had seen Jesus' miracles, heard His teaching, and watched Jesus love people who were hurting or forgotten. John wanted everyone to know the good news that Jesus gave His life so we could be God's friends forever.

"But not everyone liked that. Some leaders tried to stop John from talking about Jesus. So John was taken far away from home and sent to live on a lonely island called Patmos. There weren't any crowds there—no busy streets, no churches, just rocks, waves, and lots of quiet.

"Even though John was far away from everyone he knew, he wasn't far from God. God knew exactly where John was. And on that quiet island, God had something special, something hopeful, something world-changing that He wanted to show John.

"John didn't know it yet ... but he was about to get a peek at what is to come, and it's good news for all of us! John wrote down what he saw and heard. We know his writing as the book of Revelation.

"One day, the Holy Spirit gave John an incredible vision. Jesus Himself appeared. His face was shining like the sun, and His voice was like rushing waters!

(Open the Bible to Revelation 1:17-19 Nlrv and read.)

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

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

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

NO MORE TEARS

STORYTELLER: "After showing John some amazing things, Jesus showed John the ending to the story. Listen to what Jesus shared:

(Open the Bible and read Revelation 21:3 Nlrv.)

I saw "a new heaven and a new earth." The first heaven and the first earth were completely gone. There was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem. It was coming down out of heaven from God. It was prepared like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God."

"At the end of our story, God is going to live with us! He is going to make His home with us! He is going to be with us, just like He has always wanted.

"And God also told us something else incredible about our forever home. Listen to what John wrote:

(Open the Bible and read Revelation 21:4 Nlrv.)

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death."

"God Himself is going to wipe away all of our tears.

(Hold up the tissue box so the whole room can see it.)

"Do you see this? It's a tissue box. We use tissues when we're sad, when we're hurting, when we're sick, or when things feel too hard. Maybe you've cried because someone hurt your feelings ... or because something didn't go the way you hoped ... or because you lost someone or something you loved.

"Right now, in our world, there are a lot of things that make us cry. But there is coming a day in all of our futures when God Himself will wipe

away EVERY tear. That means no more sadness. No more moments that make your heart hurt. No more times when you have to reach for a tissue because something went wrong.

(Hold up the cardboard box so the whole room can see it and put the tissue box in it.)

"This tissue box represents all the tears we cry now ... but God says that one day, all of this will be gone. Sadness won't last forever because God will make everything right."

NO MORE PAIN

STORYTELLER: "God didn't just show John a world with no more tears. He showed him something else—something that every person, young or old, will understand.

(Hold up the bandage/gauze so the whole room can see it.)

"This is a bandage. We use bandages when we get hurt. Maybe you scraped your knee, bumped your elbow, or got a cut that really stung. But sometimes the pain isn't something you can see. Sometimes our hearts hurt because we're worried, scared, or someone hasn't been kind to us.

"In our world right now, we all feel pain sometimes—on the outside and on the inside.

"But listen to what God showed John about our forever home.

(Open the Bible and read Revelation 21:4b NIV.)

"And there will be no more sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be."

"No more pain. No more sickness. No more bandages needed. Imagine a world where nothing hurts anymore—not your body, not your heart, not your feelings.

(Hold up the cardboard box so the whole room can see it and put the bandage/gauze in it.)

"This bandage stands for all the hurt we feel today ... but God says a time is coming when all of that will be gone. God promises a world completely free of hurt. A world where everything is finally the way He meant it to be."

EVERYTHING NEW

STORYTELLER: "God had already shown John a future with no more tears and no more pain. But God didn't stop there. He wanted John, and all of us, to know something even bigger.

(Hold up the construction paper heart so the whole room can see it.)

"Do you see this heart? It's torn and worn out. It reminds me of the way our world sometimes feels. Things break. People make wrong choices. We see fighting, unkindness, unfairness ... and it reminds us that the world is broken because sin entered it. But God showed John something absolutely amazing.

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

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

(Hold up the cardboard box so the whole room can see it and put the construction paper heart in it. Then put the cardboard box on the floor or under the table.)

(Bring out the wrapped gift box and hold it up so the whole room can see it.)

