

Power Up: Raise Your Game

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BIBLE STORY

This One's for the Children
Jesus and the Little Children
Mark 10:13-16
(supporting Mark 9:36-37)

MEMORY VERSE

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Philippians 1:6, NIV

LIFE APP

Life App—What God is doing in you to change the world around you

BOTTOM LINE

God can give you the strength to be gentle.

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Create the Environment
Monthly Overview

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arrivers
New Kind of Strength (*Kindergarten and 1st Grade*)
Balloon Toss (*2nd and 3rd Grade*)
Just For Fun (*4th and 5th Grade*)

25
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Opener
Bible Story
Worship
Prayer
Closer

10
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

"Love One Another" from *Every Beat*
"Good Always" from *Every Beat*
"Who You Say I Am" from *Who You Say I Am single*

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

For Kindergarten and 1st Grade:
Take a Breath; Eggsactly Gentle; Spoons
For 2nd and 3rd Grade:
Jesus, May I?; Lantern Toss; Gentle Verses
For 4th and 5th Grade:
Take a Snapshot; Bible Story Extension;
Discussion Questions; Verses to Take with You
Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime
Parent Cue

GETTING READY

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS

OPENER/CLOSER

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Host
- Five volunteers (a mix of kids and adults)
- Apple
- Table
- 10-15 pieces of gummy fruit candy (peach rings, orange slices, etc.)
- Baking sheet

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- High-energy music to play during the game

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Life App Slide
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Fruit of the Spirit Slide Week 3 (with Gentleness highlighted)
- Fruit Face Challenge Slide

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

- Theme Loop
- Countdown (30- or 60-second version)
- Theme
- Theme Transition to Life App
- Life App Transition to Theme

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download and print this week's tech sheet for everyone helping with Large Group.
- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have CG 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.
- Spread out the gummy candy on the baking sheet, so the contestants can easily grab one piece without touching the others.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Storyteller
- Bible
- A few pictures of kids in your environment (taken in previous weeks) for each of these categories:
 - Smiling kids
 - Kids pretending to cry like a toddler
 - Kids acting hungry
 - Kids acting frustrated
 - Leaders looking tough
 - Leaders looking snooty
 - Kids being silly
 - Kids looking upset
 - Kids looking gentle
 - Kids giving a thumbs-up

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have CG capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Organize the kid and Leader pictures that you've taken the past two weeks into the categories listed above. Load them into your PowerPoint or ProPresenter presentation software. Make sure the pictures are in the order of the list. Print out or copy

GETTING READY, CONTINUED

the Bible story script for the slide operator to follow along and know when to display the correct pictures.

- If you don't have photos of kids and Leaders from your environment, you could show stock images or emojis instead.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Worship Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS (SFX):

- "Love One Another" from *Every Beat*
- "Good Always" from *Every Beat*
- "Who You Say I Am" from *Who You Say I Am* single

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- "Love One Another" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through AmberSkyRecords.com)
- "Good Always" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through the 252 Media Package)
- "Who You Say I Am" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through AmberSkyRecords.com)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs (available on AmberSkyRecords.com) and have them ready to use.
- 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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Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

Included in **Feature Presentation:**

- 252 Story brings you the Bible story in a simple and direct way through a professional Storyteller accompanied by engaging visuals.
- *Intro and Outro* videos set up the Bible story and then connect it to the weekly Bottom Line. These videos are interchangeable with the live Opener and Closer, so you can use them to *bookend either a live Storyteller or 252 Story*.
- 252 Movie presents the So & So Show, where two Hosts 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. It's interchangeable with the live Opener, Story, and Closer in our 252 Kids scripts. Consider using if you'd like to create a separate Preteen environment, or if you have a majority of older kids in your K-5th grade room.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

FEATURE PRESENTATION: Creative video options designed to pair with the 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum.

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BIBLE STORY

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Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

SFX: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

CG: Theme Slide

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

Host enters, holding an apple.

Optional Video (Media Package): Countdown (30- or 60-second version)

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme

MEMORY VERSE

God began a good work
in you. And I am sure that
he will carry it on until it is
completed. That will be on
the day Christ Jesus returns.
Philippians 1:6, NIV

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everybody! I'm [your name], your Host. You know that saying, 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away'? I really think there's something to it.

Take a big bite and say the next line with a mouthful.

"I can't get enough of these apples. They're so yummy!"

Swallow and continue.

"All summer we've been talking about how we can live out different Life Apps."

LIFE APP

**Life App—What God is
doing in you to change the
world around you**

CG: Life App Slide

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Transition to Life App

"A Life App is what God is doing in you to change the world around you."

BOTTOM LINE

God can give you the
strength to be gentle.

CG: Theme Slide

Optional Video (Media Package): Life App Transition to Theme

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the
way I want to be treated.

"We've talked about love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and now—today—we're on to gentleness."

