



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 Fun

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

-Feed Me

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.

-Verse Roll
-Jesus Can Do Anything
-Basket of bread and fish
-Journal and prayer

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

1. 1. Feed Me!

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

What You Need: A paper with a face with a big mouth.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay the paper somewhere around the room.

During the Activity: Line up the children a few feet from the papers and encourage them to take turns tossing the beanbags onto the faces.

After the Activity: Set the beanbags aside.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, do you see this crazy face? I think he/she is hungry! Let's pretend these beanbags are food. Stand right here and toss the 'food' into the mouth. We'll take turns so that everyone has a chance to feed our friend."

After the Activity: "That was fun! In our Bible story today, we're going to hear about how Jesus fed a huge crowd of people. Let's go!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to eat different foods. Food choices: licking an ice cream cone, nibbling an ear of corn, biting into a juicy slice of watermelon, eating a hot bowl of soup, chewing a piece of apple, munching on popcorn, letting a piece of chocolate melt in your mouth, etc

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

Large Group Overview:

Story Focus: Nothing is too hard for Jesus. Next, our preschoolers will hear about Matthew, another one of Jesus' disciples. He wrote about a time when Jesus fed 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. Five thousand people—and that's not even counting the women and children!

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

1. Verse Roll

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: Large inflatable ball

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children sit in a circle.

During the Activity: Say the Memory Verse and then roll the ball to a child. Say the verse again and ask the child that has the ball to roll it to another friend. Continue the activity until the ball has been rolled to each child.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We are going to play with the ball today." (*Hold up.*)

During the Activity: "We are going to say our Memory Verse and then I will roll the ball to someone. Are you ready? (*Roll the ball to a child.*) *With God all things are possible,* Matthew 19:26. Now let's say it again and you can roll the ball to another friend." (*Continue and finish activity.*)

After the Activity: "Nice job! Our Memory Verse tells us that Jesus can do AMAZING things! **Who can do anything? [Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything!**"

2. Jesus Can . . . Jesus Can . . . Do ANYTHING!

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:

During the Activity: Gather the children to sit in a circle in your activity area. Select a child to be “It” and walk around the circle as you play a version of “Duck, Duck, Goose.” The child walking around the perimeter of the circle will tap each child’s head saying, “Jesus can, Jesus can, Jesus can,” and finally, “do anything!” The child whose head is tapped on “do anything” must stand up and follow the friend around the circle to try to get back to his original seat first. Whoever is out of the circle without a seat will be “It” for the next round. Play as time and interest allow.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Have you ever played the game ‘Duck, Duck, Goose’? We’re going to play that game today but with different words! I’ll choose one of you to go first. I want you to walk around the circle and pat each friend’s head as you say, “Jesus can.” You can repeat and tap as many times as you’d like. But when you tap a friend’s head and say, “Do anything!” that friend will stand up and race you back around the circle to get the spot first. Are you ready?”

After the Activity: “Whew! That was tiring and fun. One thing’s for sure, **[Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything!** He can play ten rounds of this game, and He can feed a huge crowd with one small lunch. Nothing is too hard for Jesus. Tell me: **Who can do anything? [Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything.**”

3. Basket of Bread and Fish

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 and Bread” and “Basket Label” Activity Pages, cardstock, scissors, Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent, crayons, and large brown lunch sacks (one per child)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the “Fish and Bread” Activity Page onto the cardstock and cut on the dotted lines. Each child will need five loaves of bread and two fish. Copy the “Basket Label” Activity Page onto the label paper. Each child will need one label.

During the Activity: Give each child the fish and bread and the crayons. Ask the children to color the fish and bread. Give each child a lunch sack. Help the child roll the sack down to form a basket. Ask the child to place the bread and fish into the basket. Place the label onto the front of the basket.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Nothing is too hard for Jesus. He can do anything!”

During the Activity: “Jesus turned five loaves of bread and two fish into food for 5,000 people! WOW! We are going to make a basket of fish and bread that you can take home and use to tell your families all about our Bible story.” *(Do activity.)*

After the Activity: “Awesome! You have a basket of bread and fish just like in our Bible story. You can tell your families that **[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. Today we are going to wear our pretend beach sunglasses while we walk to our spot. Make circles with your fingers like this.

(Demonstrate by making circles with your fingers and holding them up to your eyes like glasses.)

“And then hold them up to your eyes. Show me your beach sunglasses. Cool! Now we can walk to our spot!

(Continue wearing your “beach sunglasses” as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.)

“Yay! You can take your sunglasses off now and sit down so we can 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 something else Jesus did that only He can do. What did Jesus do in our story that only He can do?”

(Pause for response.)

“He sure did! Jesus fed over 5,000 people with only two fish and five loaves of bread. And there were leftovers too! Wow! Jesus really can do anything because Jesus is God’s Son. And with God all things are possible.

“Hey! That’s the Bible verse we are learning. Let’s take a look in the Bible and say it together.

(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.)

“Stand up with me and let’s say that verse together with the motions.”

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.)

SGL: “And because with God all things are possible and 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: “Let me hear you again! **Who can do anything?**”

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

SGL: “I am so proud of you!”

(Give each child a high five.)

“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 our favorite foods. The people in our story ate fish and bread. But what do YOU like to eat? Think about it, and when I say your name, tell me what your favorite food is.”

(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.)

“Look at this list! So many yummy foods! Let’s thank God for our food and that nothing is too hard for Jesus. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

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

Prayer

SGL: “Dear God, thank You for all of the yummy food you give us to eat. Thank You for *(read the list the children made)*. I pray that when we eat food we will remember the

time Jesus fed all of those people with just a little fish and bread because ***[Bottom Line]*** **Jesus can do anything!** We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.”