

Upside Down: Jesus changes everything

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Jesus Prays in Gethsemane
Matthew 26:36-56
(Supporting: Luke 22:39-46)

MEMORY VERSE

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Philippians 2:3, NIV

LIFE APP

Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve

BOTTOM LINE

Put others first.

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
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SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arrivers
Who's First? (Kindergarten and 1st Grade)
Got Your Back (2nd and 3rd Grade)

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STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

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Bible Story
Worship
Prayer
Closer

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WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

"Live Your Love" from *Can't Stop, Won't Stop*
"Thank You God" from *Can't Stop, Won't Stop*

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MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

For Kindergarten and 1st Grade:
In the Garden; A Little Help from My Friends;
Others First
For 2nd and 3rd Grade:
Wake Up, Disciples!; Humility Action Plan;
Philippians 2:3
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
- 10 boys and 10 girls (or an even number of each, if you don't have room on stage for 20 kids)
- Two Leaders to help keep score
- 20 (16.9-ounce) water bottles, filled halfway with water; one for each kid contestant
- Host's phone
- Table(s) (optional)
- Craft paper/fishing line Bible timeline and Today's Story Image (optional)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS (SFX):

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

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Humility Slide
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Blank Memory Verse Slide
- Memory Verse Slide
- Timeline (optional)—CG or printed
- Today's Story Image (optional)—CG or printed

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. *Note: Legally a song belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. Usually, but not always, PROs give general permission for performances in worship services. We recommend you obtain permission from the PRO representing the song or the publisher of the song you wish to play. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. For a list of PROs in your part of the world: www.iamusic.com. Look at the copyright on the CD or sheet music to discover the PRO or publisher of the song. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song.*
- *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 have a countdown clock built into the program that you can overlay on a still image.*
- 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.
- You may want to have the kids flip bottles on table(s) to make the game a bit easier. If so, plan to have enough tables on stage to accommodate all 20 kids.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Storyteller
- Bible

GETTING READY, CONTINUED

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- One Big Story Intro (Video)
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- "What Did Jesus Do?" Slide
- Bible Story Illustrations #1-10

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.
- Download the weekly SFX and have them ready to use.
- Download music from a resource such as iTunes® and have it ready to play.
- The One Big Story Intro Video is available with the monthly download. You can find it in the "Prelude" folder under "Monthly Planning."

WHAT YOU DO:

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

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Worship Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS (SFX):

- "Live Your Love" from *Can't Stop, Won't Stop*
- "Thank You God" from *Can't Stop, Won't Stop* (On the *Get Reel 2.0* DVD there is a *Live Loud* video you can show to help teach and encourage worship in our everyday lives. Consider using this segment before doing "Thank You God")

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- "Live Your Love" Live Lyrics Music Video (available through OrangeKidsMusic.com)
- *Live Loud* Video from *Get Reel 2.0* (available through the 252 Media Package)
- "Thank You God" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video (available through the 252 Media Package)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

FEATURE PRESENTATION: Creative video options designed to pair with the 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum. Available for purchase through Store. ThinkOrange.com.

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):

- 252 Story brings you the Bible story in a simple and direct way through a professional Storyteller

GETTING READY, CONTINUED

accompanied by engaging visuals.

- *Also included:* Intro and Outro videos with a character Host. The Intros set up the Bible story, while the Outros connect the story 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.

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

- In *The So & So Show*, 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.

GET REEL 2.0: Videos and graphics to enhance your environment for kids and inspire key faith skills.

Available for purchase separately or through the tiered 252 Media Package.

Included in Get Reel 2.0:

- Faith skills videos to use 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
- Life App and monthly widget promo videos (M.C. Haggis)
- Countdown videos (30 and 60 seconds)
- Music videos for original songs that highlight each Life App

- Retro Reel video to play on your fifth Sunday

WIDGET*: "UPSIDE DOWN" SPINNER

* WIDGET [WIJ-IT] – NOUN

1. Something unspecific whose name is either forgotten or not known.
2. A device that is very useful for a particular job
Origin: 1925–30; perhaps an alternative form of gadget

Give kids the chance to put someone else first and flip their day with April's widget: the "Upside Down" Spinner. After all, Jesus turned everything upside down when He showed what it means to serve. He can help us choose humility and give up what we think we deserve. First, families brainstorm a list of people they want to put first. Each person in the family can take a spin and find a fun, easy way to brighten someone's day. Then, as a family, they can make a game plan to put their ideas into action!