"God promises that He is going to make 'everything new.' Not just a little better ... not just slightly different ... but brand-new, perfect, beautiful, and whole. God promised John that He was going to fix everything that's broken. All the sadness, all the hurt, all the sin—gone.

"This gift reminds us that God is preparing something amazing for His people's forever-future—a place full of His joy, His goodness, and His love. Forever."

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Wow, friends ... what an amazing picture God gave John. Let's think about what we saw. First, God showed John that He is going to move in with us! And then God showed that we are going to live forever in a place with no more tears, so we put the tissue box away. Then, God promised a world with no more pain, so we put the bandage away too. And then God showed John something even greater: He is going to make EVERYTHING new! Every broken, hurting part of our world will be made right.

"All those things we put inside the box? God says they won't last forever. He is leading His people toward a future filled with joy, safety, goodness, and His perfect love. That's what John saw. That's the ending God is preparing.

"In fact, that's what our Bottom Line today is all about. Let's see what it says!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

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

(Host enters and joins in.)

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

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

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

SLIDE: God's Big Story

"This is it! This is the ending to the whole story! And what has God wanted since the very beginning? Closeness! That's what His plan has been all along. That's what His Big Story has been about all along. One day, Jesus is going to come back. He is going to put an end to pain, sickness, and death! And then, God's home, heaven, is going to come down to earth, and we are going to live with God forever in this new heaven and new earth. God has wanted closeness, and He has worked throughout this entire story to get it! And we will be close with Him, forever, because He purchased that for us! I can't wait to spend forever in heaven with you and Jesus! It's going to be so amazing! Thank You, God, for Your Big Story!"

SLIDE: Week 5 Timeline Image

(If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's Timeline Image on the clothesline.)

"This week we learned about the forever-future of every Jesus-follower: heaven!"

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

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

8 min

Closing

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Need

No supplies needed

HOST: "So, there are two things to keep in mind with the look God gave us into our future. One is that you are still living in the middle of the big story God is telling. And two, your future is so, so, so, sooo good!"

"It's true, you do live in the middle of God's story now. Life now can get so hard. We all have moments when we cry, when we hurt, when we've felt the weight of sin and this broken world. But the God who is so good has promised that He is never going to leave you. So, when life is hard on this side of forever, trust that God is with you. Turn to Him and ask for His help."

3 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

"And then also be encouraged by your very real future. Your future is coming! And it is so, so amazing! Your future is forever with God, who is infinitely loving, kind, and good.

"So when the middle of the story that you're living in gets hard, let your future encourage you. God is moving the world toward a day when everything sad, broken, and painful is gone forever. God is going to make everything right again! So you can face today with courage because the God who loves you is making everything new.

"This is your future, Jesus-follower! You are going to see God with your very own eyes! You are going to see what heaven is like with your very own eyes! And you will never have to leave. I can't wait to live in heaven with you forever!

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

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "God, we look forward to what is to come. Thank You for promising a future with no more tears, no more pain, and no more brokenness or sin. When our hearts feel sad or hurt right now, help us remember You're with us, and You're making everything new. Fill us with hope, courage, and joy as we follow You every day. Thank You that this beautiful ending of ours is true. Thank You that there will be a day when we see You face-to-face, forever. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop




15 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

K1 - Remove the Tears | Made to Move

What You Need

 Bible	1
 Blue paper plates	24
 Permanent marker	1



EveryChild tips

- Arrange plates on a table so all kids can reach the plates.
- Play in a smaller, designated area of the room to make the activity less overwhelming for kids who may have sensory sensitivities to large, open spaces.

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Draw a sad face with a tear on the blue side of each plate.
- On the back side of each plate, draw a big happy face.
- Scatter the plates all over the floor with the sad side facing up.

