



WEEK 5 - May 2021 - TWO'S

Today's Bible Story: God's way is always perfect.

Gideon's Army • *Judges 7:1-8*

Memory Verse: "God's way is perfect." 2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

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

.-March

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.

-The smaller the better
-Big jump, little jump
-I can jump God's way

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. March

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 line up in a single file line.

During the Activity: Lead the children around the room while marching. Change the direction of where you go several times. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Soldiers march in our Bible story today. Let's march, too!"

During the Activity: (Start marching.) "Let's march all around the room. Are you ready? *(Pause.)* Great job! Let's do it again and go another way! Keep marching!" *(Finish activity.)*

After the Activity: "You marched just like the soldiers in our Bible story today. Are you ready to hear a TRUE story from the Bible?" *(Pause.)*

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by marching 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: "Can you believe it's the LAST week of the month? We've learned all month long that **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect.** So, jump on your feet and sing it out with all you've got!"

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

"Great singing friends. Tell me, **Whose way is perfect?**"

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

LEADER: "You've got it! We can go God's way. We can always follow Him because **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect.** Thanks for worshipping with me, friends!"

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. The Smaller the Better

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Explore: An activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

What You Need: Little People® figures

What You Do:

During the Activity: Invite the children to sit around you. Have a lot of toy people standing in front of you. Take away some of the people two different times as you retell the Bible story. Repeat and let the children help take away the toy people.

After the Activity: Talk about how Gideon believed that God's way is always perfect.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I'm so glad you're here. Come sit with me!"

During the Activity: "In today's Bible story, Gideon had a big army with a lot of soldiers. Look at the big army! (*Point to the toy people.*) But God told Gideon to send some of the soldiers away. This made Gideon's army smaller. Bye-bye soldiers. (*Take away several toy people and put them behind you.*) Now look at Gideon's army. It's smaller. (*Point to the people.*)

"But God wasn't done. God told Gideon to send more soldiers away. This made Gideon's army even smaller! Bye-bye soldiers. (*Take away several people and put them behind you.*) Now look at Gideon's army. It's really small. (*Point to the people.*)

"Gideon believed that **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect**, so he did what God said; and everything worked out! Let's do that again. This time, you can help make the soldiers go bye-bye." (*Repeat the activity and let the children make the army smaller and smaller.*)

After the Activity: "Gideon believed that **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect**, even when it didn't look like it would work. And God's way was perfect! God used a small army just like a big army! Yay! **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect! Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect!**"

2. Big Jump, Little 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, “Big jump,” and challenge the children to jump as high as they can. Then call out, “Little Jump,” and ask the children to do a very small jump. Keep calling out the jumps faster and faster so that the children constantly jump.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Let’s jump, jump!”

During the Activity: “I will call out, ‘BIG JUMP,’ and you jump as HIGH as you can. Let’s try it! BIG JUMP! *(Pause)* WOW! Those were some really big jumps. Now, I will call out ‘Little jump,’ and you can show me a tiny jump. Let’s give it a try. Little jump. *(Pause.)* Those were awesome little jumps. Now listen closely to what I say. We will JUMP, JUMP! BIG JUMP, little jump, BIG JUMP, BIG JUMP, little jump!” *(Continue and finish the activity.)*

After the Activity: “That was so much fun! Whew that made me tired! I love how you listened and did things my way. We can all follow God’s way! **[Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect! Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect!**”

3. I Can Jump, Jump God’s 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: “Jumpers” and “I Can Jump God’s Way Label” Activity Pages; cardstock; Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent; smiley face stickers; crayons; scissors; glue sticks; craft sticks; paper or plastic cups; and a permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Jumpers” on cardstock and cut out, one set per child. Copy “I Can Jump God’s Way Label” on label paper, one per child. Write each child’s name on a cup and four craft sticks.

During the Activity: Encourage children to put a smiley face sticker on the gingerbread man and decorate him to look like them. Glue each jumper to a craft stick. Stick label on the cup. Demonstrate how each can jump and go God’s way.

After the Activity: Review the Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello, friends! Jump to the table with me!”

During the Activity: “All month long, we’ve heard stories of how God’s way is perfect. Add this sticker to your cup. *(Pause.)* It says, ‘I can jump, jump, and go God’s way!’ Look at these animals. What do they all do? *(Pause.)* They jump! Glue the kangaroo to a craft stick. *(Pause.)* Now jump, jump the kangaroo into the cup. *(Pause.)* Glue the frog to a craft stick. *(Pause.)* Now jump, jump the frog into the cup. *(Pause.)* Now glue the rabbit to a craft stick. *(Pause.)* Now jump, jump the rabbit into the cup. *(Pause.)* There’s one jumper left, but this one is special. We’re going to pretend this is you! Add a smiley face sticker to the gingerbread man to show your smiling face. Now, decorate it to look like you. *(Pause.)* Now glue the gingerbread-you to

the craft stick. *(Pause.)* Nice job! Now, jump, jump your gingerbread person into the cup and say, I can jump, jump, and go God's way. *(Repeat.)* Super-duper friends!"

After the Activity: "In our story today, we learned about a man named Gideon. God told Gideon to take an army and defeat the Midianites. He gathered a large army, but God said he had too many and needed to make it smaller. Gideon knew that God's way is perfect, so he did what God said to do. God told Gideon to make the army smaller again, so he did. Gideon was left with a few men in the army, but they battled the Midianites and won! They won because Gideon went God's way. Sometimes when God asks us to do something, it doesn't make sense, but we can always trust that God's way is perfect. **Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect.**"