CG: Fruit of the Spirit Slide Week 3 (with Gentleness highlighted)

"All of these Life Apps start showing up when we have the Holy Spirit working in our lives. That's what the apostle Paul called the Fruit of the Spirit. When we power up with the Holy Spirit, people will be able to see these things in the way we talk and act. God's Spirit helps us live God's way every day!"

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"As you might imagine, today's game is all about fruit. More specifically, it's about getting fruit off your face and into your mouth where it belongs. Let me get five of you up here who don't have any food allergies, because it's time for the 'Fruit Face Challenge'!

CG: Fruit Face Challenge Slide

Choose five volunteers (a mix of kids and adults) and have them stand behind the table.

(To contestants) "Contestants, each of you can choose one of these delicious gummy fruits.

Let each contestant pick a piece of fruit candy from the baking sheet. Make sure you're facing the audience while you do this, so everyone can see.

"When I say, 'Go,' you'll place your fruit on your forehead. Without using your hands, try to move it all the way down your face, into your mouth, and eat it! If it falls onto the table, pick it up, and place it back on your forehead again. If it falls to the floor, pick it up, and I'll give you a new one. Fruit at the ready! Here . . . we . . . GO!

SFX: Play high-energy music as kids compete

Play the game until someone successfully eats their candy. Let all the contestants eat their candy at the end. Lead the audience in thunderous applause as you dismiss the contestants to their seats.

"I've seen some crazy faces in my day, but I don't think I've ever seen anything quite like that. Nice job! Interestingly enough, you might be seeing some crazy faces later in the Bible story. Before we jump in to that, though, let's face the music with some amazing worship!"

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADER: "It's great to see you all today. Get up on your feet and get your heart ready to sing and praise God. Before we start, let me ask you something. Did you know that the way we live our lives really matters? Jesus commanded us to love one another. That's what this song is about. Let's sing these words and praise God together."

SFX: "Love One Another" / track 9 from Every Beat

Optional Video: "Love One Another" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video

WORSHIP LEADER: "Our God is always good. Always means always. Even in those times when we're confused or something happens that we don't expect, we can trust that He has a good plan for our lives. Let's sing and celebrate His goodness together. Here we go!"

SFX: "Good Always" / track 4 from Every Beat

Optional Video: "Good Always" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video

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WORSHIP LEADER: “Listen to these words Jesus spoke to His disciples. We can find them in Matthew 5:8-9. Jesus said: ‘Blessed are those whose hearts are pure. They will see God. Blessed are those who make peace. They will be called children of God.’ (NirV) We are the children of God. We are chosen and loved by our Father. Let’s draw close to Him as we sing His praises together.”

SFX: “Who You Say I Am” / track 1 from Who You Say I Am single

Optional Video: “Who You Say I Am” Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

NOTE: Throughout the script, there are prompts to display photos of kids and Leaders that you’ve taken from the previous two weeks. (If you don’t have photos of kids from your environment, you could show stock images or emojis instead.)

STORY

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: (Hold up Bible.) “The Bible is full of amazing stories of men and women doing heroic things and of God fulfilling promises that were thousands of years in the making. I think it’s especially cool to read stories about Jesus—to see how He lived, read what He said, and learn what kinds of things are important to Him.

“Today’s Bible story is a great example of that, and it’s cool because it’s about kids who were probably around your age!

“Now, there’s something you should know about Jesus. He had a habit of hanging out with people others thought were unimportant or different—like super-sick people, people with bad reputations, and tax collectors. Jesus loved these people! He didn’t turn His back on them like others did.

“And I’m sad to say, but back in Bible times, kids were looked at kind of the same way. Kids were often thought of as just being in the way, and—well—not important.

“But Jesus didn’t see it that way. Mark wrote about a moment when Jesus was talking with His disciples. They had been arguing about which one of them was the most important person. We can read about it in the book of Mark. Jesus said: “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last” (Mark 9:35 NirV). To help explain His point, He picked up a little child and had the child stand among them. He said this.

Open the Bible to Mark 9:37 (NirV) and read.

“Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me.”

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OVERCROWDING THE CLASSROOM

STORYTELLER: “It’s pretty clear that Jesus thinks EVERYONE is important—even sick people, even tax collectors, even kids just like you!

CG: A few pictures of smiling kids

“Jesus thinks ALL of us are important. And He was about to prove it even further. I’ve got some more pictures of you that I’ll use to help tell the story. You never know what might show up on the screen!

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

“Let’s fast-forward a bit in our story to another time when people were bringing their children to Jesus. They were hoping He would put His hands on them and bless them.

“Now, you have to understand, the crowds that hung around Jesus were pretty big to begin with. People were just trying to get near Him—hoping to hear something He would say, straining to glimpse His face, hoping that He might be willing to heal them.

“Now throw lots of kids in the mix.

CG: Pictures of kids pretending to cry like a toddler

“Some were crying because they didn’t want to be there.

CG: Pictures of kids acting hungry

“Some were whining because they were hungry.