During the Activity:

- Open your Bible and read Revelation 21:3-5 out loud to the kids.
- Share the following points:
 - This is your future that's coming!
 - God is going to move His home, heaven, down to earth, and we will live with Him forever!
 - There will be no more sadness, crying, or pain in our forever home.
 - God's going to fix everything that's broken to make it new!
- Tell the kids that today's Bible Story says that one day, in our forever home, God will wipe away every tear. There will be no more sadness.
- Explain the game: "This room is full of sad tears! Let's get rid of them. When I say, 'Go!' your job is to race around and flip over all the plates so that only the happy faces are showing."
- Say "Go!" and let the kids race to flip all the plates.
- Cheer them on as they work together to "remove the tears."

What You Say:





"You did it! Look! All the sadness is gone, and now we only see happy faces. This is what the Bible promises our forever home with God will be like. No more crying, no more being sad or hurt. It's the best promise ever, and it gives us hope to keep going.

"If you're going through something hard, ask God for help. He will go with you every step of the way. And then let your future with God, that's going to be so good, help you get through the hard things now! We know that **[Bottom Line] God will make everything right in the end.**"

5 min

23 – Finish the Drawing | Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

 Bible	1
 Paper	1
 Coloring supplies	Several
 EveryChild Supplies Stickers or stamps	Several



EveryChild tips

- For kids who have trouble drawing, they can use stickers or stamps to add to their letter "N."

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Open your Bible and read Revelation 21:3-5 out loud to the kids.
- Share the following points:
 - This is your future that's coming!
 - God is going to move His home, heaven, down to earth, and we will live with Him forever!
 - There will be no more sadness, crying, or pain in our forever home.
 - God's going to fix everything that's broken to make it new!
- Give each kid a piece of paper and a marker.
- Say, "Our story today is about our forever home! There are a lot of things that we don't know about our forever home. But God did tell us some things about it in these verses! We do know that God is going to fix what's broken and make it new! 'New' starts with the letter N! On this piece of paper, draw the letter N."
- Say, "Now use your imagination and turn your letter N into something brand new!"
- Give the kids a few minutes to use their imagination.
- Let the kids who want to share show their new drawing to the group.
- Remember, our forever home is the new earth where God has fixed what is broken. And the New Jerusalem has come down too!"

What You Say:





"Wow, look at all these creative pictures! They look brand new! They don't even look like the letter N anymore!"

"Our true story from the Bible tells us that in our forever home, there will be no more crying or sadness. One of our Bible verses from today says, *He who was sitting on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' (Revelation 21:5a NIV)*. How incredible is that? At the end of time, God's rescue plan will be complete. He will make things exactly as He always wanted. God will live with people, just like in the Garden of Eden! And God will take away all the sadness, sickness, and death that entered the world after the fall. He will wipe away every tear from our eyes. Everything that's hard and painful will be made right again. **[Bottom Line] God will make everything right in the end.**"

5 min

Preteen – Bible Story Extension | Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

	Bibles	1
	Transparency sheets	1
	Fine-tip permanent markers	Several
	Clear tape	1

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a transparency sheet and a marker.
- Read the description of heaven from Revelation 21:3-5 again.
- Ask them to imagine what heaven will be like based on the description and their own hopes.
- Instruct kids to draw their vision of what heaven might look like in a horizontal layout on the transparency sheet. And write the **Bottom Line**, "**God will make everything right in the end,**" somewhere on their drawing.
- When finished, show them how to roll their sheet into a cone/mountain shape and secure it with a piece of tape.

What You Say:

"These look amazing! It's hard to even imagine how incredible heaven will be, but it's fun to try. The Bible gives us a glimpse, a sneak peek, of the end of the story. And it's a good one.

"The Bible tells us that: *"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death.' And there will be no more sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be"* (Revelation 21:4 NIV). Jesus promised that everything would be made new! It's a powerful promise that helps us persevere through the hard parts of the story we're living in now. When Jesus returns, the terrible curse of sin won't have any more power over God's children. Ever. We will get to live in perfect friendship with God, and we'll do the amazing work of taking care of all He created. Forever.

"When you choose to follow Jesus, that's the true end of your story. Or maybe we should say ... the beginning! We can keep going because we know **[Bottom Line] God will make everything right in the end.**"




15 min

Application Activity

5 min

K1 - Light Refraction | Made to Explore

What You Need

 CD or DVD	1
 Flashlight	1
 White wall or piece of paper	1

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Dim the lights in your room.
- Ask the kids to gather around.
- Hold the CD/DVD and shine the flashlight onto its reflective surface.
- Tilt the CD/DVD until the light bounces off it and creates a rainbow on the wall or paper.
- Let the kids take turns holding the flashlight or the CD/DVD to make their own rainbows.

