

WEEK 3 - June 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: I spy someone who believes in Jesus.

Paul's Conversion • Acts 9:1-20

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; "Paul's Scroll," "Paul's Scroll with Angry Emoji," and "Paul's Scroll with Happy Emoji" Activity Pages; cardstock; tape; and a large toy dollhouse

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 the Activity: Make one copy of "Paul's Scroll," "Paul's Scroll with Angry Emoji," and "Paul's Scroll with Happy Emoji" on cardstock. Tape them around the Large Group area. Place the dollhouse in the Large Group area.

Storyteller enters carrying a Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! My name is (your name)! Are you having fun playing 'I Spy'? I hope so, because I want us to play a little Bible 'I Spy' today. (Hold up the Bible, open it, then lay it aside.)

"We've been talking a lot about God's Son, Jesus. We talked about when Jesus was born. Can you pretend to rock a baby like this? (*Pretend to rock a baby.*)

"We talked about how Jesus grew up to help sick people, love everyone, and do AMAZING things that only He can do. Can you make a heart with your fingers like this? (Make a heart shape with fingers of both hands.)

"We talked about how Jesus died, but on the third day, the stone was rolled away! Jesus came back! Jesus is alive! Can you pretend to roll a stone away like this? (Do a rolling motion with both hands.)

"After Jesus came back, He went to see His friends so they could see that He is alive. They told people Jesus is alive and wrote down that Jesus is alive, so everyone, everywhere could believe that Jesus is live!

"But . . . not everyone believed Jesus is alive.

"One of the people who didn't believe was a man named Paul. Now, this is where I need your help to spy with your little eye. Get your binoculars ready! (Hold hands like binoculars.)

"I spy, with my little eye, a man holding a big piece of paper, wearing a long, red vest. Do you see a man holding a big piece of paper, wearing a long, red vest? Look with me! (Hold the 'binoculars' while you walk toward 'Paul's Scroll.')

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"You got it. This is Paul. (Point to 'Paul's Scroll.')

"Everyone say, 'Hi, Paul!"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "Hi, Paul!"

STORYTELLER: "Paul grew up believing you had to follow a lot of rules if you loved God. I mean A LOT of rules!

"One day, Paul heard people say that Jesus taught a brand-new rule. Not a lot of rules, just one rule. Jesus' one rule was: Love each other the way I have loved you. Because Jesus is God's Son, people followed Him and did what He said.

"This made Paul very angry. Paul wanted people to follow all of the other rules. He did not want people following Jesus. Do you know what Paul did? He started being mean to people who followed Jesus. Let's see if we can spy Paul with an angry face. Get your binoculars ready!

"I spy, with my little eye, Paul with an angry face. Do you see Paul with an angry face? Look with me! (Hold the 'binoculars' while you walk toward 'Paul's Scroll with Angry Emoji.')

"Yep. This is angry Paul. (Point to 'Paul's Scroll with Angry Emoji.')

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

"Well, one day, when angry Paul was on his way to be mean to more people who followed Jesus, he saw a bright light and heard someone talk to him. Who do you think was talking to Paul? (Pause.)

"Yes! It was Jesus! Jesus asked Paul why he was doing mean things. Then, Jesus told Paul to go to a house and wait. After Paul saw the bright light, he couldn't see anything, but he wanted to do what Jesus told him to do. So, someone had to help him find the house. Okay, friends, get your binoculars ready! We have a house to find! (Hold hands like binoculars.)

"I spy, with my little eye, a big house! Do you see a big house? Look with me! (Hold the 'binoculars' while you walk toward the dollhouse.)

(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)

"Here it is! It's a house!

"Some of Jesus' friends came to the house to help Paul. They helped Paul, because Jesus had taught them the new rule: Love each other the way Jesus loves you.

"After a few days, Paul could see again! Do you think Paul believed in Jesus now? (Pause.)

(Option: Display Story Image W3 04)

"He sure did! Angry Paul, who was mean to people, became happy Paul who loved people and believed in Jesus!

"Get your binoculars ready one more time! (Hold hands like binoculars.)

"I spy, with my little eye, Paul with a happy face. Do you see Paul with a happy face? Look with me! (Hold the 'binoculars' while you walk toward 'Paul's Scroll with Happy Emoji.')

"Here he is! (Point to 'Paul's Scroll with Happy Emoji.')

"We found happy Paul! Yay!

"I love this story because it teaches us that EVERYONE can believe in Jesus. And when we believe in Jesus, we love people the way Jesus loves us. So, tell me, **who can believe in Jesus?"**

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

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

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

STORYTELLER: "You sure can! Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You that Jesus loves everyone, and everyone can believe in Jesus. You are the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen.

"Thank you for helping me spy the Bible story, today. See you next time!"

The storyteller exits with the Bible.

The host enters.

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 can believe in Jesus?**"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes! *[Bottom Line]* I can believe in Jesus! And how do we know that? Because Jesus LOVES us!"

Lead children in singing "Jesus Loves Me Remix," this month's worship song.

WORSHIP LEADER: "That was beautiful friends! Who can believe in Jesus?"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, you can! Our memory verse reminds us that God gave us the Bible to tell us about Jesus! Let's say it 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 the verse and do the motions together several times.

"Great job, friends! **[Bottom Line]** I can believe in Jesus. When I get scared, He makes me brave. Jesus is my friend; my friend forever. Sing it out with me!"

Lead children in singing "I've Got a Friend."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus loves your messy hair and funny dances. He loves EVERYTHING about you! Jesus wants to be your friend forever. **Who can believe in Jesus?**"

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

Dismiss children to small groups.