

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

NOTE: This version of the curriculum is designed especially for churches with fewer leaders and kids. You may want to use it if you have just one or two leaders and if you combine all your kids in both Large and Small Group time.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Big Picture
Joseph Forgives His Brothers
Genesis 41–45

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Hold on because there's
a bigger story.

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

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Grit—Refusing to give up
when life gets hard

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

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
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Never Gonna Give Up" from *Make a Move* and
"I Run to You" from *Make a Move*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: A Long Journey
Application Activity: Base Camp Feast
Memory Verse Activity: Keep the Story Straight
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App

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LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Leader enters, wearing or carrying some climbing accessories.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

LEADER: "Hi, everyone! It's another exciting day at [your environment's name].

(Hold up Bible.) We've been making our way through God's Big Story, which isn't over yet. Not even close! In fact, we've been finding ourselves facing some pretty big cliffhangers lately, which is why I've brought some climbing gear along this month. You never know when you're going to need to show some grit!

"What IS grit?

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

"Grit is refusing to give up when life gets hard.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

"It takes grit to climb—that's for sure! I thought today we could do some training and take our climbing skills to the next level. That way we can keep going even when things get tough!

"If you look around, you'll see that I've set up some stations in the room with a challenge at each one. (Reference the different stations.) You'll work on your grip strength by jumping with heavy books. You'll work on your core strength with some planks and crunches. You'll test your balance with a bean bag walk. And you'll work on your arm strength with bicep curls.

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"Here, I'll demonstrate each one.

Go through each station and quickly demonstrate how to do each challenge. (You can find details in the printable Climbing Course Challenge Setup Guide.)

"Okay, I think we're about ready to get to work. Let's divide into two teams, and each team will get a chance to go through the challenge course.

Divide the kids into two teams.

"Just to be clear, you can only start the next station once the person ahead of you moves along. We'll stop the clock when the last person finishes the last station. The team with the best overall time, wins.

"Team A, you're up!

AUDIO: UPBEAT INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Use a phone timer or stopwatch to time each team as they go through the course. Remind the kids of the rules if necessary. Comment on the action and encourage the kids by praising their grit. Celebrate the winning team at the end.

"You all must feel ready to climb now! I'm impressed with your strength and endurance. That's true grit in action! Let's keep moving as we sing, dance, and worship God together."

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LEADER: "You've all been showing some real grit when it comes to our climbing challenges so far. But what do we do when LIFE gets really hard, and it's not a game? We can refuse to give up, because we can trust in God to get us through! Let's sing this song and let everyone know that we're never gonna give up!"

AUDIO: "NEVER GONNA GIVE UP" / TRACK 4 FROM MAKE A MOVE

"Check out these words from Psalms 91:1-2 (NirV).

"Whoever rests in the shadow of the Most High God will be kept safe by the Mighty One. I will say about the Lord, 'He is my place of safety. He is like a fort to me. He is my God. I trust in him.'"

"When life gets hard and we don't know what to do, we don't have to give up. We can run to God, every time! Let's sing out and thank God because we [Basic Truth] can trust God no matter what.

AUDIO: "I RUN TO YOU" / TRACK 6 FROM MAKE A MOVE

"Way to go! I love to sing and worship God with all of you. You can have a seat."

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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

SETTING UP THE STORY

If you're using a Bible timeline on your wall, you can refer to it as you recap.

LEADER: *(Hold up Bible.)* "In the beginning, God created the world and everything in it—including people. But people turned away and broke their relationship with God.

"Still, God had a plan. God called a man named Abraham and his wife Sarah. God promised to bless the whole world through their family!

"Last week, we looked at what happened with one of Abraham's great-grandkids, Joseph. Joseph was his father's favorite son. But his brothers were so jealous that they sold Joseph to some traders who took him to Egypt. Joseph did well in Egypt and was even put in charge of the household where he was working. But then, Joseph was thrown into prison—even though he hadn't done anything wrong. Talk about some major ups and downs!

"Still, through it all, God was with Joseph . . . and Joseph didn't give up."

PHARAOH'S DREAMS

LEADER: "With God's help, Joseph had the ability to understand dreams and explain what they meant. Joseph had done this for a man that he met in prison—the pharaoh's drink taster.