What You Say:

"Isn't that beautiful? A plain old light shines on this disc and turns into all these amazing colors. Our Bible Story about our forever home says that God's glory will be the light. It will be more beautiful than any rainbow we can imagine.

"Even when our world feels dark or sad sometimes, we can remember the light and beauty that God has promised. God is going to bring His home, heaven, down to earth. He is going to live with us forever! And the whole earth will be made new—God is going to fix everything that is broken. We can't even imagine how amazing that will be—better than Christmas and your birthday and every holiday rolled into one because **[Bottom Line] God will make everything right in the end.**"

5 min

23 – Broken to New | Made to Explore

What You Need

 Stickers

1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Crumple one sticker per kid.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a crumpled-up sticker.
- Talk about how the sticker is wrinkled and not perfect. Say, "Sometimes things in our lives can feel broken or sad, kind of like this wrinkly, crumpled sticker."
- Ask another leader or volunteer to stand on the other side of the room holding new, uncrumpled stickers.
- One at a time, have the kids run, hop, skip, or move down to the leader/volunteer.
- When they get there, have them trade in their crumpled sticker for a new, perfect one.
- Celebrate with them as they get their new sticker.

What You Say:

"It feels so good to trade something old and broken for something brand new and perfect, doesn't it? That's what's going to happen in our future because of Jesus!

"In the book of Revelation, we see that we're still living in the part of God's story between when Jesus returned to heaven and the time when He will come back to earth again. And this part of the story is hard. People still get sick and hurt and sad. But we have God's Holy Spirit with us every step of the way! He can help us get through all of the hard things until we get to our forever home.

"And in the end, when Jesus returns, God will make every single wrong thing right. We'll get to actually SEE God with our eyes and be His close friends forever, just like He's always wanted. It's the best ending to the story we can imagine.

"Let your forever future help you to press on right now! Because we know **[Bottom Line] God will make everything right in the end.**"

5 min

Preteen – Take a Snapshot | Made to Create

What You Need

👤	Butcher paper	1
👤	Coloring supplies	Several

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Place the butcher paper on the floor.
- On the far-left end, write, "CREATION (Everything Was Good)." Draw a simple picture of a garden or the world.
- On the far-right end, write, "NEW CREATION (Everything Is Made Right)." Draw a simple scene of the new earth with the New Jerusalem (a shining city) in the background.

During the Activity:

- Explain that this is the beginning and end of the big story God has been telling in the Bible.
- Ask kids to think about the stories they've learned in church. What are some of the big moments that have happened between the beginning and the end?
- Encourage kids to work together to draw pictures or write key words on a timeline to fill in the middle of the story. (e.g., Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus' birth, Jesus' death and resurrection, Paul's journeys, etc.)

What You Say:

"Look at this incredible timeline! When you see it all laid out, you can see that God has been working on His plan for a very, very long time. There have been hard parts and sad parts, but the story has always been moving toward that amazing ending.

"We are part of this story, right here in the middle. So what does this mean for us? It's so important for us to remember that we're living in the middle of the big story God is telling!

"This is a summary of the big story God is telling: God created everything, but people broke their perfect friendship with God, and sin entered the world. Still, God has been writing a story of redemption all through history, and He proved it by sending His own Son, Jesus, to break the terrible curse of sin so we could be close friends with God again. And the story will conclude when Jesus comes back to make everything right, and God will be with us all the time!

"God has always been faithful, so we can know that He's going to make everything right in the end. And because we know the ending, we can have hope. We can persevere through the hard things right now, knowing that **[Bottom Line] God will make everything right in the end.**"



15 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

K1 - Cross the Finish Line | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

-  Bibles marked at Galatians 6:9 1
-  Crepe paper streamers, one roll 1



EveryChild tips

- Kids can run, move, or roll to cross the finish line.
- Set up the finish line so it's accessible for all kids.

