

## WEEK 4- July 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: I spy something that is real.

Jesus Prepares a Place • John 14:2-3; Acts 1:1-11

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:** A Bible, a toy grocery basket filled with toy food, white poster board, scissors, glue, and cotton balls

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.

#### What You Do:

Before Large Group: Cut a cloud shape out of the white poster board. Fluff the cotton balls and glue them to the poster board. This will be your cloud. Place the grocery basket filled with toy food in the storytelling area. Hang the cloud *(or tape it to a wall)* somewhere in the storytelling area.

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, everyone! My name is *[your name]*. Get your 'I Spy' eyes ready so you can help me tell the Bible story! Let me see those binoculars.

Hold your hands like binoculars and look at the children.

"You look ready to me! (Put "binoculars" down.)

"Our Bible story today (hold up the Bible, open it, and lay it aside) is about a place called heaven. Raise your hand if you've ever heard about heaven.

Pause and look around.

"That's awesome!

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"Well, one day, when Jesus was with His friends, the disciples, He told them He would go away soon. He said He was going to a special place called heaven to get everything ready for all of the people who believe in Him. Jesus said this place is very big and has lots of rooms.

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"Later, after Jesus died and came back, He visited many of His friends. He wanted them to see with their own eyes that He is alive. Jesus talked with His friends and ate food with them so they would see that He is alive and believe in Him. Get your binoculars ready! (Hold hands like binoculars.)

"I spy, with my little eye, something that you use in a grocery store. It carries things you can eat. Do you see anything that you use in a grocery store that carries yummy things you can eat?

Hold the "binoculars" while you walk toward the grocery cart.

"Yes, it's a grocery basket with food!

Pick up some of the food.

"One time, Jesus ate on a beach with His friends after He came back. Jesus cooked fish and bread! While Jesus was talking and eating with His friends, He told them to go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever.

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"Then, something amazing happened. After Jesus finished talking to His friends, He went straight into the sky, through the clouds, and into heaven! Get your binoculars ready! (Hold hands like binoculars.)

"I spy, with my little eye, something white and fluffy that floats in the sky. Do you see something white and fluffy that floats in the sky?

Hold the "binoculars" while you walk toward the cloud.

"You're right! It's a cloud!

(Option: Display Story Image W4 04)

"All of Jesus' friends saw Him go into the clouds. While Jesus' friends were standing there looking at the sky, two angels came and asked them, 'Why are you looking at the sky? Jesus has gone to heaven, but He'll be back!'

"Wow! We know heaven is real, because Jesus told us it's real. And we can believe Jesus, because He always tells the truth. Everyone who believes in Jesus will get to be His friend forever and live with Him in heaven one day. Jesus is there right now, getting it ready for everyone who believes in Him. And the best part is that we can all believe in

Jesus. I can believe in Jesus. You can believe in Jesus. Everyone can believe in Jesus! So, one last time, tell me, **who can believe in Jesus?**"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "I can believe in Jesus!"

STORYTELLER: "Again! Who can believe in Jesus?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "I can believe in Jesus!"

**STORYTELLER:** "It was very special being with you today and talking about heaven. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

#### **PRAYER**

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, we get so busy that we forget that Jesus is in heaven, right now, getting it ready for us. That is amazing! I pray we will all believe in Jesus so we can be with Him forever in heaven one day. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.

"Thanks again for an amazing day! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The storyteller exits with the Bible.

The host enters carrying the eye chart and a 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! I have a question for you. **Who can believe in Jesus?**"

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "That's right! *[Bottom Line]* I can believe in Jesus. Jesus tells us to love one another! Let's sing this out with all we've got.

Lead children in singing "I Spy," this month's worship song.

"That was fun! So, who can believe in Jesus?"

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "That's right, **[Bottom Line]** I can believe in Jesus. Let's say our verse together. '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 it with me!

Say the verse and do the motions together several times.

"We can shine our light and love God and everybody! Let's sing to God with all we've got!

Lead children in singing "Love God and Everybody."

"I LOVE worshipping with you, friends! One more time, who can believe in Jesus?"

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

Dismiss children to small groups.