Hold up the goblet.

"Joseph gave this man the good news that he was about to get his job back. Joseph asked the drink taster to talk to the pharaoh when he got out of prison and to try to get HIM out of prison, too.

Set the goblet on the table.

"Do you think the drink taster remembered to do that? *(Pause for response.)* Nope. He completely forgot about Joseph . . . until two whole years later! You see, Pharaoh, the ruler of the land, had two strange dreams that he couldn't explain.

"FINALLY, the drink taster remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him. Pharaoh called for Joseph and asked if he could explain what those strange dreams meant. It must have been a serious shock for Joseph to be pulled out of prison after such a long time and be marched right into the palace!

"These dreams Pharaoh had were kind of crazy. Let me read them to you from the Bible. Here's the first one.

SLIDE: PHARAOH'S FIRST DREAM

Open the Bible to Genesis 41:1-4 (NirV) and read.

"In his dream, [Pharaoh] was standing by the Nile River. Seven cows came up out of the river. They looked healthy and fat. They were eating some of the tall grass growing along the river. After them, seven other cows came up

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out of the Nile. They looked ugly and skinny. They were standing beside the other cows on the riverbank. The ugly, skinny cows ate up the seven cows that looked healthy and fat. Then Pharaoh woke up.

“Whoa. That’s pretty wild. Let me read about Pharaoh’s OTHER dream.

Open the Bible to Genesis 41:5-7 (NirV) and read.

SLIDE: PHARAOH’S SECOND DREAM

“In that dream, seven heads of grain were growing on one stem. They were healthy and good. After them, seven other heads of grain came up. They were thin and dried up by the east wind. The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy, full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up. It had been a dream.

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

“You can see why Pharaoh was so alarmed by these strange dreams! When he asked Joseph to tell him what the dreams meant, Joseph told Pharaoh that HE couldn’t do it—but God could!

“Sure enough, God gave Joseph the meaning of the pharaoh’s dreams. Joseph told the pharaoh that God was showing him what was to come. First, there would be seven good years with plenty of food for everyone.

Pick up the paper grocery bag and dump all the play food onto the table.

“But then, there would be seven years WITHOUT enough food.

Swipe all the play food off the table into the empty prop box.

“A terrible famine was coming! So Joseph told Pharaoh to look for a wise, understanding man to take charge and store some of the food in the good years. That way they would have food to use later.”

JOE’S JOB

LEADER: “The pharaoh could see that God had given Joseph the ability to interpret his dreams. So he decided to put Joseph in charge of the palace and storing up food for the people.

“Wow! Think back to all the awful things that had happened to Joseph along the way. Now suddenly, he was second in command of the whole land of Egypt!

“You know what? It would really help me to have some of you act out the next part of the story. Let’s see, I could use someone to play Joseph.

Bring up a kid volunteer and give him the “I’m #2” hat.

Quickly distribute the “grain” (i.e. fake wheat stalks, or bags labeled “grain”) in various places throughout the room.

“Joseph traveled all over Egypt and helped store up grain during the seven good years.



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Give the wagon to "Joseph" and have him walk around the room, putting the "grain" into the wagon.

"Everyone, if you're sitting near some grain, help Joseph load up the wagon.

"When the years of hunger began, Pharaoh sent everyone to Joseph to buy food. (to Joseph) Okay, Joseph, it's time to set up shop.

Help Joseph unload the grain onto the table.

"All right, who needs some grain?

Have the kid hand out a few stalks/bags of grain out to various kids in the audience.

"The plan worked, and Joseph helped the people survive. But the famine had spread BEYOND Egypt—into Canaan, where Joseph's family lived. Remember Joseph's dad, Jacob, and all of Joseph's brothers? They soon became desperate for something to eat. And they heard there was grain in Egypt.

"So Jacob sent all of the brothers to Egypt to buy food—well, all of them except the youngest, Benjamin. So now I need some of you to play the role of Joseph's brothers."

Bring up as many as ten volunteers, making sure to leave at least one kid in their seat so they can play Benjamin. Bring the empty wagon over to the "brothers."

BROTHERS REUNITED

LEADER: "The older ten brothers made the long journey to Egypt and came before Joseph. They bowed to him, just as Joseph had dreamed about so long before!