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Open your Bible to Galatians 6:9. Read it aloud to the group.
- Have two leaders hold a three-foot length of crepe paper like a finish line tape at one end of the room.
- Instruct the kids to line up on the other side of the room.
- Explain that to finish the "TREK" for the month, and the journey through the Bible this school year, they have to cross the finish line.
- To cross, each kid must first say the Memory Verse. Help them with the words as needed.
- After each kid says the verse, let them run through and break the finish line tape!
- Cheer and celebrate for each kid as they finish the race.




What You Say:

"You did it! You finished the race! Our Memory Verse reminds us not to give up. We can keep going because we know there is an amazing finish line waiting for us. We have God's Holy Spirit with us every step of the way! And in the end, when Jesus returns, God will make every single wrong thing right. We'll get to actually SEE God with our eyes and be His close friends forever, just like He has always wanted. Because of Jesus, we know that **[Bottom Line] God will make everything right in the end.**"

5 min

23 – Pass the Verse | Made to Play

What You Need

 Bibles	1
 Balloons	1
 Paper straws or chopsticks	2

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Inflate the balloon and tie a knot.

During the Activity:

- Give every kid a Bible and direct them to look up Galatians 6:9.
- Demonstrate how to look up the verse using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

Finding verses for 2nd-3rd graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. When they find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the correct chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

- Read the verse aloud to the group.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Give each kid two paper straws or pair of chopsticks.
- Explain that the kids will hold the balloon with their chopsticks/s-traws and pass it all the way around the circle while saying the Memory Verse together.
- If the balloon drops, start the verse over again. Try to make it all the way around the circle without dropping the balloon.



What You Say:

"That was tricky! You had to keep going even when the balloon was hard to control. Our Memory Verse is a great reminder to persevere and not give up. Jesus wanted His followers to know that we can remain faithful no matter what happens because He will be with us through hard times. And at the end of history as we know it, Jesus will return and fix everything that's broken! We can keep doing good because we know that **[Bottom Line] God will make everything right in the end.**"

5 min

Preteen – Verses to Take with You | Made to Move

What You Need

-  Bibles 1
-  Hacky sack or a small, soft beanbag 1

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Galatians 6:9 using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

Finding verses with 4th-5th graders: Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.

- Read the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Invite the group to stand in a circle.
- Say: "We're going to try to say the Memory Verse, Galatians 6:9, together. But here's the catch. Every time the hacky sack hits the ground, we have to start the verse over from the beginning."
- Start by trying to pass the hacky sack around the circle while reciting the verse. It will likely drop several times, forcing kids to repeat the verse over and over. This turns memorization into a fun, cooperative game of perseverance.
- Keep playing until they can successfully make it all the way around the circle.

What You Say:

"That was tough! You had to persevere and not give up, even when you kept having to start over. That's exactly what our Memory Verse is about! It's a perfect way to remember it. We can keep doing good, even when we mess up, because we know God's promise is true. We have God's Holy Spirit with us every step of the way in this sometimes-difficult middle part of God's story! And in the end, when Jesus returns, God will make every single wrong thing right! Remember, **[Bottom Line] God will make everything right in the end.**"

5 min

Discussion Questions

5 min

Preteen Discussion Questions

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Ask these questions and discuss:

- If you were John, exiled on an island and suddenly seeing Jesus in glory (that's what John records in the beginning of the book of Revelation), how do you think you would feel—and why do you think Jesus started by saying, "Do not be afraid"? What does that tell you about Jesus' heart toward us?
- God promised to wipe away every tear, end all pain, and make everything new. How does that future hope change the way you face hard things right now? Why might God want us to hold onto this picture?
- Revelation shows a world where God finally lives with His people again—like in the Garden of Eden. What do you think it will be like to see God face-to-face? How does that idea shift the way you think about heaven?
- John saw things that were beautiful, confusing, and sometimes scary. What does that teach you about trusting God, even when you don't understand what He's doing?
- If you really believed that God will make everything right in the end, how might it change the way you respond to sadness, unfairness, or disappointment today? What choices would look different?




