



WEEK 3 - May 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: God loves me no matter what.

Prodigal Son • *Luke 15:11-24*

Memory Verse: “Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love.”

Romans 8:39, NIV

Key Question: Who loves you?

Bottom Line: God loves me.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

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 large box containing play money, a backpack, a hat, a large light-up toy, play food, and a Bible

(NOTE: Preselect a male volunteer—this can be a high school student—to play the role of the prodigal son in today’s story. This volunteer will not have any speaking parts, he will just act out the story with props.)

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: *(Enters carrying the box of props.)* “Hello, everyone! I’m REALLY glad to see you today because I have an awesome story to tell you. It’s actually a story that Jesus told, so you know it’s a good one! This story is about a father and a son. It’s a story that teaches us that God loves us, no matter what!

(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)

“Are you ready to hear the story? If so, when I say, ‘Are you ready?’, you answer, *(give two thumbs up)* ‘I’m ready!’ So, are you ready?”

CHILDREN: “I’m ready!”

STORYTELLER: “Awesome. I’ve asked my friend, *(Volunteer’s name)*, to help me out today. Come on out!

(To the volunteer) “Thanks for helping us out today. You will play the role of the son. Are you ready?”

CHILDREN: “I’m ready!”

STORYTELLER: “One day, the son asked his dad if he could have a LOT of money that his dad was saving for when the son was MUCH older.

(Hand the play money to the volunteer.)

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

“The dad gave him the money. Then, the son packed up, took the money, and went far away.

(Hand the backpack the volunteer.)

“Once he’d arrived in this new place, he immediately spent his money on EVERYTHING.

(Hand volunteer the hat.)

“He bought clothes.

(Hand volunteer the light-up toy.)

“And toys.”

(Hand volunteer the play food.)

“And food. He kept spending his money until it was ALL gone. *(To the volunteer)* Aren’t you forgetting something? You have to pay for all of that.

(Volunteer hands over all the money.)

“Everyone say, ‘Uh-oh!’”

CHILDREN: “Uh-oh!”

(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)

STORYTELLER: “Uh-oh is right! All of his money was gone, and he was all alone. He didn’t have a house to live in, or money, or food.

(Take the food, toy, hat, and backpack away from the volunteer.)

“In fact, at one point, he was so hungry that he wanted to eat pig’s food. EWWW! The son knew he had made bad choices. And he was VERY sorry. He wanted to go back to his dad and tell him how sorry he was.

“So, he went back to his dad. When his dad saw him coming, he ran down the road to hug him! *(To the volunteer)* Let’s hug it out, dude. *(Hug volunteer)*

(Option: Display Story Image W3 04)

“His dad forgave him. He LOVED him. Nothing could ever change that. And do you know what? God loves you the same way the father in the story loved his son. God will never, ever, ever stop loving you. He loves you no matter what! Tell me, **who loves you?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: *[Bottom Line]* “**God loves me.**”

STORYTELLER: “That’s the truth, friends! There isn’t anything you could do to make God stop loving you! You are so special to God. Let’s pray and thank God for loving us no matter what!”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “Heavenly Father, thank You for the story of this son. Even when he messed up, the father forgave him because he loved him. Thank You for loving us, no matter what! We love You! In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

(Host enters. Storyteller exits.)

CG: Bible Story Wrap-Up Video

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Engage kids’ hearts through dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.

WORSHIP LEADER: “Welcome, friends! Do you remember what we’re learning all month long? **Who loves you?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “**God loves me!**”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes! *[Bottom Line]* **God loves me!** And how do we know that? Because God made us specially!”

(Lead children in singing “God Loves Me Specially,” this month’s worship song.)

“That was awesome! **Who loves you?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “**God loves me.**”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes, He does! Our memory verse reminds us just how much God loves us! Let’s say it 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 the verse and do the motions several times together.)

“Great job, friends! **[Bottom Line] God loves me** and you and you and you and you!
There’s nobody else in the world like you. Let’s sing this out together!

(Lead children in singing “Perfectly Made.”)

“God loves you and me just the way He made us. Perfectly! **Who loves you?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “God loves me.”

Dismiss children to small groups.