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BIBLE STORY

The Way

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane
Matthew 26:36-56
(Supporting: Luke 22:39-46)

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 welcomes the kids as they enter.

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

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme

MEMORY VERSE

Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.
Philippians 2:3, NIV

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everyone! My name is [your name], and I'm so glad you're here today. We're flipping things upside down this month because we're talking about humility.

CG: Humility Slide

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

LIFE APP

Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve

"Humility is putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

CG: Theme Slide

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

BOTTOM LINE

Put others first.

"Usually, we want things to go our way. But humility means turning that upside down and wanting what's best for someone else. That's not always easy, but we have the very best example of humility in Jesus. Jesus chose to be humble, and what He did for us changed the world forever!

BASIC TRUTH

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

"Since we're flipping things upside down, I thought we could step back in time to a game that was really popular a few years ago. If any of you have older brothers or sisters, I bet they definitely used to do this. I'm talking about bottle flipping!

Pick up a water bottle and flip it. (It's fine if you don't "land" it.)

"It's pretty simple. You keep trying until you land the bottle correctly.

Flip the bottle a few more times. (Again, it's fine if you don't actually land one.)

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"Raise your hand if you want to give it a try up here on stage.

Choose 10 girls and 10 boys. Have them line up across the stage, facing the audience—with the girls on one side and the boys on the other.

Set a water bottle in front of each kid (either on the floor or on a couple of tables).

(To contestants) "All right, contestants. You'll have one minute to land as many bottle flips as you can. You'll get one point for every time your bottle lands right side up. Keep flipping those bottles as many times as you can in one minute and we'll find out who lands more flips: the boys or the girls. (To audience) What do you think, will the girls win or the boys? (Pause for response.)"

Look for a male Leader and a female Leader who are sitting fairly close to the stage.

"[Leader's name], can you please keep score for the boys? And [Leader's name], can you keep score for the girls? Great! Everyone else, be sure to cheer for our contestants, okay?"

"All right. We're ready to begin. Let's count it down—three, two, one, GO!

Set a 60-second timer on your phone.

SFX: Fun music

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

Cheer for the contestants and comment on the action. When the time is up, ask the two scorekeepers for the number of successful flips for each team, and announce the winner.

"Way to go, everyone! That was pretty impressive! Let's give all of our contestants a huge round of applause as they head back to their seats.

Dismiss the contestants to their seats.

(Flip a bottle in the air and catch it.) "It's not always easy to flip things upside down and show humility, but God is always there to help us. Let's sing to God now and thank Him for being so good to us."

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes—we have so many reasons to be thankful for the amazing love of God. Get on your feet. Let's sing and worship Him together!"

SFX: "Live Your Love" / track 4 from Can't Stop, Won't Stop

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Optional Video: "Live Your Love" Live Lyrics Music Video

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! God's love is so good that we want to share it with the people around us. Before we continue in worship, watch this."

Optional Video (Media Package): Live Loud video from Get Reel 2.0 DVD

WORSHIP LEADER: "We have a new song to sing with you today. It's called 'Thank You God.' God's love for us is so big and so great. When we worship Him, that's one way we can say 'thank You' for who He is and what He's done. Listen to these words from Psalm 106:1: 'Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever.' (NIRV) Let's choose to worship God and thank Him for His incredible love. Sing with me once you catch on."

SFX: "Thank You God" / track 9 from Can't Stop, Won't Stop

Optional Video (Media Package): "Thank You God" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

VIDEO: One Big Story Intro

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

STORY

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: (Hold up Bible.) "We're picking up God's Big Story and looking at all the amazing things Jesus did and said when He was here on earth."

"There were many people who were following Jesus and learning from His teaching. They believed that He was God's Son—the One whom God had sent to be our Savior. But not everyone was happy with Jesus. For months, the religious leaders had been trying to find a way to capture Jesus so they could stop Him from teaching."

