



WEEK 5 - January 2021 - PRESCHOOL

Today's Bible Story: Jesus is amazing.

Healing the Blind Man • *John 9:1-12*

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.

-Pin the star in the sky

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.

-Verse blast off
-Out of this world Simon says
-Jesus Give sight
-Journal and prayer

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Pin the Star in the Sky

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

What You Need: Black butcher paper, wall tape, "Environment Art" graphics (from the Prelude folder), bandana or eye mask, and star stickers

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print off some images from the "Environment Art" graphics and use them to create an out-of-this-world scene on a two-foot piece of butcher paper. Tape the butcher paper scene to a focal wall at preschooler level.

During the Activity: Gather the children to stand in front of your butcher paper. Talk about what they see. Give each child a star sticker. Help them, one at a time, put on the bandana or eye mask (or close their eyes) and walk a few steps forward to stick their star on the butcher paper.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, look at our out-of-this-world scene! You know what's missing? Stars! Let's add some stars, BUT there's a little twist. You have to [cover/close] your eyes to stick them on."

During the Activity: "Let's take turns! One at a time, each friend will have a chance to add their star to the scene!"

After the Activity: "Wow! Look at our out-of-this-world scene! What did it feel like when you couldn't see where to put your star? In our story today, we'll hear about a man who couldn't see. I wonder what happened when he met Jesus? Let's go!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by pointing out different things you see along the way.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE

Large Group Overview:

Story Focus: Jesus is amazing. We will end the month with Jesus again doing only what He can do—healing a blind man and making his eyes see again. But, Jesus doesn't just do these amazing things. Jesus is amazing!

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Verse Blast-Off

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: "Blast-Off" Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Blast-Off" Activity Page on the cardstock and cut out, one or two per group..

During the Activity: Call on a child or two. Say the memory verse with the children then encourage the children to hold their rocket and blast off (run) around the room. Repeat several times so all the children have a chance.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's say our memory verse together and BLAST OFF!"

During the Activity: "Hold your rockets tight, and after we say our memory verse, we can blast off around the room! Are you ready?" (*Pause and do activity.*)

After the Activity: "AMAZING! Rockets are amazing, and so is JESUS! He can do amazing things! **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

2. Out-of-this-World Simon Says/obstacle course

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: No materials (optional chairs)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Option: Move chairs to create a obstacle course

During the Activity: Play simon says and you can add directions on how to run through the chairs.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Check it out! We've created an out-of-this-world obstacle course! Are you ready to run the course? Ok listen to my directions. Let me show you how."

After the Activity: "That was out of this world! Wasn't it amazing? I've had SO much fun this month learning about Jesus and just how amazing He is! Jesus' teaching is amazing. Jesus' healing is amazing. Jesus' power is amazing. Jesus' miracles are amazing. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** Tell me, **who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.**"

3. Jesus Gives Sight

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: “Man” and “Eyes” Activity Pages; cardstock; scissors; crayons; glue sticks; and marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Man” on cardstock, cut and fold one per child. Make sure to cut out the holes for the eyes. Copy “Eyes” on cardstock and cut out, one per child.

During the Activity: Have children color their man then glue the side of their “Man” paper together leaving the top and bottom open. Show children how to slide the “Eye” card through the opening to reveal how Jesus healed the blind man.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Our story today tells us about a man who couldn’t see. He was blind. But Jesus did something that no one else could do.”

During the Activity: “Color your blind man from our story. *(Pause.)* Put some glue along this edge and fold your paper together like this. *(Demonstrate.)* Now, slide the eye card through the opening like this. *(Demonstrate.)* You can see that the blind man has eyes, but they didn’t work. *(Pull the card to the mud eyes.)* When Jesus saw him, He spit in the dirt and mixed it until it became mud. Jesus rubbed it over the man’s eyes then told him to wash it off. *(Pull the card to the other eyes.)* When the man did, he could see. Jesus made his eyes to see! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**”

After the Activity: “Jesus is God’s Son, and He can do amazing things. **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, fun-shaped pen, sheet of smiley face stickers, and reward stickers or handstamp

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “It’s Small Group time! Let’s cheer for Jesus while we walk to our small group spot because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** Come on and clap and cheer for Jesus with me! *(Clap and cheer for Jesus as you lead the children to your small group spot.)*

“Yay, Jesus! Woo hoo! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** Thanks for cheering with me. 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 Jesus making a man’s eyes all better so he could see again. That is SO amazing! Jesus did so many amazing things, and He still does amazing things. That’s why we learned 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 it together with the motions one more time, then anyone who wants to try to say it can give it a try!”

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.)*

SGL: “Wow! You sound great! I am so proud of you! Let’s sit down. When it’s your turn to say the Bible verse, you can stand up and try it. I have my [stickers/handstamp] ready! *(Call on children to recite the memory verse.)*”

“You did it, [child’s name]! Here is your [sticker/handstamp]! *(Repeat with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.)* Okay, when I count to three, I want everyone to show me their [sticker/handstamp]. One, two, three, yay! I see them! *(Clap and cheer for the children.)*”

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

“We heard a lot of stories about the amazing things Jesus has done. Today, I want to pray about the most amazing thing Jesus wants to do. Are you ready? Jesus wants to be YOUR friend forever. It’s true! Jesus wants to be [child’s name]’s friend forever and [child’s name]’s friend forever and . . . *(repeat with each child’s name)!*”

“So, when I say your name, I will write it in our prayer journal. You will put one of these smiley face stickers beside your name. Then, when we pray, we can thank God for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Get ready to listen for your name so you can put a smiley face sticker beside it.

(Say each child’s name and give them a smiley face sticker to go beside their name. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

“I love this so much! 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 the best friend we could ever have! Thank You that Jesus is alive today and He wants to be *(name each child)* friend forever. I pray we will never

ever forget how amazing Jesus is. You're the best, God, and we love You, very much. In Jesus' name, amen."

