



WEEK 2 - July 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: I spy someone who made everything.

Paul Teaches in Athens • Acts 17:16-34

Memory Verse: “These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.” John 20:31, NLV

Key Question: Who can believe in Jesus?

Bottom Line: I can believe in Jesus.

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

Large group- MAKE IT TRUE

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: Bible, large stone, and an inflatable globe

(The large stone and inflatable globe need to be in the storytelling area where the children can spy them.)

*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: “Hello, everyone! I’m *[your name]*, and I can’t wait to tell you today’s true story from the Bible. It is SOOOOO good!

Hold up the Bible, open it, and lay it aside.

“Our story is about a man named Paul. Paul believed in Jesus. He told everyone that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever.

“One day, Paul went to a city called Athens. The people in Athens worshipped statues made of stone instead of believing in Jesus. Hmm . . . a stone is a big rock. It’s time to do some spying! Get your binoculars ready! *(Hold hands like binoculars.)*

“I spy, with my little eye, something that is a hard rock . . . doesn’t talk . . . and can’t hear. Do you see something that is a hard rock, doesn’t talk, and can’t hear? Look with me!

Hold the “binoculars” while you walk toward the large stone.

“It’s a stone! You found it!

Pick it up to show the children.

“Umm . . . it was something like this that the people in Athens prayed to instead of believing in Jesus.

Put the stone down.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)

“Paul looked around at all of the stone statues, and he told the people, ‘Hey, you have a lot of statues, but you’re missing something. You’re not worshipping the one true God. The God who made everything!’

“The people wanted Paul to tell them more, so he did! He told them how God made the whole world and everything in it. Hmm . . . the whole world. Get your binoculars ready! (*Hold hands like binoculars.*)

“I spy, with my little eye, something that is big and round . . . floats in space . . . is blue and green. Do you see something that is big and round, floats in space, and is blue and green? Look with me!

Hold the “binoculars” while you walk toward the globe.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)

“It’s the world! God made the world and everything in it! That’s what Paul told the people. Paul told them how God made the sky, water, sun, moon, stars, trees, flowers, birds, fish, animals—God made all of it! The people were amazed, and wanted Paul to tell them more. So, he did!

“Next, Paul told them how God made people. He told them God made all people to know him. Hmm . . . people. Get your binoculars ready! (*Hold hands like binoculars.*)

“I spy, with my little eye, someone special God made. They have hair on their head . . . and two eyes . . . and a great big smile. Do you see someone special God made with hair on their head, two eyes, and a great big smile? Look with me! Look in front of you and beside you, to this side and to that side. It’s people! God made people. Boys and girls, short and tall, God made us all!

(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)

“The people in Athens heard this and still wanted Paul to tell them more. So, he did!

“Next, Paul told the people about Jesus. He told them that Jesus is God’s son, that Jesus is alive, and He wants to be their friend forever. When Paul finished talking, some of the people believed in Jesus! It was amazing!

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“And the good news is that EVERYONE can believe in Jesus. That means you can believe in Jesus, too! So, when I ask you, ‘**Who can believe in Jesus?**’, I want you to say, [*Bottom Line*] ‘**I can believe in Jesus!**’ Ready? **Who can believe in Jesus?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [*Bottom Line*] “I can believe in Jesus!”

STORYTELLER: “Look to the person beside you and say, **[Bottom Line] ‘I can believe in Jesus!’**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: **[Bottom Line] “I can believe in Jesus!”**

STORYTELLER: “You sure can! Thank you for playing ‘I Spy’ with me. It sure helps me tell the Bible story! Now, let’s close our eyes and talk to God together.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, we praise You because You are the one true God. You made the whole world and everything in it. Then, You gave us Your Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. You are so amazing, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus’ name, amen.

“I had so much fun with you today. I can’t wait to see you next time. Bye!”

The storyteller exits with the Bible.

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: “Hey, friends! It’s great to see you here today. This is my favorite day of the week—the day we come to church to worship God! We’ve been learning that **[Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus. Who can believe in Jesus?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: **[Bottom Line] “I can believe in Jesus!”**

WORSHIP LEADER: “I spy lots of friends who Jesus loves. Let’s sing this out to him!

Lead children in singing “I Spy,” this month’s worship song.

“Jesus is real, and He loves you and me! Tell me, **who can believe in Jesus?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: **[Bottom Line] “I can believe in Jesus.”**

WORSHIP LEADER: “Our memory verse says, ‘These are written (*open your hands like a book*) so that you (*point out*) may believe (*point to head*) that Jesus is the Christ, (*point up*) the Son of God,’ (*rock baby*) John 20:31 (NLV). (*Open your hands like a book.*)

Say the verse and do the motions together several times.

“That’s right! In the Bible, Jesus tells us to love God and everybody else. Let’s sing this out together!

Lead children in singing “Love God and Everybody Else.”

“I’m gonna L-O-V-E God and you! Why? Because Jesus loves me! That’s why **[Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus. Who can believe in Jesus?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “I can believe in Jesus.”

Dismiss children to small groups.