CG: Pictures of kids acting frustrated

“And some were complaining that their stone tablet wasn’t connecting to the temple’s Wi-Fi. (Pause.) Just kidding about that one.

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

“Now let me ask you something. Have you ever played ‘Capture the Flag’? In that game, players from one team are trying to go to the other team’s side, grab a flag, and run back to their base without getting tagged. A great strategy for that game is to have a few people guarding the flag so they can tag and keep out any potential invaders.

“Well, that was sort of what went on that day with Jesus and His disciples. The disciples were acting a lot like guards protecting the flag.

CG: Pictures of Leaders looking tough

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“When the disciples saw that people were bringing their kids to see Jesus, they told them to stop. They figured Jesus was too important to be bothered with a bunch of kids.

CG: Pictures of Leaders looking snooty

“After all, people didn’t think kids were as important as adults, right? The disciples probably thought Jesus had better things to do than spend His valuable time with children.”

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

LET THEM COME

STORYTELLER: “When Jesus saw what the disciples were doing, He actually got angry—but not in a mean way. Instead of reacting harshly to the kids, Jesus was incredibly gentle. Listen to what He said to the disciples.

Open the Bible to Mark 10:14 (NirV) and read.

“Let the little children come to me. Don’t keep them away. God’s kingdom belongs to people like them.”

“I’m guessing the disciples were thinking, ‘Wait a minute, Jesus. People like THEM? They’re just . . . kids.’

“Jesus went on.

Open the Bible to Mark 10:15 (NirV) and read.

“What I’m about to tell you is true. Anyone who will not receive God’s kingdom like a little child will never enter it.”

“Jesus was saying that there’s something very special about the way a kid trusts in Him.

“Think about it this way. All of you have to depend on adults for some things, right? You depend on us to take care of you and give you what you need. That’s what it should be like for ALL of us who believe in God. We should have true, honest faith in Him—where we recognize that we completely depend on God for everything and we trust Him for all we need!

CG: Pictures of kids being silly

“Every kid is valuable to Jesus. Every PERSON is valuable to Him. Every person is made in the image of God.”

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

BE THAT CHILD

STORYTELLER: “Think about how amazing it must have been in that moment as Jesus talked with His disciples. Instead of turning the little children away, Jesus took them in. He took the children in His arms and He blessed them.

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“Jesus wasn’t harsh or unkind; He was gentle. The truth is, being gentle with someone can change everything!”

“Think about it for a minute. Have you ever been super upset or mad or hurt or disappointed?”

CG: Pictures of kids looking upset

“Wow. Some of those are extremely dramatic! When you’re upset, if someone yells at you, that will totally make it worse, right?”

CG: Pictures of kids looking gentle

“But what if someone is gentle with you? What if they listen to you? What if they look you in the eye and tell you that everything is going to be okay? What if they tell you they’ve got your back—that they’re here to help you?”

CG: Pictures of kids giving a thumbs-up

“Doesn’t that make you feel so much better?”

Optional: Tell a quick personal story of a time when someone treated you with gentleness.

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Jesus said that God’s kingdom belongs to those who come to Him like children. And I can tell you with absolute certainty: Jesus feels the same way about you—all of you. You might feel like you’re just a kid, but that’s not how Jesus sees you. He thinks you’re important. He thinks you’re valuable!”

“Jesus used His power and authority to bless the children—those who were seen as unimportant. He used them as an example of how people should have faith. We can follow His example of gentleness and be gentle with others as well.”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“God can give you the strength to be gentle.”

“You see, it takes strength to be gentle. That’s especially true when things are crazy, and you might be tempted to speak harshly or lose your temper. But the great news is, gentleness isn’t just up to us. God can help us choose to be gentle when we power up with the Holy Spirit.”

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us with that today.”

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

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PRAY

STORYTELLER: “God, You are powerful and strong, but even with all of that, You are so incredibly gentle! Thank You for Your gentleness. Thank You for comforting us when we’re hurting or when things aren’t going our way. Please help us to share Your gentleness with others. Give us Your strength so we can be gentle with the people around us. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

CLOSER

HOST: “That’s so cool! Jesus cares about kids so much so that He basically said EVERYONE should come to Him like a child. He wasn’t too busy for the kids that day. He took the time to bless them. He showed everyone what it means to be gentle.

“So what does gentleness look like for us? When your family is out of control, when friends are upset, when people are hurting, put their needs before your own. Be a listener. Be a good friend. Be gentle with both your words AND your actions. Jesus cared about everyone, and we can, too—even people who might seem to be overlooked.

“Remember this.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“God can give you the strength to be gentle.

“It’s not always easy, but God is always there to help you. He can help you **[Basic Truth] treat others the way you want to be treated**—with gentleness.

“Let’s gently head to our small groups to talk some more about how we can show this amazing fruit of the Spirit!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

SFX: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

CG: Theme Slide

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop