



### WEEK 3 - July 2020 - PRESCHOOL

**Bible Story Focus:** I spy someone who tells the truth.

Paul in Rome • Acts 28:11-31

**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 Fun

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

-Night and Day

#### 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.*

-True story  
-Dancing  
-True or False  
-Journal and prayer

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## **First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN**

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### **1. Night and Day**

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

**What You Need:** "Sun and Moon" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, two large craft sticks, and masking tape

#### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Copy "Sun and Moon" on cardstock and cut apart. Use the masking tape to secure a large craft stick to the back of each picture.

*During the Activity:* Gather the children to spread out in your activity area. Hold up the sun picture and encourage the children to dance. Then, hold up the moon picture and encourage the children to pretend to sleep. Flip back and forth between the two images as children dance or sleep. Repeat as time and interest allow.

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Friends, let's all gather here in our activity area. Everyone, hold your arms out to your side like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Are you touching any friends? If so, let's move apart a bit more so we have plenty of room."

*During the Activity: (Hold up the sun picture.)* "Can someone tell me what this is? (*Pause.*) Yes, the sun! When the sun is up, we're awake and we can dance! Everyone, dance with me!

*(Hold up the moon picture.)* "Can someone tell me what this is? (*Pause.*) Yes, the moon! When the moon is up, we sleep. Let's all pretend we're asleep!" (*Continue flipping between the two pictures as children dance or sleep.*)

*After the Activity:* "That was SO fun! I saw some awesome dance moves. The sun comes out in the day, and the moon comes out at night. In our Bible story today, we'll hear about someone who told other people about Jesus. He talked about Jesus day and night! Let's go find out who it is."

**Transition:** Move to Worship and Story by continuing to hold up the sun and moon signs as the children pretend to sleep or dance.

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## Large group- MAKE IT TRUE

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### Large Group Overview:

Story Focus: I spy someone who tells the truth. Week three we will spy Paul again, only this time he's in Rome. From morning until night, Paul taught people that Jesus is telling the truth. Jesus really is the Son of God. Jesus really is alive. And, Jesus really wants to be your friend forever.

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## Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

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### 1. True Story

#### Talk about God | Bible Story Review

*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:* Retell the Bible story using hand motions for key points. Encourage the children to do the hand motions with you: thumbs up, rock a baby, hug yourself, and sign "Jesus loves me." (*How to sign "Jesus loves me": Touch middle finger of right hand to left palm then middle finger of left hand to right palm, hug yourself, then point to your chest.*)

#### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Come sit with me! (making sure kids are spaced apart) We are going to tell the Bible story together."

*During the Activity:* "Paul went to a city called Rome to tell them that they can believe what Jesus says, because He always tell the truth. (*Give two thumbs up.*)

"We can believe Jesus when He says He is God's Son. Jesus is God's Son. Say that with me while you pretend to rock baby Jesus, like this. (*Pretend to rock a baby.*) Jesus is God's Son.

"We can believe Jesus when He says He loves us. Jesus loves me! Say that with your mouth while we say it with our hands like this. (*Sign 'Jesus loves me.'*) Jesus loves me!

"We can believe Jesus when He says He wants to be our friend forever. Jesus wants to be my friend forever! Say that with me while we give ourselves a big hug like this. (*Give yourself a hug.*) Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

“We can believe in Jesus, because He always tells the truth. *(Give two thumbs up.)*  
**Who can believe in Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus.**” *(Repeat the words and motions to the Bible story review if time allows.)*

## 2. Dancing

### 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:** the monthly song (using your phone on the thriving page)

#### What You Do:

*During the Activity:* Gather the children in activity area. Play the music as children toss and dance. Randomly stop the music and tell the children to freeze. Then, repeat the Bottom Line together. Repeat as desired.

#### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Friends, I have these pom poms for you! When you hear the music, I want you to dance. But, when the music stops, let’s freeze and say, **[Bottom Line] ‘I can believe in Jesus!’** Got it?”

