

## WEEK 5 PRESCHOOL LESSON



Need to Know: *I Can Be Like Jesus*

Bible Story: *Jesus Grows in Wisdom (Luke 2:41-52)*

Circle Up



1. WELCOME kids to church.
2. SAY: *Hey, everyone! My name is (YOUR NAME), and I will be your leader today! (SHOW the gift bag) I want to meet each of you, so when it's your turn, tell us your name, pull out one card from the bag, and show it to us. I'll go first!*
3. SAY your name again, REACH inside the bag, and PULL out one Bag Card. SHOW and READ the Card aloud. HAVE everyone do the motion or answer the question with you.
4. PASS the gift bag around the group. ALLOW each child to introduce themselves to the group and select one Bag Card. Then HAVE everyone do or answer what is on the Bag Card.
5. After all kids have been introduced, SAY:
  - *Great job, sweet friends! Did you know that when Jesus was little, like you, He went to church, too? He did! He loved going to church, praying, and reading God's Word.*
  - *Jesus is the best, and I want to be just like Him. That reminds me of what we need to know today. Let me hear you say this after me: (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)*  
*I Can Be* (thumbs to chest)  
*Like Jesus* (both hands point up)

Read the Bible



1. SAY: *The Bible tells us how Jesus loved going to church. Let's read about it together.*
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.

Let's Practice



1. SAY: *I can be like Jesus and you can, too. We're going to play a fun game to help us find out ways we can be like Jesus.*
2. PLACE the jumbo muffin tin in the center of the group.
3. SHOW the pom-pom and SAY: *We're going to pretend that this ball is a ball of dough. You will get a turn to toss the dough ball into one of the three spots on our muffin tin. Then I will ask the group a question. Let's get started!*
4. PASS the pom-pom to each child, and HAVE him/her toss the pom-pom into the jumbo muffin tin.
5. After each child tosses the pom pom, READ one question from the Leader Guide, and ALLOW the group to respond.
6. CONTINUE until each child has had a turn or until all questions on the Leader Guide have been answered. Then SAY:
  - *Great job! One of the ways we can be like Jesus is by coming to church and having fun as we learn about Him together. Let me hear you say this after me: (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)*  
*I Can Be* (thumbs to chest)  
*Like Jesus* (both hands point up)



If the child is unable to toss

the pom pom, HAVE him/her point to the hole on the jumbo muffin tin, and then TOSS the pom pom for him/her.

## Memorize It

# 4

1. SAY: *At Christmas, you may gotten 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. GIVE each child a **Coloring Sheet** and ALLOW kids to use the **crayons** to color the front or the back of it.
4. As kids color, HAVE them take turns saying the memory verse aloud to you.
5. GIVE each child a **memory verse prize** after saying the memory verse aloud.

## Let's Pray

# 5

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

- *Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Please help me to be like Him! Thank You for my snack. I love You! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

## Stay Together

# 6

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:
  - USE the **Jesus Song Cards** and SING J-E-S-U-S (Sung 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.