



WEEK 2- January 2021 - PRESCHOOL

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

The Four Friends • *Mark 2:1-12*

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 Fun

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

-Roll with friends

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.

-Stars and planet verse hop
-Carry
-Amazing rocket
-Journal and prayer

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Roll with Friends

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

What You Need: Inflatable ball

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children sit in a circle six feet apart from one another.

During the Activity: Give one child the ball and ask them to roll it to another child and so on until each child has had turn to roll the ball. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hey, friends! I'm so glad you're all here! We need our friends!"

During the Activity: "Let's all sit and roll this ball (*hold up*) to each other! I am so glad that we have each other to play fun games with!" (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Great job, friends! It wouldn't be fun to roll the ball to only ourselves. I'm so glad that we have friends to play with and help us. Today, we'll hear a story from the Bible about four friends who helped their friend see Jesus. Our Bible story today is AMAZING!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by holding hands with your friends as you walk to the story area.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE

Large Group Overview:

Story Focus: Jesus' healing is amazing. In week two, we will hear the story of four friends who carried their friend who couldn't walk to Jesus. They were so determined to see Jesus that they climbed to the roof and lowered their friend down, because they couldn't get to Jesus through the crowd. Their determination allowed Jesus to perform a miracle and heal their friend! Jesus is amazing!

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Stars and Planets Verse Hop

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: "Stars and Planets for Hopping" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, and floor tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the "Stars and Planets for Hopping" on cardstock and cut apart, one set per small group. Lay the stars and planets in a row on the floor and secure with floor tape.

During the Activity: Lead the children to hop along the path as you say the verse together. Repeat as time and interest allow.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, what do you see on the floor? (*Pause.*) Yes, stars and planets! Let's hop along our out-of-this-world path and say our memory verse together. You can do the motions as you hop, too."

During the Activity: "Ready? Let's hop."

"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.*)

After the Activity: "That was fun! Our verse reminds us that everyone who heard Jesus teaching was amazed! Why? Because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing. Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.**"

2. Carry

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: Large towels or blankets and medium-sized plush friends

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay the towels or blankets on the floor and place a stuffed friend in the middle of each one.

During the Activity: Invite four children to each pick up a corner of the towel and carry the plush friend around the room.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Today in our Bible story, we heard about four friends who helped their friend who couldn’t walk see Jesus! They carried him! WOW! What sweet friends they were!”

During the Activity: “Let’s pretend that we’re in our Bible story. Let’s carry our stuffed friends just like the four friends did!” (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: “You are all sweet friends, too! Jesus helped the man walk again! The friends knew that Jesus could help him, and He did! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**”

3. Amazing Rocket

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: “Rocket” Activity Page, cardstock, flexible straws, scissors, crayons, double-stick tape, and permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Rocket” on cardstock and cut out, one strip per child. Fold each strip at the solid line.

During the Activity: Write child’s name on both the straw and the rocket. Encourage children to color their rocket. Put double-stick tape on the sides of the rocket, leaving a straw size pocket at the bottom. Show children how to put the rocket on their straw. Hold the straw out straight and bend the small part up. Slide the rocket on the short end. Stand in a line and do a countdown then blast off the rockets by blowing on the straw. See who’s rocket went farthest. Repeat as long as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “We have heard so many stories about how out-of-this-world amazing Jesus is. What can travel in space? (*Pause.*) Yes! A rocket! Let’s make one.”

During the Activity: “Color your rocket and make it special. (*Pause.*) Now, let’s tape the sides. (*Pause.*) Put the short part of the straw in the opening like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Come over and stand in a line, and we will launch the rockets. (*Pause.*) Let’s do a countdown. Five, four, three, two, one . . . blastoff! (*Pause.*) Wow, so cool! (*Collect all the rockets and help reload them on the straws.*) That was amazing!”

After the Activity: “Jesus is God’s Son, and He can do things no one else can. Jesus is out-of-this-world amazing. **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.**”

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 Luke 2:47, journal, and fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “It’s Small Group time! Let’s skip our way to our small group spot and pretend we’re skipping our way to Jesus. Start skipping and follow me! (*Skip as you lead the children to your small group spot.*) “We made it! 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 four friends who carried their friend to see Jesus. They had heard that Jesus could do amazing things, so they walked and walked until they got to the house where Jesus was. When they couldn’t get in the door because of all the people, they climbed on the roof and lowered their friend down! They were SO glad they did, because when Jesus saw their friend, He made his legs all better so he could walk! AMAZING!

“Jesus was always doing amazing things when He lived on Earth. That’s why we’re learning this Bible verse. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*)

“*Everyone who heard him was amazed, Luke 2:47. (Close Bible and lay it down.)*

“Let’s stand up and say that together with the motions.”

CHILDREN and SGL:

“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.*)

(*Repeat the verse with motions a few times.*)

SGL: “You sound so good! Way to go! I want us to always remember that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?**”

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

SGL: (*cheer*) “Yes! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**”

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

“Jesus still has the power to heal and make people better. Jesus wants us to talk to Him when we don’t feel well, when we have a friend who doesn’t feel well, or when someone in our family doesn’t feel well. He wants us to talk to Him and trust Him with everything!

“That’s why, when I say your name, I want you to tell me one person you know who needs Jesus to help them feel better. I will write their name in our prayer journal, then we can use our list when we talk to God. Get ready and listen for your name so you can tell me one person who needs Jesus to help them feel better.”

(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.)

SGL: "Thank you for making this list with me. It's special, because all people are special to Jesus. 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 giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that He loves us and wants to help us. We know Jesus has the power to heal us and make us better. We trust that Jesus will always help us do hard things. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

