

WEEK 2- 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; “Nineveh” sign with an arrow pointing to the left; “NOT Nineveh” sign with an arrow pointing to the right; inflatable boat or canoe; fish Snuggie®; *Optional Story Images*

What You Do: Post the “Nineveh sign” on one side of your stage, and the “NOT Nineveh” on the other side of your stage. If you don’t have an inflatable boat, you can draw the side of a boat on brown paper and attach it to the side of a box or table and stand behind it. Place the boat in the center of your storytelling area, with the front of the boat facing the “NOT Nineveh” sign. Place the fish Snuggie right behind the boat (so the boat hides it from the audience).

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible.

STORYTELLER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and I’m here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible.

“Today’s true story is about a guy named Jonah. What was his name?”

CHILDREN: “Jonah.”

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STORYTELLER: “One day, God told Jonah to go to Nineveh.

Stand next to the “Nineveh” sign.

“If Nineveh is that way (*point to the arrow on the sign*), what do you think Jonah did? Did he go God’s way? (*Pause.*) Nope!

Go next to the “Not Nineveh” sign.

“Everyone say, ‘Oh, Jonah, not that way!’”

CHILDREN: “Oh, Jonah, not that way!”

STORYTELLER: “God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell the people there to go God’s way. But as you can see, Jonah didn’t want to go to Nineveh. Jonah thought he had a better idea! He wanted to sail on a boat, far, far, away from Nineveh.

Go stand near the boat.

“Can you tell Jonah what he should do? Should he go Jonah’s way or jump, jump, and go God’s way? *(Pause for response.)* Right! He should jump, jump, and go God’s way. Can you say that?”

CHILDREN: “Jump, jump, and go God’s way.”

Sit in the boat.

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STORYTELLER: “Nope. Jonah didn’t go God’s way. Instead, he got into the boat to sail away, in the OPPOSITE direction of Nineveh. Jonah wanted to do things his way instead of God’s way.

“While Jonah was in the boat, a BIG storm came up. With wind! Can you guys rub your hands together like this? *(Rub your hands together quickly to make wind.)* Then it rained! Can you pat your legs like this? *(Pat your legs to make a rain sound.)* It rained more and more, harder and harder.

Continue to pat legs faster and faster.

“Jonah knew God sent the storm for him, so in order to save the other people on the boat, he threw himself into the water.

Jump out of the boat and grab the Snuggie. Quickly shimmy into it. You can play this up to make it funny.

“The storm stopped. Then God sent a giant FISH to swallow Jonah.

Stand up, holding the Snuggie around you. If it’s too small, this will be even funnier.

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“So there Jonah was inside the belly of the big fish. Now, do you think Jonah should have gone God’s way? *(Pause.)* Sometimes we think we have a better way, but **[Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect.** And we can always trust him!

“Jonah prayed and told God he was very sorry he didn’t go God’s way. Then he praised God and knew that **[Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect.** When Jonah finished praying, God made the giant fish spit Jonah out onto dry land.

Drop the Snuggie so it falls and step out of it.

“Now, do you think Jonah decided to go God’s way after all of that? *(Pause.)* YES!”

Walk to the "Nineveh" sign.

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"So Jonah went. And guess what? The people there decided to go God's way! Because **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect.**

"Did you like the story? If you did, give it two thumbs-up. *(Pause.)* Awesome. Tell me, **whose way is perfect?"**

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

STORYTELLER: "That's the truth! Okay friends, it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for the story of Jonah. Thank You for showing him the right way and that he finally went to Nineveh. We want to go Your way because Your way is perfect! Help us follow You, always. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

"That was fun! Thanks everybody. See you next time."

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: "Hello, friends! Are you ready to go God's way? All month, we're learning that **[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 stand up and sing and tell God how much we love Him because He is perfect.

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

"Beautiful job, friends. We can go God's way. 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! Say it with me.

Say the verse and do the motions together several times.

"Great job. Did you know that you can always go God's way because God is with you? It's true. Sing this with me.

Lead children in singing "God Is with Me."

"I know that God is with me all the time! **[Basic Truth] God made me,** and He LOVES me. And I can go God's way because His way is perfect. **Whose way is perfect?"**

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right. Thanks for worshipping with me today, friends."

Dismiss children to small groups.