Prompt the kids to bow before Joseph.

"Joseph recognized them, but they didn't know who he was. Joseph decided to test them by saying, 'You are spies!'" (Genesis 42:9, NIV)

Nod to Joseph to get him to repeat the line.

KID (AS JOSEPH): "You are spies!"

LEADER: "The brothers explained that they had just come to buy food. But Joseph continued to test them. He ordered them to leave their brother Simeon behind, return home, then come back with their youngest brother, Benjamin. That way they could prove their innocence.

(to one of the brothers) "Okay Simeon, I'm afraid you can't go home yet.

Lead one of the kids away from the group, toward Joseph.

"Joseph had their sacks filled with grain and sent them away.

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Prompt Joseph to put a couple of stalks/bags of grain in the wagon. Covertly put the fake money in the wagon, too. Guide the brothers to pull the wagon away from Joseph and Simeon.

“Along the way, the brothers discovered that all their money had been returned!

Pick up the fake money from the wagon and hold it up so everyone can see.

“When the brothers arrived home, they showed the grain to their father, Jacob, and told him everything that had happened. At first, Jacob refused to let Benjamin go. But soon, all the grain brought from Egypt was gone.

Take the bags of grain out of the wagon and put them in the prop box.

“Jacob sent the brothers back to Egypt—this time with Benjamin—so they could buy more grain. He told them to take gifts and twice the money.

Put more fake money in the wagon along with a couple of gift bags.

“Once again, the brothers—including Benjamin—made the long trek to Egypt.

Bring up one more volunteer to play Benjamin. Have the brothers pull the wagon toward Joseph and Simeon.

“When they arrived, Joseph ordered that the brothers be taken to his own house, where a special meal was being prepared. When Joseph heard that his father was still alive, and when he saw Benjamin, he was so moved that he left the room and wept. Then Joseph at last told his brothers who he was. Listen to how he did it.

Open the Bible to Genesis 45:4-5 (NirV) and read.

“Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come close to me.’ So they did.

Pause and get everyone to huddle up.

“Then he said, ‘I am your brother Joseph. I’m the one you sold into Egypt. But don’t be upset. And don’t be angry with yourselves because you sold me here. God sent me ahead of you to save many lives.’

“Did you hear that? ‘God sent me ahead of you to save many lives.’ Joseph knew that everything that had happened to him was part of God’s plan.”

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

LEADER: “Then Joseph hugged his brothers and wept. You heard me, everyone, group hug! Group cry! (Pause for response.)

“Joseph FORGAVE his brothers. He told them to return to Canaan and bring Jacob and the rest of their families to live in Egypt, where they would have enough food.

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“And that’s exactly what happened! Joseph’s entire family packed up and traveled to Egypt. Joseph finally saw his father Jacob again. The whole family settled in a place called Goshen and had enough to eat through the rest of the famine. The end! *(Pause.)* Except that it wasn’t REALLY the end. God’s story was still continuing then, just like it’s still continuing today!

Stand next to Joseph.

“Joseph held on through some crazy ups and downs in his life, because he trusted God. He believed that God had a bigger story—even if he couldn’t always see it.

“You can leave your props up here and head back to your seats. Thank you so much for your help!

Collect the props as the kids go back to their seats. Give them a chance to settle before you continue.

“Joseph held on through some difficult times. But during all those difficult times, God was working out something amazing. We can look at how God worked in Joseph’s story and trust that God is at work in OUR lives, too.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Hold on because there’s a bigger story.

“Let’s ask God to help us hold on.”

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You for the life and story of Joseph. We can see how You worked in his life in a big way! We can imagine there were times when Joseph thought he couldn’t hold on, but then he kept going because he knew that You were with him. Thank You for being with us, too, and for allowing us to be a part of Your story. Help each of us to **hold on because there’s a bigger story.** We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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CLOSER

LEADER: "It's really cool how God had a bigger story in mind for Joseph, through all the ups and downs of his life. In the end, God made sure that Joseph was able to save his whole family."

SLIDE: GOD'S BIG STORY TIMELINE

SLIDE: WEEK 2 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.