*During the Activity: (Start the music.)* “Okay, let’s dance! *(Stop the music.)* Freeze! **[Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus!** Great job. *(Play the music.)* Dance!”

*After the Activity:* “Whew, that was fun. Great job listening, friends. We’ve been learning ALL month long that Jesus wants to be our friend forever and that we can believe in Him. **Who can believe in Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus.**”

## 3. True or False

*Made to Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts*

**What You Need:** “Game Cards” Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Make a copy of “Game Cards” on cardstock and cut the cards apart, one set per group.

*During the Activity:* Gather the children around with plenty of space in between them and lay the game cards face down where everyone can see them. Each time you read a card, encourage the children to respond with a thumbs up for “true” or a thumbs down for “false.”

#### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “We are going to play a game called ‘True or False.’ You will take turns drawing a card from this stack for me to read. If what I read is TRUE—it really happens—then I want you to say, ‘True,’ and give me two thumbs up like this.

*(Demonstrate.)* If what I read is FALSE—it does not happen—then I want you to say, ‘False,’ and give me two thumbs down like this. *(Demonstrate.)* Let’s play!”

*During the Activity:* “[Child’s name], draw a card, and I will read it for us.”

*(Say each child’s name when it is their turn. Hold the card for the children to see, and read it out loud.)*

*After the Activity:* “Our Bible story, today, was about someone very special who ALWAYS tells the truth.” *(Give two thumbs up.)*

#### 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 John 20:31. Provide a journal and a fun-shaped pen for each Small Group.

**SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL):** “It’s Small Group time! Today, we’ll walk to our Small Group spot with two thumbs up like this *(demonstrate)*, because telling the truth gets two thumbs up! *(Walk with two thumbs up as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.)*

“Here we are! I know something else that gets two thumbs up. Sitting with you and talking about today’s Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! *(Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.)*

“Our Bible story, today, was about a man named Paul who loved Jesus. Paul traveled to a city called Rome so he could tell the people about Jesus. He told them that everything Jesus says is the truth *(give two thumbs up)*, because Jesus always tells the truth. *(Give two thumbs up.)* We can read Paul’s story in the Bible. *(Hold up the Bible.)*

“Paul wrote down what he knew about Jesus so we could read it and believe in Jesus, too. **Who can believe in Jesus?**”

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

**SGL:** “That’s right! And when we read the Bible, it helps us believe in Jesus. Our Bible verse even says that . . . *(Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.)* “*These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, John 20:31. (Close Bible and lay it down.)*

“All of the stories in the Bible were written to help us believe in Jesus. Let’s stand up and say that verse together with the motions.”

**CHILDREN and SGL:** *“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.” (Open your hands like a book.) (Repeat the verse with the motions a few times.)*

**SGL:** *“And that’s the truth! (Give two thumbs up.)*

*“Now, let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

*“Paul wanted us to know that everything Jesus says is the truth. So, what are some of the things Jesus said? Let’s think together and make a list of some of the things Jesus said. (Make this list together with your Small Group instead of asking each child individually.)*

*“Jesus said He is God’s Son. Jesus said He loves everyone. Jesus said to follow Him. Jesus said to love people the way He loves us. Jesus said He will always be with us. Jesus said He will hear us when we talk to Him. Jesus said to let the children (name each child) come to Him.*

*“Wow! Jesus said A LOT of great things, and they are ALL true. Let’s use our list to thank God for all the things Jesus said. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”*

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

## **Prayer**

**SGL:** *“Dear God, it is so wonderful to know that we can believe in Jesus and everything He said, because everything Jesus said is true. Because Jesus said it, we believe that Jesus is God’s Son. Jesus loves everyone. Jesus wants us to follow Him. Jesus wants us to love people the way He loves us. Jesus will always be with us. Jesus will hear us when we talk to Him. Jesus wants all children, (name each child), to come to Him. I pray we will always believe in Jesus and what He said. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*