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LARGE GROUP
RUG

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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BIBLE STORY

God loves me and sent Jesus to be my friend forever.

GOD GAVE HIS ONLY SON
JOHN 3:16

MEMORY VERSE

"Nothing at all can separate us from God's love."

ROMANS 8:39, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you?

BOTTOM LINE

God loves me.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Monthly Overview
Create the Environment

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.
Symbol Toss
World Map Puzzles
It's a Wrap

10
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WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

God Loves Me Specially

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STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Bible Story
Prayer

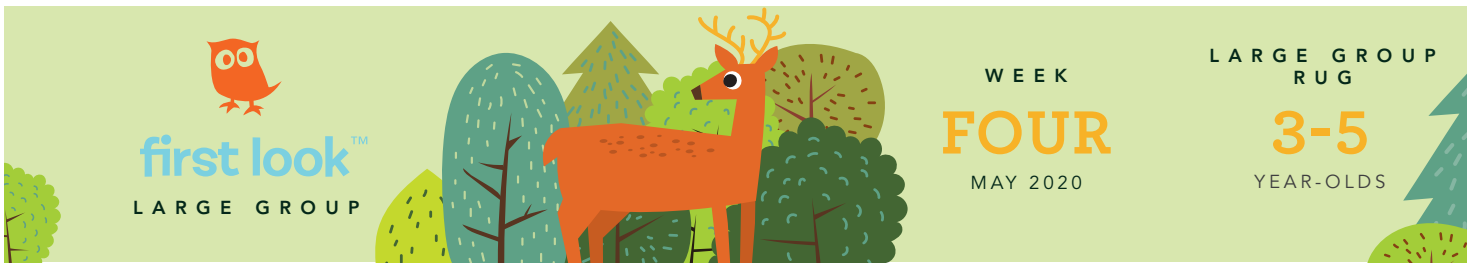
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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.
God Loves You!
Pictures of Love
Story Stickers
Freeze Dance
Best Gift
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue



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Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive worship and the Bible story. The Rug Script is written for those who pull their children to a rug (or area) to one side of their preschool space to tell the Bible story. If you gather your preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible story, you may benefit from using the Stage Script.

WORSHIP

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Romans 8:39, NIRV. You will need a music player and this month's worship song, "God Loves Me Specially," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "God Loves Me Specially" is available on the Orange Store or in your media package if you subscribe.

LEADER: "Hey, everybody! Do you remember **who loves you? God loves me! Who loves you?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**God loves me.**"

LEADER: "Yes, He does! **God loves me.** He loves you when you dance and when you play, when you laugh or shout and sing! Let's dance and sing to Him!"

(Lead children in singing "God Loves Me Specially," this month's worship song.)

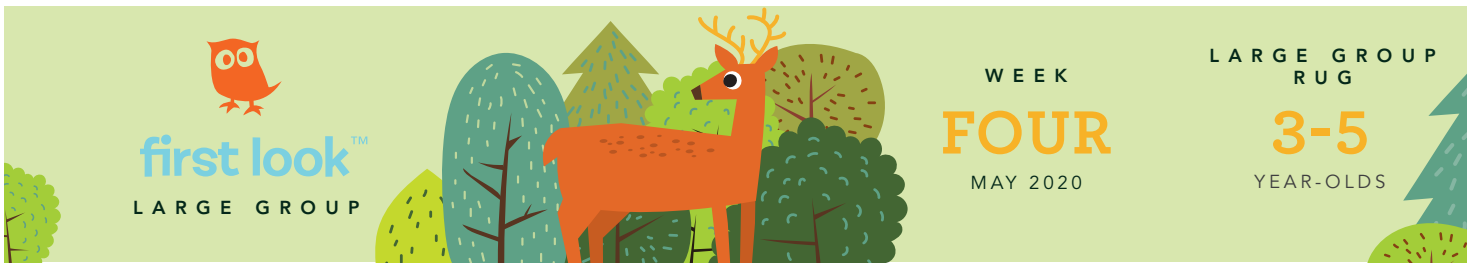
LEADER: "That was awesome! So, **who loves you?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**God loves me.**"

LEADER: "That's right, **God loves me.** Let's say our verse together. 'Nothing at all (shake head and wave your arms in front of you) can separate (lock your fingers together) us from God's (point up with both hands) love (hug yourself).' Romans 8:39. (Open your hands like a book.) Say it with me!"

