

WEEK 3 - May 2021 - TWO'S

Today's Bible Story: I can go God's way even when it's hard.

Naaman • 2 Kings 5:1-14

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

.-Move times 7

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.

- -Memory verse and Jump
- -Seeing spots
- -Two sides of Naaman

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Move Times Seven

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: Gather the children around you.

During the Activity: Guide the children to do activities seven times. Activity examples are jump, touch toes, pat tummy, say name, jumping jack, hop like frog, etc. Repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come here with me. Can you count to seven? Let's count together. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Great job!"

During the Activity: "Now, can you jump (demonstrate) seven times? Let's do it together. (Jump seven times while counting.) That is awesome! Can you . . . touch your toes (demonstrate) seven times? Show me. (Touch toes seven times while counting.) Incredible!" (Continue with other activities.)

After the Activity: "You counted to seven so many times today. Super! In our Bible story today, there is a man who has to do something seven times. I can't wait to find out what it is."

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by marching and counting to seven over and over.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE (snack)

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

LEADER: "Hello, my friends! It's time to worship! We can sing, dance, and tell God we love Him. All month, we're singing about God and how He is perfect! **Whose way is perfect?**"

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

LEADER: "That's right! Sing it out.

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

"That was some great singing friends! Good job. Tell me, Whose way is perfect?"

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

LEADER: "You've got it! When you don't know what to do, you know it's true! You can trust God because God made you, and *[Basic Truth]* God made me. Thanks for singing with me, friends!"

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Memory Verse with Motions and JUMP

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: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Say the memory verse and do the following motions with the children. "God's way (point up) is perfect," (two thumbs up) 2 Samuel 22:31. (Open hands like a book.)

During the Activity: Say the verse with the motions with the children again. After you say the verse, ask the children to jump. Say the verse again with the children while doing the motions and jumping at the same time.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's say our memory verse with the motions! Watch me if you don't remember all of the motions. We can do it together.

"'God's way (point up) is perfect,' (two thumbs up) 2 Samuel 22:31." (Open hands like a book.)

During the Activity: "Awesome! Now, let's do it again. After we say the memory verse with motions, let's JUMP, JUMP! (Do activity.) Way to go! This time, let's say the memory verse with the motions and JUMP, JUMP at the same time! Are you ready?" (Finish the activity.)

After the Activity: "Our memory verse tells us that God's way is perfect! Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect!"

2. Seeing Spots

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

What You Need: Sheets of red dot stickers

What You Do:

During the Activity: Give each child a sheet of red dot stickers. Tell the children you will pretend you are Naaman from the Bible story, and they need to cover you in red spots to show that your

skin is sick. Once you are covered in red spots, lead the children in counting to seven. When everyone says seven, tell the children to take the red spots off because now you're all better!

After the Activity: Talk about how Naaman went God's way, even when it was hard, and we can, too!

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I am so happy to see my friends today! Come here. I need you to help me."

During the Activity: "I will give each of you some red dot stickers. Here's some for you and some for you and some for you . . . there. Everyone has red dot stickers. Now I will pretend to be Naaman from the Bible story. I need you to put all of your red dot stickers on me because my skin is very, very sick. (Allow the children to put the stickers on you.)

"Wow, look at me! I'm covered in spots! I need to get better. God wants me to dip seven times in the river. It's going to be hard, but I need to go God's way. Count to seven with me! One, two, three, four, five, six, SEVEN! Take the spots off. I went God's way, and now I'm all better!"

After the Activity: "Naaman was sick and needed help. When he was told that God's way was to dip in the water seven times, he wasn't sure he wanted to do that. But Naaman decided to jump, jump and go God's way. And God made him all better! Wow! [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect! Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect!"

3. Two Sides of Naaman

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: "Naaman" and "Naaman Parent Note" Activity Pages, cardstock, scissors, glue sticks, smoothie straws, red dot markers, and a permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Naaman" on cardstock and cut apart, one per child. Fold each "Naaman" in half. Copy "Naaman Parent Note" on cardstock and cut apart, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to dot marker only one Naaman. Have them rub glue all over the backside of the picture. Sandwich the straw in between and fold and seal the sides. Demonstrate how to make Naaman work.

After the Activity: Review the Bible story using the Naaman craft. Send it home with the "Naaman Parent Note."

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, friends! Come to the table and sit with me."

During the Activity: "Today, we heard about a man named Naaman. (Hold up the folded Naaman.) Naaman was a really important man in charge of a big army. He did things his own way. One day, he got sick. He had lots of spots all over his skin that hurt really bad. Put spots on this Naaman with your markers. (Pause.) Good job. Now, open your paper and flip it over. (Pause.) Rub the glue all over. (Pause.) Put the straw in and fold your paper back together. (Pause.) Press the edges down. (Pause.) Nice job!

"Now, there was no medicine to help the spots. So Naaman went to a friend of God's for help. Naaman was told to go to river and wash himself seven times. SEVEN times! Naaman was mad because he thought he would be better right away. Washing in the river seven times sounded really hard, but sometimes God's way is hard. So Naaman went into the river and washed himself seven times. And when he was done, his spots were gone. Hold your straw in between your hands like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Now rub your hands back and forth. Naaman has spots, and now he doesn't."

After the Activity: "Sometimes following God's way will be hard, but we have to remember that God's way is perfect. Whose way is perfect."