



WEEK 1 - January 2021 - PRESCHOOL

Today's Bible Story: Jesus' teaching is amazing.

Jesus Teaches at the Temple • *Luke 2:41-50*

Memory Verse: "Everyone who heard him was amazed." Luke 2:47, NIV

Key Question: Who is amazing?

Bottom Line: Jesus is amazing.

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 and a large box with a nativity set including the stable, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus (option: use paper people)

Optional: Story Images

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible and the box of props.

STORYTELLER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and I’m so glad to see all of you today!

Set the box of props on the table. Lay the Bible open on the table.

“I’m here today to share a true story, straight from the Bible.

Pull out the nativity set and set it up on the table.

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“Quick, someone tell me who this is? *(Point to the nativity characters.)* Yes, Baby Jesus and Mary and Joseph. We know that baby Jesus was born at Christmas. BUT did you know that Jesus grew to be child? It’s true.

Place the stable and baby Jesus back in the box. Leave Mary and Joseph on the table.

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“Back when Jesus was a boy, His family went to the temple. A temple is like a church where people go to learn about God. Where are you today? *(Pause.)* Yes, we’re at church! Now, the temple where Jesus and His family went looked different than our church, but it was still the place where they worshipped God! Lots of people came to the temple each week, just like we come to our church. All to celebrate God!

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“So, we have Mary and Joseph. But where is Jesus? Mary and Joseph didn’t know where He went, so they went to look for Jesus. I’m sure they looked over by the children.

Pick up the Mary and Joseph figures and walk into the audience of children and look around.

“But Jesus wasn’t there. I’m sure they looked by the food.

Walk to one side of the room, still carrying Mary and Joseph.

“But he wasn’t there either. Then all of the sudden, they found Jesus!

Walk back and set Mary and Joseph on the table.

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“Do you know WHERE Jesus was? *(Pause.)* He was in the temple! Do you know WHO Jesus was with? *(Pause.)* He was with a bunch of grown-ups. Do you know WHAT Jesus was doing? *(Pause.)* He was teaching the adults! All those grown-ups were listening to everything Jesus had to say. They were AMAZED by how much Jesus knew about God and by what Jesus said.

“Talk about out-of-this-world amazing! Jesus as a child even amazed adults! That’s because Jesus is God’s Son. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.** When I ask, ‘**Who is amazing?**’, I want you to say, **[Bottom Line] ‘Jesus is amazing!’** Ready? **Who is amazing?’**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus is amazing!”

STORYTELLER: “Who is amazing?”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus is amazing!”

STORYTELLER: “That’s right! Let’s thank God for sending Jesus! Let’s bow our heads and close our eyes so we can focus on talking to God. Let’s pray.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “God, thank You for sending Jesus! Thank You for all that He taught us about You. [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! We love You, in Jesus’ name, amen.

“You guys are awesome. I’ll see you next time. Bye!”

The Storyteller exits with the box of props.

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: “Hello, friends! I’m so glad to see you today. It’s a new month, and it’s going to be amazing! Why? Because we’ll talk about the most amazing One of all—Jesus! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** When I ask, ‘**Who is amazing?**’, you say, **[Bottom Line] ‘Jesus is amazing.’ Who is amazing?’**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: **[Bottom Line] “Jesus is amazing!”**

WORSHIP LEADER: “You are right. He IS amazing, so let’s sing this together.

Lead children in singing “He Is Amazing,” this month’s worship song.

“That was so fun! Jesus IS the strongest, and He is oh, so good! **Who is amazing?’**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: **[Bottom Line] “Jesus is amazing.”**

WORSHIP LEADER: “That’s right! The Bible tells us that ‘Everyone (*arms out and around*) who heard him (*hands behind ears*) was amazed,’ (*hold hands like binoculars, open and shut*) Luke 2:47. (*Open hands like a book.*)

Say the verse and do the motions together several times.

“Great job! Everyone who heard Jesus was amazed because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** Let’s sing to Him today.

Lead children in singing “Jesus Is.”

“God loved us so much that He sent His son, Jesus! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!”**