(Say the verse and do the motions several times together.)

LEADER: "Great job, friends! I'm so glad to know that God made me and God loves me!"



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STORY

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be “told” and not “read.” Advanced preparation is necessary.

First Look offers weekly introductory sketches and Bible stories on the DVD titled “Wonder, Look at God’s Story.” This DVD is available for purchase at OrangeStore.org or as part of your monthly Media Package.

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible

Optional Story Images can be found in the Large Group Images folder. (02_LG35_Rug_Images) They can be used in conjunction with this script.

LEADER: (Enters with Bible.) “Hi, friends! I’m super excited to see you all here today. (Hold up the Bible.) Today’s true story from the Bible begins with God. All month long, we’ve been learning that **God loves me.**”

(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)

“It’s true. God loves you, and God loves me. God loves us with his WHOLE heart.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

“God loves everyone in the whole WIDE world. You could live anywhere in the whole world, and God would love you.

“God loves everyone SO much that He gave us all a very special gift.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)

“It wasn’t a new bicycle. It wasn’t a cute, fluffy puppy. Do you want to hear what the special gift is? It’s JESUS!

(Option: Display Story Image W4 04)

“God loved the world so much that He gave us Jesus.

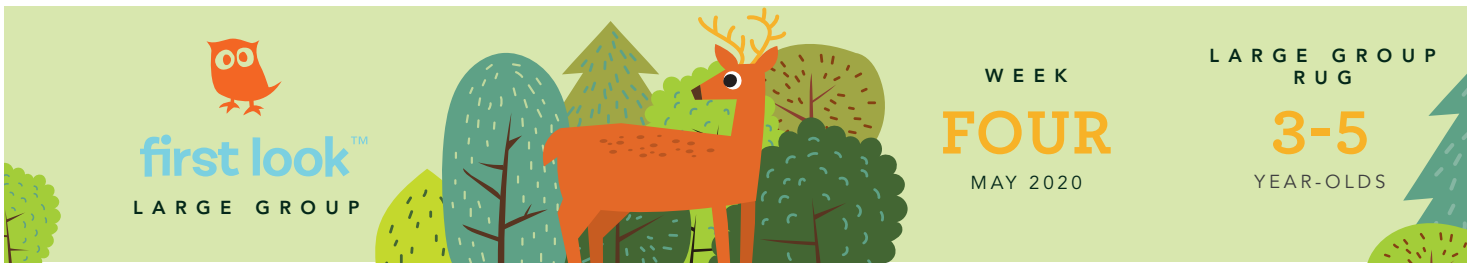
“Now, say it after me. God loved . . .”

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CHILDREN: “God loved . . .”

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LEADER: “The world so much . . .”



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LEADER: "He gave us . . ."

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LEADER: "Jesus!"

CHILDREN: "Jesus!"

LEADER: "Yes! Jesus is special because Jesus is God's son! Drumroll please, just like this. *(Demonstrate.)* Jesus wants to be our friend forever! That's right. Jesus wants to be my friend forever. And Jesus wants to be your friend forever *(pointing at different groups of children each time)* and your friend, and your friend, and your friend, and your friend, too!

"God loves you so much, He gave you Jesus! Tell me, **who loves you?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "**God loves me.**"

LEADER: "It's true! God loves you, and God loves me. God loved the whole world SO much that He gave us Jesus. Let's pray and thank God for sending Jesus to be our friend forever because **God loves me.**"

PRAYER

LEADER: "Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us SO much that you sent Jesus to be our friend forever. Help us to show that love to others this week. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."