



Bottom Line:
I can believe in Jesus.

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

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 Fun

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

-Community Helpers

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.

-Heaven Brainstorm
-Parachute
-Cloud hopper
-Angels

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Community Helper Tag

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

What You Need: "Community Helpers" Activity Pages, cardstock, and painter's tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Community Helpers" on cardstock. Tape to the wall at preschooler height.

During the Activity: Call out different things the community helpers tell us to do. Children will run one at a time to the correct community helper picture on the wall. Repeat as long as desired.

After the Activity: Talk about how we'll hear what Jesus says about heaven.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come join me in the middle of the room. *(Pause.)* Look at the pictures on the wall. Who do you see? *(Pause.)* Yes! All of these pictures are people we call 'community helpers.' I have a game for us to play with these pictures."

During the Activity: "Listen. This person brings us mail and packages. Who is it? *(Pause.)* Yes! The mail carrier. Run to the picture of the mail carrier. *(Pause.)* Great! This person helps protect you or helps you when you get lost. Who is it? *(Pause.)* The policeman. Run to the policeman. *(Pause.)* This person helps us when we are sick. Who is it? *(Pause.)* The doctor. Run to the doctor. *(Pause.)* This person puts out fires. Who is it? *(Pause.)* A firefighter. Run to the firefighter! Okay, last one. This person tells us how to do things and teaches us about the Bible. Who is it? *(Pause.)* A teacher, that's right! Run to the teacher. Great job friends!"

After the Activity: "In today's story, we'll hear what Jesus says about heaven. I can't wait!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by playing stop and go. The children will listen for the leader to say, "Stop" or "Go."

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE

Large Group Overview:

Story Focus: I spy something that is real. Week four we will spy Jesus telling His disciples He would be going away soon to a place called Heaven. He said it would have many rooms and He was going to get it ready for all of His friends. Jesus told the disciples to tell everyone, everywhere that He is alive and He wants to be their friend forever, so they can be with Him in Heaven one day.

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Heaven Brainstorm

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Think: An advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

What You Need: Butcher paper, markers, and wall tape or sticky tack

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay a large piece of butcher paper on a table.

During the Activity: Have the children sit spaced apart and share some ideas of what they think heaven will be like. You can write statements on the page or draw simple pictures. Encourage the children to use their imaginations!

After the Activity: Hang up somewhere in the room.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "When Jesus left the earth, He went into the sky through the clouds. Where was Jesus going? (*Pause.*) Yes! Jesus went to heaven. Jesus is in heaven, right now, getting things ready for everyone who believes in Him."

During the Activity: "What do you think heaven will be like? (*Invite answers and write them down after each question.*) I'll write down your answers on our page. What do you think heaven will look like? What kinds of things will be there?"

After the Activity: "Wow! What a great list, friends. We can believe that heaven is real because that's what Jesus said! And we can believe in 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. So, tell me, **who can believe in Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus.**”

2. Cloud Hopper

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

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

What You Need: “Clouds” Activity Page, cardstock, and floor tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Clouds” on cardstock, ten copies per group. Lay the “Clouds” on the floor in your activity area to create a path. Use the floor tape to secure them to the floor.

During the Activity: One at a time: say the memory verse together as the children hop along the cloud path on the floor. Repeat as time and interest allow.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “In our Bible story today, we learned that when Jesus was finished speaking to His friends, He went straight into the sky, through the clouds! What do you see on the floor? (*Pause.*) Clouds! Let’s hop on the clouds as we say our memory verse together.”

During the Activity: “These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, John 20:31. That was fun! Let’s hop and say it again.”

After the Activity: “This verse reminds us that we can believe in Jesus! The Bible tells us that Jesus has made a special place for us to live with him in heaven. Why? Because Jesus wants to be our friend forever! **Who can believe in Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus.**”

3. Angels

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:

Before the Activity: Have the children stand in front of you with plenty of space in between.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to fly around the room and pretend to be angels.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Let’s be angels!”

During the Activity: “Flap your arms and fly around the room just like angels.”
(*Demonstrate.*) We are angels!” (Continue as long as there is time and interest.)

After the Activity: “You did such a great job pretending to be angels. Today, we heard a wonderful Bible story about where angels live!”

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 hold our hands like binoculars (*demonstrate*) while we walk to our Small Group spot. Look through your binoculars, and see what you spy while we walk. Binoculars ready? (*Look at the children through your hand binoculars.*) Follow me! (*Hold your hands like binoculars as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*)

“We made it! Tell me what you saw through your binoculars. (*Pause and listen.*) Cool! Let’s sit down and talk 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 very special place. Do you remember what the special place was? (*Pause.*) Yes! Heaven! And who is getting heaven ready for everyone who believes in Jesus? (*Pause.*) Right again! Jesus is preparing a special place for everyone who believes in Him. We can read the story right here in the Bible. (*Hold up the Bible.*)

“Men wrote down what they saw Jesus do and what they heard Him say so that we can believe in Jesus, too. **Who can believe in Jesus?**”

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

SGL: “Yes, you can believe in Jesus! And the Bible verse we have spent so much time learning says that the stories in the Bible are written so that we can believe in Jesus. It says . . . (*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.)*

“We should know this verse SO well by now. We have practiced it a lot! Let’s stand up and say it together with the motions one more time, then anyone who wants can try to say it!”

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.)

SGL: “You have totally got this! Let’s sit down. When it’s your turn to say the Bible verse, you can stand up and try it.”

(Say each child’s name. Make sure to give each child the opportunity to say the verse on their own.)

SGL: “Way to go, [child’s name]! *(Say this with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.)*

“Now, it’s time to write in our journal and pray. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

“I want us to make a list of our favorite places. It can be the playground, your bedroom, the beach, your grandparent’s house, the grocery store, anywhere in the whole wide world. When I say your name, tell me one of your favorite places. *(Say each child’s name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

“These are some really great places! I can see why they are your favorite. But guess what? Jesus is making heaven SO amazing that it will be even better than our favorite places. It’s true! Let’s use our list to talk to God, now. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

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

Prayer

SGL: “Dear God, thank You for wonderful places like *(read the list the children made)*. We love going to these places. Thank You that Jesus is making an even more amazing place where everyone who believes in Him can live with Him forever. You are so good to us, God. We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”