



WEEK 2 - January 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: Jesus can do things we can't.

Catching Fish • *Luke 5:1-7*

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 Fun

Activities to help kids transition into the classroom and set up the bible story.

-On the water

Make it True

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

-Large group time

Make it Stick

Activities and crafts that help kids personalize the story and apply the truths to their life.

-Memory Verse with swim
-Row, Row, Row your boat
-Adding Scales
-Journal and prayer

9:10-9:25 | 10:40-10:55 | 12:10-12:25 - MAKE IT FUN

1. On the Water

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Blue butcher paper; several small toy fish; toy boats or mini loaf pans; and Little People® figures

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the butcher paper on the floor. Place the fish onto the paper.

During the Activity: Allow the children to use the boats to play on the “water.”

After the Activity: Place the Little People figures in the boats.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Let’s pretend to play on the water!” (*Point.*)

During the Activity: “Use the boats to ride on the water. This is going to be so much fun!” (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: “Let’s put people in the boats! Take the people for a fun ride! (*Finish activity.*) Today, we are going to talk about people in boats in our Bible story. I cannot wait to find out who were in the boats!”

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to row a boat as you walk to the story area.

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

Large Group Overview:

Story Focus: Jesus can do things we can't. Then, they will learn about the time Jesus told Peter to take Him out in his boat to go fishing. Peter and the other fisherman hadn't caught anything all night, but because Jesus told him to try again he did. Do you know what happened? Jesus and Peter caught so many fish the boat almost sank! Only Jesus could do that!

9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 MAKE IT STICK

1. Memory Verse Swim

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

During the Activity: Gather the children in the activity area. Review the memory verse motions. *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.)*

After you've reviewed the verse and motions, encourage the children to say the verse as they swim and act like a fish. Remind them to be careful of the friends around them as they move.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Let's say our verse together with the motions and THEN let's swim around like fish as we say our verse together."

After the Activity: "With God ALL things are possible. Nothing is too hard for Jesus. **[Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything! Who can do anything? [Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything!**"

2. Row, Row, Your Boat

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children stand in front you.

During the Activity: Teach the children the following song and motions.

Row, row, row your boat (*pretend to row a boat*)
Gently down the stream (*move hand in soft zigzag motion*)
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily (*jump up and down*)
Life is but a dream (*pretend to be asleep*)

Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “We are going to learn a fun song about a boat. Jesus was on a boat in our Bible story today.”

During the Activity: “Listen and watch me while we sing the song.” (*Teach song and motions.*)

After the Activity: “Great job! Jesus was on a boat and filled the fishermen’s nets with fish. **[Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything! Who can do anything? [Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything!**”

3. Adding Scales

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: “Fish” Activity Page, cardstock, and circle stickers in a variety of colors

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Fish” Activity Page onto cardstock and cut in half. You will need one half page per child. Set the circle stickers in the center of the tables.

During the Activity: Pass out the “Fish” half page to each child. Encourage them to add “scales” to the fish by adding the circle stickers to the page.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Friends, what happened when Jesus told Peter to throw his net into the water? (*Pause.*) Yes! He caught SO many fish in his net. **[Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything.** I thought we could make some fish of our own this week. These fish are missing their scales! Let’s use these stickers to add some scales to our fish.”

After the Activity: “Your fish are beautiful! Do you think the fish that Peter caught looked like these fish? *(Pause.)* This fish will remind you of our story today and how **[Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything. Who can do anything? [Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything.**”

4. Journal and Prayer

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

What You Need: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Matthew 19:26, NIV. Provide a journal and a fun-shaped pen for each small group.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “It’s Small Group time. Let’s pretend we are dragging a big net full of fish. There are so many fish that we have to work together! Come on and pretend with me. Let’s drag our net full of fish!

(Pretend to drag a large net full of fish as your lead the children to your Small Group spot.)

“Whew! That was a lot of fish! Let’s sit down and talk about today’s Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me!

(Open the Bible and lay it open in front of the children.)

“Our Bible story today was about a real fishing net that was so full of fish it almost sunk the boat! Who made all the fish get in the net?”

(Pause for response.)

“Yes! Jesus! Jesus told Peter to put his nets in the water and when he did he caught so many fish he needed help pulling the net! We know this can really happen because with God all things are possible, just like it says in the Bible verse we are learning.

(Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.)

“*With God all things are possible, Matthew 19:26.*”

(Close Bible and lay it down.)

“Let’s stand up and say that verse together with the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do.”

CHILDREN and SGL: “*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.) (Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

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SGL: “And because Jesus is God’s Son, **[Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything! Who can do anything?**”

CHILDREN and SGL: **[Bottom Line] “Jesus can do anything!”**

SGL: “Louder! **Who can do anything?**”

CHILDREN and SGL: **[Bottom Line] “Jesus can do anything!”**

SGL: “Yes, He can!”

(Give each child a fist bump.)

“Okay, let’s sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God.

(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)

“Today we are going to make a list of things we can’t do. I’m going to write that I can’t stop a storm.

(Write your name and that you can’t stop a storm.)

“There. Now when I say your name, you tell me one thing that you can’t do.

(Say each child’s name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

“Thank you for making this list with me. There are a lot of things that we can’t do. And that’s okay. Because Jesus wants to be our friend forever and **[Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything!** Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

Prayer

SGL: “Dear God, there are SO many things we can’t do. Things like (read the list the children made). BUT we know You sent us Your Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever, and **[Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything!** Help us to believe in what Jesus can do. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

