WEEK 1 - May 2021 - PRESCHOOL

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, table, real or artificial tree, real or artificial flower, three to four houseplants, several plush animals, laundry basket or bin, fruit from a fruit tree, two hats in different colors, "Adam" and "Eve" signs; *Optional large sheet and Story Images*

What You Do: Preset the table in the center of the storytelling area. Put the plush animals in the laundry basket or bin. Attach the "Adam" and "Eve" signs to the hats. Place the tree on one side of the stage. Place the rest of the items for the story on or near the table. You may choose to cover them with a sheet and reveal them as you tell the story. The goal is to carry the items from the table to the tree to create a small garden area.

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm SO glad to be here with you today because I have an awesome true story to share from the Bible. Remember, the things we read in the Bible are true!

Hold up the Bible. Uncover the items if using a sheet.

(looking at the table) "Okay, looks like I have everything we need. Today's true story from the Bible begins in the VERY beginning, when God created the most perfect garden. It had big trees

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Point to the tree.

"Beautiful flowers . . .

Hold up the flower, then walk over and set it next to the tree. Walk back toward the plants as you continue.

"And lots of plants.

Pick up the plants and set them next to the tree. Walk toward the table of props as you continue.

"Some of these plants even had food on them!

Hold up the pieces of fruit then set them back on the table.

"And there were SO many animals!

One by one, take the animals and set them up to stand near the "garden" with the trees and plants.

"Look at this place! I told you it was perfect! And God made it ALL—all the trees, all the flowers, all the plants, and ALL the animals! But God wasn't done.

"As beautiful and perfect as the garden was, God knew it needed His most amazing creation. So God made people!

Put the hat labeled "Adam" on your head.

"Everyone say, 'Hey, Adam!""

CHILDREN: "Hey, Adam!"

Take off the "Adam" hat. Put on the "Eve" hat.

STORYTELLER: "And God made Eve. Everyone say, 'Hey, Eve!"

CHILDREN: "Hey, Eve!"

STORYTELLER: "Now the garden was truly perfect.

Take off the "Eve" hat and put on the "Adam" hat.

"God gave Adam an important job to do! Do you know what that job was? (*Pause.*) God told Adam to name ALL the animals and take care of them. Let's see if you know the names of these animals. Ready?

Walk over and pick up each plush animal you gathered. Lead the children to name and make the sound of that animal. For example, if you have a stuffed frog, the children will say, "Frog" then "Ribbit, ribbit!"

"Great job! Adam and Eve lived in God's wonderful garden, and they knew that **[Bottom Line]** God's way is perfect.

Walk over to stand by the fruit on the table.

"They could eat fruit from ANY of the trees except for one. In fact, it was the only rule.

Pick up one piece of fruit.

"God told them to never, ever eat that one fruit.

Take off the "Adam" hat and put on the "Eve" hat then walk to the "garden."

"But guess what? Even though they knew the rule, Eve still ate the fruit. Everyone say, 'Eve, OH, NO!"

CHILDREN: "Eve, OH, NO!"

STORYTELLER: "No is right! Eve ate the fruit! But that's not all.

Take off the "Eve" hat and put on the "Adam" hat.

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STORYTELLER: "Then, she handed the fruit to Adam. And guess what? Adam ate it, too. Everyone say, 'Adam, OH, NO!"

CHILDREN: "Adam, OH, NO!"

STORYTELLER: "Oh, no is right! Adam and Eve didn't do things God's way. And because of that, God had to them away from His beautiful garden.

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Walk over the stand near the table. Take off the "Adam" hat and set both hats on the table.

"But God still loved Adam and Eve, very much. They had food to eat and animals to take care of, but it was a LOT harder. It would have been so much better if they had followed God's way. Because *[Bottom Line]* God's way is perfect. When I ask, 'Whose way is perfect?', you say, *[Bottom Line]* 'God's way is perfect.' Ready? Here we go. Whose way is perfect?''

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "God's way is perfect!"

STORYTELLER: "That's right! Remember, when God wants you to do something, His way is perfect. So jump, jump, and go God's way!

"Okay friends, it's time to pray. Let's ask God to help us jump, jump, and go HIS way."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for loving us. You are awesome. Help us follow You and do what You ask because Your way is perfect. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

"You guys are AWESOME! Thanks for helping me and being such great listeners.

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

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: "Hey, friends! I'm SO glad to see you because it's time for worship! Let's get up on our feet and sing out with all we've got because God is awesome! Did you know that *[Bottom Line]* God's WAY is perfect? When I ask, 'Whose way is perfect?', you say *[Bottom Line]* 'God's way is perfect!' Whose way is perfect?''

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "God's way is perfect."

WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "God's way IS perfect. Let's sing this together.

Lead children in singing "Perfect," this month's worship song.

"Great job! We'll sing it all month long so you have plenty of time to learn it! **Whose way is perfect?**"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "God's way is perfect."

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! The Bible teaches us that 'God's way (*point up*) is perfect,' (*two thumbs up*) 2 Samuel 22:31. (*Open hands like a book.*) We can go God's way! Let's learn our memory verse together. Are you ready? Say it with me!

Say the verse and do the motions together several times.

"Awesome! **[Bottom Line]** God's way is perfect, and He has a really awesome plan for each one of us. Sing with me!

Lead children in singing "Really Awesome Plan."

"I love worshipping with you, friends! I know I can trust God! No matter what the season, His plans are for a reason! Tell me, **whose way is perfect?**"

CHILDREN: [Bottom Line] "God's way is perfect!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Awesome job, everyone!"

Dismiss children to small groups.