



WEEK 1 - June 2021 - TWO'S

Today's Bible Story: God gave us Jesus.

Greatest Verse Ever • *John 3:16*

Memory Verse: "I trust in God. I am not afraid." Psalm 56:11, NlRV

Key Question: Who can trust God?

Bottom Line: I can trust God.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Make it Fun

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

-Fast and Slow

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
-Hide and Seek
-Greatest Verse

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Fast and Slow Dancing

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

What You Need: Music and music player

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather the children to spread out in your activity area. To help facilitate this, ask the children to hold their arms out to their sides and make sure they aren't touching other friends.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to dance as they listen to the music. Choose a variety of instrumental music to play including fast and slow pieces.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, do you like to dance? (*Pause.*) Me, too! I LOVE to dance. Let's spread out over here. Make sure you have plenty of room by holding your arms out like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Make sure no other friends are near you. Great job. You can put your hands down. Let's dance! Listen to the music and dance any way you want.

After the Activity: "I saw a LOT of awesome dance moves. That was really fun, wasn't it? I love to sing and dance and celebrate. We're going to hear a story about something we can really celebrate. Are you ready? I can't wait!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by continuing to dance all along the way.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE (*snack*)

What You Need: "Jesus No Matter What."

LEADER: "Welcome, everyone! I'm so glad to see you today. Do you know what time it is? It's worship time! We're going to sing about how much God loves us. He sent us Jesus! And guess what? Jesus loves you, no matter what! Let's sing this together.

Lead children in singing "Jesus No Matter What," this month's worship song.

“God gave us Jesus because He loves us! And guess what? That means we can always trust God. When I ask, ‘**Who can trust God?**’, you say, **[Bottom Line]** ‘**I can trust God.**’ **Who can trust God?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: **[Bottom Line]** “**I can trust God.**”

LEADER: “Yes, you can! Great job, friends!”

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Memory Verse with Motions

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 in front of the children.

“I (*point thumbs to chest*) trust in God (*point up*). I am not afraid (*cross hands back and forth and shake head*),” Psalm 56:11. (*Open hands like a book.*)

During the Activity: Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “I will say our new memory verse. Everyone, watch me!”

“‘I (*point thumbs to chest*) trust in God (*point up*). I am not afraid (*cross hands back and forth and shake head*),’ Psalm 56:11.” (*Open hands like a book.*)

During the Activity: “Now, let’s do it together! Are you ready?”

“‘I (*point thumbs to chest*) trust in God (*point up*). I am not afraid (*cross hands back and forth and shake head*),’ Psalm 56:11.” (*Open hands like a book.*)

After the Activity: “Our memory verse tells us that we can trust God! God loves us so much and we can always trust Him! **Who can trust God? [Bottom Line] I can trust God!**”

2. Hide-n-Seek

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: “Adult Jesus” Activity Page, cardstock, tape, heart pillow, globe of the world (can be inflatable), and gift box; *Optional: a Jesus doll or figure in place of the “Adult Jesus” Activity Page*

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Adult” Jesus” Activity Page on cardstock, one per small group.

During the Activity: Spread all of the items around the room. Tape the “Grown Jesus” page to the wall at preschooler eye level. Call out each item, one at a time, and walk with the children to find the items. Once you find all of the items, sit down with the children and say John 3:16 as you put the items in order. Repeat the verse together as you point to the items.

Suggestion: If time and interest allow, spread the items out and do the activity again.

After the Activity: Talk about how God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus to be our friend forever.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “I’m so happy to see you today! Come stand with me. I have a hide-n-seek game for us to play.

During the Activity: “There is a heart pillow hiding in our room. Will you help me find it? *(Pause.)* Great! Let’s find the heart pillow. *(Look together.)* Yay! We found the heart pillow!

“There is a ball that looks like the world hiding in our room. Will you help me find it? *(Pause.)* Great! Let’s find the ball that looks like the world. *(Look together.)* Yay! We found the ball that looks like the world!

“There is a gift box hiding in our room. Will you help me find it? *(Pause.)* Great! Let’s find the gift box. *(Look together.)* Yay! We found the gift box!

“There is a picture of Jesus hiding in our room. Will you help me find it? *(Pause.)* Great! Let’s find the picture of Jesus. *(Look together.)* Yay! We found the picture of Jesus!

“Come sit with me and let’s look at everything we found. *(Line the items up on the floor in order of the verse. Point to the items as you say the paraphrasing of John 3:16.)* God loved *(heart pillow)* the world *(globe)* so much He gave *(gift box)* us His Son, Jesus,’ *(Jesus picture)* John 3:16.” *(Repeat.)*

After the Activity: “I had so much fun playing our hide-n-seek game. We found the greatest gift ever! Jesus! God loves you and you and you . . . *(point to each child)* . . . and me *(point to self)* SO much that He gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. That’s why we can trust God, because He loves us! So, when I ask ‘**Who can trust God?**’, I want you to say, **[Bottom Line] ‘I can trust God!’** Ready? **Who can trust God? [Bottom Line] I can trust God!** Yay! **[Bottom Line] I can trust God!**”

3. Greatest Verse

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: “Greatest Verse” Activity Page, cardstock, large craft sticks, heart stamps, red washable inkpads, scissors, wet wipes, hot glue gun, and a permanent marker

Optional: Magnet strips

NOTE: Make sure to use the hot glue gun before children arrive then store it out of reach.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Greatest Verse Hanger” on cardstock and cut out, one per child. Hot glue one craft stick to the top and one craft stick to the bottom. Write child’s name on the back of their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to stamp hearts all over their paper. (*Optional: Add magnet strip to the back.*)

After the Activity: Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello friends, come sit with me at the table.”

During the Activity: “We learned today that God loves each and every one of us. Your paper says ‘I can trust God.’ Use the heart stamp to cover your paper with love. (*Pause.*) You can trust God loves you because He gave us the very best gift! You can take this home and hang it on your fridge to remember that God loves you and gave you Jesus.”

After the Activity: “God loves everyone in the whole wide world! That means you, and you, and you, and me! We can trust God loves us because He gave us the best gift, Jesus, to be our friend forever! I can trust God, and you can trust God. **Who can trust God? [Bottom Line] I can trust God.**”