15 min

Prayer

5 min

K1 – Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

What You Need

-  Paper plate 1
-  Play-Doh® in a variety of color Several
-  EveryChild Supplies: Gloves Several



EveryChild tips

- Provide gloves for kids with sensory sensitivities.

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Gather the kids in a circle.
- Give each kid a small, quarter-size ball of Play-Doh®.
- Place the paper plate in the center of the circle.
- Ask each kid to think of one sad or broken thing in our world that they can't wait for God to make new one day. (e.g., people being sick, friends being mean, feeling sad)
- Go around the circle, and after each kid shares their thoughts, have them "smoosh" their Play-Doh® onto the paper plate.
- Continue until you have a multi-colored smoosh of Play-Doh®.
- Pick up the plate and show the group. Then, begin to knead and roll all the colors together.
- As you do, explain that God takes all the broken, messy, sad parts of our world and is making them into something new and beautiful.
- Shape the mixed-up Play-Doh® into a heart.

What You Say:

"Look! We made something new out of those messy pieces! This helps us remember God's promise. He sees all the things that are sad and broken, and He promises that one day, He will make everything new. Let's pray."

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for the promise of heaven. Thank You that one day, You will wipe away every tear and make all the sad things new again. Help us to have hope and to keep going because we know You will make everything right in the end. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

5 min

23 – Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

What You Need

- Prop from Large Group stage or a special 1 "prayer item," like a cross

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Hold the special prayer item.
- Say, "Our story today tells us about heaven. What is one thing you're excited about when you think about heaven?"
- Share your answer first. (e.g., "I'm excited that there will be no more sadness.")
- Pass the item to the next person and let them share what they're excited about.
- Continue around the circle, letting everyone who wants to share have a turn.

What You Say:

"It is so exciting to think about heaven and all the wonderful things God has promised. God will take away all the sadness, sickness, and death that entered the world after the fall. He will wipe away every tear from our eyes. Everything that's hard and painful will be made right again. And the best part, God's rescue plan will be complete! Followers of Jesus will get to live with God forever. Let's thank God for that promise."

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for the promise of heaven. Thank You that one day, You will get rid of all the sad and broken things in our world. Help us to remember that promise when we feel like giving up. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

[As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to remember that God will make everything right in the end, so don't give up!]

5 min

Preteen – Make It Personal with Prayer | Made to Reflect

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Ask the kids to sit in a circle.
- Ask them to think quietly for a moment about the world around them.
- Ask, "What is one thing in the world today that feels broken, sad, or just not right to you?" (e.g., people being hungry, wars, sickness, friends being mean to each other)
- Go around the circle and let each person share one thing.
- Explain that praying is one way we persevere and show that we trust God and God's promise. When we pray about the broken things, we are "giving them to God," trusting that He will help.
- Close by praying together for the things they mentioned.

What You Say:

"It can be overwhelming to think about all the hard things in the world. But our hope isn't in our ability to fix everything. Our hope is in God. And while we still live in this difficult part of the story, we can ask the Holy Spirit to encourage our hearts and give us hope as we look forward to the time when God will make everything right and be with us forever. Let's pray and give these things to Him now."

Prayer:

"God, we see a lot of things in the world that are broken and sad. We pray for [mention a few of the things the kids shared]. It's hard to understand why these things happen. But we trust You. We believe Your promise that one day, You will make everything new and right again. Help us to have hope and to not give up in doing good. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Getting Ready | K5

Large Group

GETTING READY

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

APlay

Get the most out of your curriculum with **APlay!** [JoinAPlay.com](https://www.joinaplay.com) is an all-in-one media organization and presentation tool. Experience all of your Orange Curriculum media assets, now pre-built and fully customizable. No more sorting through multiple download folders.

APlay is free with your curriculum subscription and packed with features to help your weekly experience run smoother. **APlay** gives you more time to focus on what truly matters—more ministry, less media management with Apple TV-based media solutions.

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

1. Opener

What You Need:

- Host
- Floor tape
- Cones (enough to create two obstacle courses to weave in and out of)
- Timer (or smartphone or watch or countdown)
- 12 kid volunteers for each round (Ask for new volunteers at the beginning of each round!)