"On the Sunday before Passover, Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem to great cheers from the crowds. They waved palm branches to welcome Jesus and to honor Him. They had all gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast, which was a celebration to help them remember how God had rescued His people from slavery in Egypt."

"Meanwhile, Judas, who was actually one of Jesus' closest friends, went to the religious leaders with a plan. Judas planned to help the religious leaders capture Jesus in exchange for 30 pieces of silver."

"Believe it or not, this didn't take Jesus by surprise. He knew that there was a bigger plan."

WHAT'S COMING NEXT

CG: "What Did Jesus Do?" Slide

STORYTELLER: “So what did Jesus do? Well, He knew that the next few days would be very difficult for His closest friends, the disciples. So He took time to prepare them for what would happen next. First, He shared the Passover meal with them, and then He led them out of the city. Judas had already left by then.

CG: Bible Story Illustration #1 (Jesus speaking to the disciples, on the road)

“Jesus told His friends that He would be going away soon . . . but that they would see Him again. They didn’t really understand what He meant by this.

“Jesus continued to lead them to the Mount of Olives.

CG: Bible Story Illustration #2 (Jesus speaking to the disciples, on the Mount of Olives)

“When they got there, Jesus told them:

Open the Bible to Matthew 26:31 (NirV) and read.

“This very night you will all turn away because of me.”

“None of the disciples could imagine not following Jesus, and Peter told Jesus there was no way he would ever turn away from Him. But Jesus told Peter that before the rooster crowed, Peter would deny Jesus three times.”

SLEEPY FRIENDS

CG: “What Did Jesus Do?” Slide

STORYTELLER: “What did Jesus do next? Well, He knew that His friends were about to leave Him. If I knew my friends were going to leave me, I might be angry at them. But Jesus wasn’t mad. He invited the disciples to go and pray with Him in the garden of Gethsemane.

CG: Bible Story Illustration #3 (Jesus and the disciples walking toward the garden)

“They reached the garden, and Jesus told the disciples to sit there while He went to pray. He took Peter, James, and John with Him.

CG: Bible Story Illustration #4 (Jesus speaking to Peter, James, and John)

“Jesus told them:

Open the Bible to Matthew 26:38 (NirV) and read.

“My soul is very sad. I feel close to death. Stay here. Keep watch with me.”

“Jesus went a little farther and prayed.

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CG: Bible Story Illustration #5 (Jesus praying)

"He said:

Open the Bible to Matthew 26:39 (NirV) and read.

"My Father, if it is possible, take this cup of suffering away from me. But let what you want be done, not what I want."

"Jesus was asking His Father if there was any way for there to be a different plan. He was asking God if there was any other way to complete His mission.

CG: Bible Story Illustration #6 (Jesus returning; Peter, James, and John sleeping)

"After He prayed for a while, Jesus returned to His friends, and He found them sleeping. Jesus woke them up and told them it was important for them to pray. Then He went away to pray for a second time.

CG: Bible Story Illustration #5 (Jesus praying)

"Again, He asked God if there was any other way to complete the mission He had been sent to do. Again, Jesus came back and found the disciples sleeping.

CG: Bible Story Illustration #6 (Jesus returning; Peter, James, and John sleeping)

"He left them and went away to pray for a third time.

CG: Bible Story Illustration #5 (Jesus praying)

"He prayed the same thing. He begged God to take away what was coming, but still, He completely trusted God's plan.

CG: Bible Story Illustration #6 (Jesus returning; Peter, James, and John sleeping)

"Once again, Jesus woke up His disciples. He said:

Open the Bible to Matthew 26:45-46 (NirV) and read.

"Are you still sleeping and resting? Look! The hour has come. The Son of Man is about to be handed over to sinners. Get up! Let us go! Here comes the one who is handing me over to them!"

AN ANGRY MOB

CG: Bible Story Illustration #7 (Jesus facing Judas and the angry mob)

STORYTELLER: "Judas had arrived, along with a large crowd of people carrying swords and clubs. The religious leaders had sent these angry people. Judas had explained to the people that he would greet Jesus with a kiss so

they would know which man to arrest. Judas kissed Jesus on the cheek. Jesus knew exactly what Judas was doing, but still, He said: *"Friend, do what you came to do"* (Matthew 26:50 NIV).

