WEEK 2 PRESCHOOL LESSON

Need to Know: God Can Do Anything Bible Story: Mary's Good News (Luke 1:26-56)



- circle Up
- 1. WELCOME kids to church.
 - 2. SAY: Hey, everyone! My name is <u>(YOUR NAME)</u>, and I will be your leader today! (SHOW bell shaker) We want to meet and celebrate each of you, so when the bell shaker comes to you, give it a good shakey-shake-shake and tell us your name!
 - 3. PASS the **bell shaker** around the group. ALLOW each child to introduce themselves to the group and shake the **bell shaker**.
 - 4. After all kids have been introduced, SAY:
 - Great job, sweet friends!
 - I have a question for you. Have you ever tried to do something all by yourself, but it was too hard for you to do? Maybe like tying your shoes or learning to write your name? (ALLOW responses)
 - Sometimes things are too hard for you and me to do all by ourselves. But God wants you to know that there is nothing too hard for Him to do. He can do anything! And that's what we need to know today. Let me hear you say this after me: (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)

God (both hands point up) Can Do (clap) Anything (spread arms up and out)



- 1. SAY: There's a story in the Bible about a special time when God did something that only He could do! Let's read it together and find out what happened.
- 2. HAVE kids get ready to hear the Bible story by clicking on their listening ears and putting on their special eyes.
- 3. SHOW and READ the Bible Story Cards to the group.



- 1. SAY: Sending Jesus to earth is something only God can do! And God wants you to know that He can do anything for you, too!
- 2. GIVE each child a Hidden Picture Coloring Sheet, and SAY: There are some pictures hiding on our coloring sheet. We are going to work together to find these pictures as we remember that God can do anything!
- 3. SHOW each Hidden Picture Card.
- 4. ALLOW kids to locate and point to the item on their Hidden Picture Coloring Sheets.
- 5. After kids have located the item, READ the back of the Hidden Picture Card and ALLOW responses.
- 6. CONTINUE until all **Hidden Picture Cards** have been read and items located on the **Hidden Picture Coloring Sheets**. Then SAY:
 - We did it! Finding some of these hidden pictures may have seemed too hard to do. But God wants you and me to remember that He can do anything, even help you find something you're looking for! Let me hear you say this after me: (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)

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locating the item from the Hidden Picture Card on his/her Hidden Picture Coloring Sheet.



- 1. At Christmas, we may get gifts like toys or yummy cookies, but the Bible tells us that God has given us the best gift ever! It's His Son, Jesus! Let's tell Him, "Thank you!" Repeat this Bible verse after me!
- 2. SHOW the Memory Verse Card, and HAVE kids repeat the verse after you several times. Then, USE the back of the Memory Verse Card to practice the verse as a group.

"Thanks be (touch hand to lips, then extend arm forward, palm up)

to God (both hands point up)

for His gift (pretend to rock baby)

that is too wonderful (wiggle fingers up high)

for words." (cup hands around mouth)

- 2 Corinthians 9:15 (make book with hands)
- 3. REMIND kids to practice this verse with their family at home so they can win a prize in a few weeks.

PRAY with your group, having them repeat after you in short phrases:

• Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to earth. Help me remember that You can do anything! Thank You for my snack. I love You! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



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- 1. SANITIZE kids' hands, and PASS out snacks.
 - 2. KEEP kids engaged in Small Group until they are checked out by doing the following activities:
 - PLACE the crayons in the center of the group. HAVE kids color the front or back of their Hidden Picture Coloring Sheets. As kids color, ASK:
 - What treats do you like to eat at Christmas: candy or cookies?
 - Did you know that God gave you the best gift when He sent Jesus to earth? He did, because He can do anything!
 - HAVE kids practice the memory verse again by doing any of the activities listed on the back of the Memory Verse Card.
 - USE the Jesus Song Cards and SING J-E-S-U-S (to the tune of "B-I-N-G-O"):
 - God gave us a gift (SHOW Gift Card) [There was a farmer]
 - Too great for words, (SHOW Hands Card) [who had a dog]
 - And Jesus is His name-o! (Show Baby Jesus Card) [And Bingo was his name-o]
 - J-E-S-U-S! (SHOW J-E-S-U-S Card & POINT to each letter as you sing) [B-I-N-G-O]
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 - PLAY "Melting Time":
 - PRETEND to be a snowman, standing in the middle of the group with kids standing around you in a circle.
 - As the snowman, SAY a way for kids to move in a circle. (EX: skip, tiptoe, spin, take tiny steps, hop, walk, slide, etc.)
 - ALLOW kids to move, and then SAY, "Melting time!"
 - Kids will pretend to melt in their spots.
 - PLAY again as time and attention spans allow.
 - Kids can also take turns being the snowman in the middle.