Music and Sound Effects:

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

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- "Freeze Trek Countdown!" Slide

Optional Videos:

- Theme Loop
- 5-Minute Countdown
- Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.
- *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.*

- Create two identical obstacle courses using cones for the kids to weave in and out of. Place floor tape throughout the obstacle courses to create lines for the kids to jump over.
- Create a start line and a finish line for each obstacle course with floor tape.

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

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

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

Optional Videos for Orange Kids Music

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

What You Do:

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

©2000 Good Music Co.
CCLI License # 0000

3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Table
- Cardboard box large enough to hold the tissue box and the bandage/gauze
- Tissue box
- Bandage or gauze
- Piece of dark construction paper
- Scissors
- Marker
- Gift box that is nicely wrapped with a bow
- *Optional: confetti cannon(s)*

Music and Sound Effects:

- Calm music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Theme Slide

Optional for God's Big Story:

- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- God's Big Story Slide
- Week 5 Timeline Image Slide
- We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed Timeline Images in order, week by week. We'll provide a Timeline Image for each week of the curriculum. There are two versions of each Timeline Image—a slide and a print version. A digital [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

Optional Video: (available in APlay)

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

For 252 Kids (Kindergarten through 3rd grade):

- StoryLab: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4th and 5th grade):

- The So & So Show: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a YouTube-style show full of humor and lots of zany fun.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Countdown video

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- Cut the piece of construction paper into a heart and add marks to it with the marker, rip the heart a little, and make it look rough.
- Put the tissue box, bandage/gauze, construction paper heart, and cardboard box on the table for the Storyteller.
- Put the wrapped gift box backstage or under the table so it stays hidden until it's used during the teaching.
- *Optional: Set the confetti cannon(s) on the table. (There will be several opportunities to shoot confetti cannons, or feel free to use whatever method is celebratory for your environment. Reaching the end of the story of the entire Bible and talking about heaven are great reasons to celebrate!)*

Getting Ready | K1

Small Group

GETTING READY

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

SOCIAL:

Opening Activity

Made to Imagine

What You Need:

- Offering container, one per Small Group

GROUPS:

Choose as many of these activities as you like.

1. Remove the Tears

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Bible, one per Small Group
- Blue paper plates, twenty-four per Small Group
- Permanent marker, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Draw a sad face with a tear on the blue side of each plate.
- On the back side of each plate, draw a big happy face.
- Scatter the plates all over the floor with the sad side facing up.

2. Light Refraction

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Explore

What You Need:

- CD or DVD, one per Small Group
- Flashlight, one per Small Group
- White wall or piece of paper, one per Small Group

3. Cross the Finish Line

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Bible, one per Small Group
- Crepe paper streamers, one roll per Small Group

4. Pray and Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- Paper plate, one per Small Group
- Play-Doh® in a variety of colors, several per Small Group

EveryChild Supplies:

- *Gloves*

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource: **Parent Cue App**.

Getting Ready | 23

Small Group

GETTING READY

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

SOCIAL:

Opening Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Offering container, one per Small Group

EveryChild Supplies

- *Crepe paper*

GROUPS:

Choose as many of these activities as you like.

1. Finish the Drawing

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Create

What You Need:

- Bible, one per Small Group
- Paper, one piece per kid
- Coloring supplies, several per Small Group

EveryChild Supplies

- *Stickers or stamps*

2. Broken to New

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Stickers, two per kid

What You Do:

- Crumple one sticker per kid.

3. Pass the Verse

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Bibles, one per kid
- Balloons, one per Small Group
- Paper straws or chopsticks, two per kid

What You Do:

- Inflate the balloon and tie a knot.

4. Pray and Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- Prop from Large Group stage or a special "prayer item," like a cross

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource: **Parent Cue App**.

Getting Ready | Preteen Small Group

GETTING READY

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

SOCIAL:

Opening Activity

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Offering container, one per Small Group

GROUPS:

Choose as many of these activities as you like.