CG: Bible Story Illustration #8 (Peter pulling out his sword)

"As the men grabbed Jesus, Peter pulled out his sword and cut off the ear of the high priest's servant!

CG: "What Did Jesus Do?" Slide

"What did Jesus do next? He could have tried to escape during all the commotion. He was powerful enough that He could have easily broken free from people who were trying to capture Him. But He knew that even this was part of God's plan. He knew that the only way to complete His mission was to allow these angry people to arrest Him.

"Jesus told Peter to put away his sword. He touched the servant's ear, and the man was healed.

CG: Bible Story Illustration #9 (Jesus speaking to the mob)

"Then Jesus spoke to the crowd:

Open the Bible to Matthew 26:55-56 (NIV) and read.

"Am I leading a band of armed men against you?" he asked. "Do you have to come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courtyard teaching. And you didn't arrest me. But all this has happened so that the words of the prophets would come true."

CG: Bible Story Illustration #10 (Jesus being taken away)

"The mob arrested Jesus and took Him away. Jesus' friends couldn't believe what had just happened. They were so scared that they ran away—just as Jesus had predicted."

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

CG: "What Did Jesus Do?" Slide

STORYTELLER: "What did Jesus do? He chose to carry out His mission. He knew that He had come to earth to die on the cross for our sins so that we could have a relationship with God that will last forever. Jesus knew that what He was about to do would bring life for everyone, but it would cost Him everything.

"Think of all the different ways Jesus put others first.

CG: Bible Story Illustration #1 (Jesus speaking to the disciples, on the road)

"He took time to talk with His friends and prepare for everything that was about to happen.

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CG: Bible Story Illustration #5 (Jesus praying)

“He prayed and asked God if there was any other way to carry out what He had come to do. In the end, He trusted God and chose to follow God’s plan.

CG: Bible Story Illustration #10 (Jesus being taken away)

He allowed the crowd to arrest Him, even though He hadn’t done anything wrong.

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

“Jesus showed us how to put others first. He showed true humility. That’s what we need to remember to do, too.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“Put others first.

“It can be really tough for us to do what when we feel like putting OURSELVES first. That’s why we need to remember all Jesus did for us. Let’s pray and ask God to help us **put others first.**”

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You so much for sending Jesus to be our Savior. We can see so many ways that Jesus chose to **put others first**. He chose to trust You and follow Your plan, and because He did, WE can have the promise of eternal life. Please help us to follow Jesus’ example and **put others first**. In those times when it’s hard for us to give something up for someone else, help us to remember what Jesus has done for us and show humility. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

CLOSER

CG: Today’s Story Image

Optional: Place Today’s Story Image on your timeline.

HOST: “When Jesus was in the garden praying, He was talking to His Father. Jesus asked if there could be another way to complete His mission. But in the end, Jesus chose to do what He had come to do because it was part of God’s bigger plan.

CG: Timeline

“This was ALWAYS God’s plan from the very beginning—from the moment God created the earth and everything in

it. Jesus knew that HE was God’s amazing rescue plan. Everything in God’s plan led up to Jesus, the Savior of the world. Jesus knew what was coming next—that He would have to die on the cross so that we could be forgiven of our sins.

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

“Jesus **put others first**. He took the hard road. He chose to take on something that was difficult and painful so that we could have eternal life.

“We can follow His example as we choose to **put others first**, too. That’s what we need to remember today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“**Put others first.**

“That might mean watching a TV show that your brother wants to watch instead of what YOU want to watch. Maybe it’s being excited to go to a restaurant your parents like, even if doesn’t have a great kids’ menu. Or maybe it’s playing a game the way your friend likes to play, even if it isn’t the way YOU like to play. Putting others first means that you **[Basic Truth] treat others the way you want to be treated**. You think about what THEY want or need. You choose THEIR way instead of yours.

CG: Blank Memory Verse Slide

“Our memory verse for this month is Philippians 2:3. It comes from a letter that the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi. He wrote:

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“Don’t do anything only to get ahead. Don’t do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves (Philippians 2:3, NIRV).”

“I know that’s not always easy. But we have the best example of humility in Jesus! You can head to Small Group now and talk about what it means to **put others first!**”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

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

CG: Theme Slide

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop