

WEEK 1 - May 2021 - TWO'S

Today's Bible Story: God's way is perfect. In the Garden • *Genesis 1:31, 2:8–3:24* Memory Verse: "God's way is perfect." 2 Samuel 22:31, NIrV Key Question: Whose way is perfect? Bottom Line: God's way is perfect. Basic Truth: God made me.

Make it Fun

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

.-God made

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.

-Let's sing about it -Jump -Arrow points the way

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. God Made

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

What You Need: Plastic animals, plastic people, (or pictures of each) and two hula hoops

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the hula hoops in the middle of the activity area. Scatter the figures/pictures all around the activity area.

During the Activity: Invite the children to collect the figures and bring them to the hula hoops.

After the Activity: Help the children sort the figures by hula hoop. Place the animals in one hula hoop and the people figures in the other hula hoop.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "WOW! Look at all of the animals and people around our room."

During the Activity: "Let's work together and collect all of the animals and people. Bring them to these hoops when you're finished!" (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Great job! You are great helpers! Let's put the animals in this hoop (*point*) and the people in this hoop (*point*). Nice work! Today, we'll hear a Bible story about who made animals and people."

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to be animals as you walk to the story area.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE (snack)

What You Need: You need a music player and this month's worship song, "Perfect."

LEADER: "Hello, friends! Do you know what time it is? It's worship time! That's when we sing, dance, and tell God how much we love Him. And guess what? Did you know that *[Bottom Line]* God's way is perfect? It is! When I ask, 'Whose way is perfect?', you say *[Bottom Line]* 'God's way is perfect.' Are you ready? Whose way is perfect?''

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

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

LEADER: "Great job! We'll sing that song all month long. We can go God's way because *[Bottom Line]* God's way is perfect. Whose way is perfect?"

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

LEADER: "That's right. Thanks for worshipping with me!"

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Let's Sing about It

 Talk about God | Bible Story Review

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

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

During the Activity: Lead the children in singing the words below to the tune of "The More We Get Together." Repeat as long as time and interest allow.

After the Activity: Talk about how Adam and Eve did not go God's way, and it was very sad. But we can jump, jump and go God's way because we know that **[Bottom Line]** God's way is **perfect!**

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I'm so happy to see you today! Come stand with me. I have a new song to teach you."

During the Activity: "Listen and sing along!

(Sing as you sway side-to-side.)

"The more we go God's way Go God's way Go God's way The more we go God's way The happier we'll be.

"Cause God's way is perfect. Yes, God's way it perfect.

"The more we go God's way, The happier we'll be."

(Repeat.)

After the Activity: "Yay! That was wonderful! Adam and Eve were sad because they did not go God's way. But when WE go God's way, the happier we will be! Because [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect! So, when I ask you, 'Whose way is perfect?', you say, [Bottom Line] 'God's way is perfect!' Ready? Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect! Yay! [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect!"

2. Jump

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 supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Call out an animal and ask the children to jump like that animal. Examples of animals are kangaroo, frog, and bunny. Continue the activity until the children are tired of jumping.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "God's way is perfect!"

During the Activity: "We can go God's way in many different ways. Let's jump God's way! First, let's jump like a kangaroo! (*Do activity.*) Nice job! Now let's jump like frogs! (*Continue the activity.*) Way to go! We are all jumping God's way! Let's jump God's way like bunnies! (*Finish activity.*) Awesome! We can all jump God's way! God's way is perfect.

After the Activity: "Whew! I am super tired! It's so much fun to jump God's way! God's way is PERFECT! **Whose way is perfect?** [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect!"

3. Arrow Points the Way

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: "Arrow Points the Way" Activity Page, cardstock, stickers, dot markers, scissors, and a permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Arrow Points the Way" on cardstock and cut out, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their arrows with dot markers and stickers.

After the Activity: Review the Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, friends! Come this way and sit down at the table."

During the Activity: "This is an arrow. Arrows help us know which way to go. This arrow says I can go God's way! Use the dot markers and stickers to decorate your arrow. (*Pause.*) Friends, these are amazing! You did a really nice job on your arrows. Hold your arrows up as high as you can and tell me, 'I can go God's way.' (*Repeat.*) Great job!"

After the Activity: "In our Bible story, we heard about the very first garden. God filled it with plants, flowers, animals, and people! God made Adam and Eve. God told Adam to name all the animals and take care of them. Adam and Eve lived in God's wonderful garden and knew that **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect**. They could eat fruit from any of the trees except one. That was the only rule God had for Adam and Eve. They could never, ever eat the fruit from one tree.

"But . . . Eve ate the fruit then gave it to Adam to eat. They didn't do things God's way, so God had to send them away from His beautiful garden. God still loved Adam and Eve, but everything they did was sooo much harder. It would have been easier if they had done things God's way because *[Bottom Line]* God's way is perfect. When God wants you to do something, remember that God's way is perfect. Whose way is perfect? *[Bottom Line]* God's way is perfect."