1. Take a Snapshot

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Create

What You Need:

- Butcher paper, one piece per Small Group
- Coloring supplies, several per Small Group

What You Do:

- Place the butcher paper on the floor.
- On the far-left end, write, "CREATION (Everything Was Good)." Draw a simple picture of a garden or the world.
- On the far-right end, write, "NEW CREATION (Everything Is Made Right)." Draw a simple scene of the new earth with the New Jerusalem (a shining city) in the background.

2. Bible Story Extension

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Create

What You Need:

- Bibles, one per kid
- Transparency sheets, one per kid
- Fine-tip permanent markers, several per Small Group
- Clear tape, one roll per Small Group

3. Discussion Questions

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Connect

What You Need:

- No supplies needed

4. Verses to Take with You

Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Bibles, one per kid
- Hacky sack or a small, soft beanbag; one per Small Group

5. Make It Personal with Prayer

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect**What You Need:**

- No supplies needed

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource: **Parent Cue App.**

Supplies

K1 Social Activity | Made to Play

- | | Quantity |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. Offering container | 1 |

23 Social Activity | Made to Explore

- | | Quantity |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Offering container | 1 |
| 2. EveryChild Supplies: Crepe paper | Several |

Preteen Social Activity | Made to Play

- | | Quantity |
|--|----------|
| 1. Offering container | 1 |
| 2. "Codebreaker Message" Activity Page | 2 |
| 3. "Codebreaker Key" Activity Page | 1 |
| 4. Paper | 2 |
| 5. Writing supplies | Several |

Large Group Game | Freeze and Trek Countdown!

- | | Quantity |
|--|----------|
| 1. Host | 1 |
| 2. Floor tape | 1 |
| 3. Cones (enough to create two obstacle courses to weave in and out of) | Several |
| 4. kid volunteers for each round you do (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!) | 12 |
| 5. Timer (or smartphone or watch or countdown) | 1 |

K1 - Light Refraction | Made to Explore

- | | Quantity |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1. CD or DVD | 1 |
| 2. Flashlight | 1 |
| 3. White wall or piece of paper | 1 |

23 - Broken to New | Made to Explore

- | | Quantity |
|-------------|----------|
| 1. Stickers | 1 |

Preteen - Take a Snapshot | Made to Create

- | | Quantity |
|----------------------|----------|
| 1. Butcher paper | 1 |
| 2. Coloring supplies | Several |

K1 - Cross the Finish Line | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

- | | Quantity |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Bibles marked at Galatians 6:9 | 1 |
| 2. Crepe paper streamers, one roll | 1 |

23 - Pass the Verse | Made to Play

- | | Quantity |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Bibles | 1 |
| 2. Balloons | 1 |
| 3. Paper straws or chopsticks | 2 |

Preteen - Verses to Take with You | Made to Move

- | | Quantity |
|--|----------|
| 1. Bibles | 1 |
| 2. Hacky sack or a small, soft beanbag | 1 |

Bible Story (Live)	Quantity
1. Storyteller	1
2. Host	1
3. Table	1
4. Bible	1
5. Cardboard box large enough to hold the tissue box and the bandage/gauze	1
6. Tissue box	1
7. Bandage or gauze	1
8. Piece of dark construction paper	1
9. Scissors	1
10. Marker	1
11. Gift box that is nicely wrapped with a bow	1
12. Optional: confetti cannon(s)	1

K1 - Remove the Tears Made to Move	Quantity
1. Bible	1
2. Blue paper plates	24
3. Permanent marker	1

23 – Finish the Drawing Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies*	Quantity
1. Bible	1
2. Paper	1
3. Coloring supplies	Several
4. EveryChild Supplies Stickers or stamps	Several

K1 – Pray and Dismiss Made to Reflect	Quantity
1. Paper plate	1
2. Play-Doh® in a variety of color	Several
3. EveryChild Supplies: Gloves	Several

23 – Pray and Dismiss Made to Reflect	Quantity
1. Prop from Large Group stage or a special “prayer item,” like a cross	1

Preteen – Bible Story Extension Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies*		Quantity
1.	Bibles	1
2.	Transparency sheets	1
3.	Fine-tip permanent markers	Several
4.	Clear tape	1