

WEEK 3 - January 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: Nothing is too hard for Jesus.
Feeding 5,000 • Mark 6:31-44
Memory Verse: "With God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26, NIV
Key Question: Who can do anything?
Bottom Line: Jesus can do anything.
Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Make it True

Captivate kids with a bible story and help them understand how it connects to their world.

-Large group time

9:25-9:45 | 10:55-11:15 | 12:25-12:45 - MAKE IT TRUE

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: A Bible; a basket full of foam fish or fish cutouts and several loaves of bread; a brown lunch sack filled with two foam fish or fish cutouts and five slices of bread; and a large box to hold everything

(NOTE: The bags of bread will NOT be opened during the story, they will simply be used for show during the Bible story.)

Optional Story Images can be found in the Large Group Images folder. (02_LG35_Stage_Images) They can be used in conjunction with this script.

STORYTELLER: (Enter carrying the box of props. Set it on the table. Pick up the Bible.) "Hi, friends! I'm so glad you're here today because I have an awesome true story straight from the Bible that starts when Jesus was on the beach. Jesus and His friends had been working very hard. They were tired. Everybody, yawn with me like you are so sleepy. (*Yawn.*) So tired.

"Jesus and His friends were hoping to get a little rest, but when they got to shore, they found a HUGE crowd of over 5,000 people who had come to see Jesus and to hear Him teach.

(Option: Story Image W1 01)

"Jesus loved the people, so of course He got out of the boat to teach them. Jesus told the crowd that God loves them very much and God wants them to love others. This went on for a very long time until it got late!

"The people got hungry and they didn't have any food with them. Jesus' friends, the disciples, told Jesus to send the people away so they could eat in the town nearby. But Jesus said to his disciples, 'You give them something to eat.'

"The disciples were thinking, 'Whaaat? You want us to feed all these people?' But who do we know that can do anything? (*Pause.*) Jesus! That's right. Jesus is God's Son, and He can do anything!

"So Jesus said, 'Go see how many loaves of bread we have.' The disciples went and came back with one small lunch. Let's see.

(Open the brown lunch sack.)

(Option: Story Image W1 02)

"There were—count them with me (*pull out the pieces of bread and count aloud*)—one, two, three, four, five loaves of bread. Now let's see how many fish. (*Pull out the two foam fish and count aloud.*) And one, two fish! So they had five loaves and two fish. Is that enough to feed more than 5,000 people? (*Pause.*) Everyone say, 'No way!'

CHILDREN: "No way!"

STORYTELLER: "No! It seemed way too hard to feed that many people. But do you know what? Nothing is too hard for Jesus!

(Pick up the two fish and slices of bread.)

(Option: Story Image W1 03)

"Jesus took the food and prayed to God and gave thanks. Jesus told the disciples to pass out the food to all the people.

(Pick up the basket of foam fish and loaves of bread from the box.)

"Jesus told the disciples to pass out the food to all the people. So they did. They kept passing out food—more and more and more food. So much food that everyone—over 5,000 people—ate until they were full. There were even leftovers of food.

"Jesus fed over 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. *[Bottom Line]* Jesus can do anything! Tell me: Who can do anything?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus can do anything!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes! Who can feed a huge crowd of people with just five loaves and two fish? **Who can do anything?**"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus can do anything."

STORYTELLER: "Yes, He can. Nothing is too hard for Jesus! Let's pray.

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, we love You. We know that Jesus is Your only Son and He can do anything. Thanks for sending Jesus to be our friend forever and for reminding us that nothing is too hard for Him. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

(Host enters. Storyteller exits.)

CG: Bible Story Wrap-Up Video

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

WORSHIP LEADER: "Welcome, friends! Did you know that [Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything? It's true! Who can do anything?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus can do anything."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Let's sing together because nothing is too hard for Jesus!

(Lead children in singing "Wow Oh Wow," this month's worship song.)

"Great job, friends! Who can do anything?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus can do anything."

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! Our memory verse reminds us that nothing is impossible with God! Let's practice it together. *With God (point both hands up) all things (spread your arms out in a moving circle in front of your body) are possible (two thumbs up)*, Matthew 19:26. (*Open your hands like a book.*) Can you say it with me?

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

"Good job, friends! We don't have to be afraid because **[Bottom Line]** Jesus can do anything!

(Lead children in singing "Fear Get Out of Here.")

"Great singing. Who can do anything?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus can do anything." dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.

WORSHIP LEADER: change wkly??? Start at worship leader Make yellow (2) (lead children)

Dismiss children to small groups.