"And there's more! Hundreds of years later, Jesus was born into Joseph's family line. And because Jesus, God's Son, died on the cross, we can be forgiven. Talk about being part of a bigger story!"

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Hold on because there's a bigger story. Say that with me."

LEADER AND KIDS: "Hold on because there's a bigger story."

LEADER: "We can hold on and trust that God is at work in our lives, too. God can see the bigger story, even if we can't. God knows how things will be made right in the end."

"There may be something going on in your life that seems so big right now. Like maybe you're super-nervous about starting something new or passing a test at school that seems impossible. I know I'm having to hold on right now because . . . *(share a personal, age-appropriate example from your own life, if you have one)*. No matter what you or I face, though, we can trust God. That will help us hold on and face our challenges with GRIT."

"I love talking about God's story with all of you. And the story isn't over! Let's head to Small Group and talk some more about Joseph and his part in God's story!"

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP



GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (25 MINUTES)

WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

1. OPENER/CLOSER

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader
- Climbing accessories for Leader to wear/carry
- Climbing Challenge Course Setup Guide (for reference), printed from the LG Assets PDF
- Posterboard signs for each station (optional): Grip Strength, Core Plank, Bean Bag Balance, Crunches, Bicep Curls
- Masking tape
- Two thick reference books
- Several bean bags
- Two small dumbbells (5 pounds or less)
- Phone timer or stopwatch
- Week 2 Timeline Image, printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF
- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

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

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Climbing Challenge Course Setup Guide (printable)
- God's Big Story Timeline Slide
- Week 2 Timeline Image Slide
- Week 2 Timeline Image (printable)

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH THE 252 MEDIA PACKAGE):

- Theme Loop
- Countdown (30- or 60-second version)

- Theme
- Theme Transition to Virtue
- Virtue Transition to Theme

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download and print this week's tech sheet for everyone helping with Large Group.
- 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 from a resource such as iTunes® and have it ready to play.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. These graphic motion loops are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- Use the printable Setup Guide to set up the Climbing Challenge Course in your room, with five different stations. Make signs to designate each station, and set props out as needed.

2. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Never Gonna Give Up" from *Make a Move*
- "I Run to You" from *Make a Move*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.
- Dance Moves Music Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. The *Live Loud* faith skills video and the Dance Moves Music Video for the monthly worship song are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.



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GETTING READY

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3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader
- Kid volunteers
- Bible
- Table
- Goblet (prop)
- Paper grocery bag filled with play food
- Large empty box
- Baseball cap labeled "I'm #2" (see "What You Do")
- Wagon
- Many fake wheat stalks or "bags of grain" (see "What You Do")
- Two stacks of fake money

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Pharaoh's First Dream
- Pharaoh's Second Dream

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.
- Make a small sign that says "I'm #2" and tape it on the front of a baseball cap.
- If you have fake wheat stalks or prop bags of grain, great! If not, you can tape signs that say "GRAIN" on the front of pillows (without cases) and pretend that they're bags of grain.

VIDEO ENHANCEMENTS FOR YOUR ENVIRONMENT

AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL PURCHASE AT STORE.THINKORANGE.COM.

FEATURE PRESENTATION: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic video storytelling experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum.

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):

- In *StoryLab*, two inquisitive young Hosts invite kids to engage with the month's Virtue, setting up a simple and direct telling of the Bible story by a professional Storyteller.

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

- In *The So & So Show*, two Hosts and a Communicator walk you through a contemporary and comedic presentation of the Bible story. This YouTube-style show sets up the story and also connects it to the weekly Key Question for preteens.

GET REEL: Videos and graphics to enhance your 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum environments. Four videos each month will help kids learn basic faith skills. Use them in your FX, Large Group, or as a promotional piece to show in your adult services:

- Discovery*—Listen to God's words (HEAR)
- Dear God*—Dialogue with God (PRAY)
- One Thing*—Articulate your faith (TALK)
- Live Loud*—Worship with your life (LIVE)

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENTS INCLUDING:

- Graphic motion loops
- Themed audio transitions
- Virtue and monthly widget promo videos (M.C. Haggis)
- Countdown videos (30 and 60 seconds)
- Music videos for original songs that highlight each Virtue
- Retro Reel video to play on your fifth Sunday