

October 22
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
JESUS' MIRACLES PROVE HE IS GOD
John 14

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus came to help us understand what God is like. God the Father sent His Son to rescue us from sin. He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us as we live for Him.

KEY PASSAGE: *No one has ever seen God, the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

John 1:18

Key Passage Phrase: Jesus shows us what God is like. John 1:18

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Show the **"Milky Way Picture" printable**. Explain that the picture was taken through a telescope. Consider allowing preschoolers to pass around the picture to look at it closely.

SAY A telescope is a large piece of equipment that we can look through to see the stars better and close up. The stars do not change when we look through a telescope, but the telescope reveals or shows more about the stars to us. That reminds me a little bit of Jesus. Jesus reveals or shows more about God to us, just like this picture from a telescope reveals more about the stars. Let's listen to hear what Jesus told His disciples.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.

3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at John 1:18. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Encourage preschoolers to say the key passage from memory. Help as needed.

SAY *Great job learning the key passage. We cannot see God with our eyes, but we can learn about Him! When we read the Bible and learn about Jesus, we learn what God is like, because Jesus reveals what God is like.*

4. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
2. Who is the Son of God? (*Jesus*)
3. What is a good way to know more about God? (*Preschoolers' answers may include we can look at Jesus, because Jesus reveals God to us, read the Bible, learn about Jesus' miracles, and listen to Bible stories.*)
4. What is one thing you learned about God from today's lesson or one of the other lessons from the past few weeks? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
5. ***Is Jesus God or a human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.***

SAY *Jesus knew that He would go back to heaven soon, so He told His disciples some important things. He told them to believe in God and believe in Him. Jesus said that He was preparing a place in heaven for them, and that He is the way to God the Father. He also said that the miracles He did prove that He is God's Son. We learn about His miracles today at church and by reading the Bible. In the Bible, we learn*

that Jesus came to help us understand what God is like. God the Father sent His Son to rescue us from sin. He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us as we live for Him. Jesus saved us from sin by dying on the cross in our place and rising again.

5. PRAY

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have. Pray for them.

SAY *Jesus, You do amazing, miraculous things! Thank You for showing us that God is powerful and good. We are thankful for You, and thankful that You died for our sin and rose again so that we could be forgiven. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE AS FEW AS ONE ACTIVITY OR USE ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES)

TOSS A BEANBAG AND REMEMBER JESUS' MIRACLES

Invite preschoolers to stand with their backs against a classroom wall. Stand a couple of feet away from children with a **beanbag** in your hands. Show children how to cup their hands in front of them to get ready to catch a beanbag. Toss the beanbag lightly into the first child's cupped hands and say, "Tell me a miracle of Jesus that you remember from any Bible story." Encourage the child to say a miracle as she tosses the beanbag back to you. Repeat the process giving each child the opportunity to catch and toss the beanbag as he says a miracle he remembers. Help children as needed. Children may repeat other preschoolers' answers.

SAY *We had fun playing a game to remember some of Jesus' miracles. In the Bible story, Jesus promised to give His followers a gift: God the Spirit. Jesus said the Holy Spirit will be with His followers to teach them and remind them of everything that Jesus said and did.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, review the Christ Connection.

SAY *Jesus came to help us understand what God is like. God the Father sent His Son to rescue us from sin. He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us as we live for Him.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to John 14. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

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STORYTELLING TIPS

Listen closely: Write *Jesus* on index cards and give one to each child. Urge preschoolers to raise their card each time they hear Jesus' name.

Vary your voice: Use different voices for Jesus and the disciples as you tell the story.

Jesus' disciples were worried. Jesus had told them that some sad things would happen. He told them that He was going away, and they couldn't come with Him.

Jesus came to earth to save sinners. He was going to do that by dying on the cross and rising from the dead. Then He would go back to heaven. It was almost time for these things to happen, so Jesus was kind to them and taught them some very important truths.

"Don't be upset," Jesus said. "Believe in God, and believe in Me." Jesus was going away, but that was for their good. "My Father's house has many rooms, and I will get a place ready for you," Jesus said. "Then, I will come back so you can come with Me."

Jesus' disciples were confused. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Jesus' friend Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father. That's all we want."

*Jesus said, “You have seen Me, so you have seen the Father. Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? Believe because of the miracles I have done!” **Jesus’ miracles prove He is God. He had healed the sick, raised the dead, and calmed a storm—all things that only God can do.***

Jesus did these things to show that He is God the Son.

Jesus was going away, but He promised to give His followers someone else: God the Spirit. “The Holy Spirit will be with you,” Jesus said. “He will teach you and remind you of everything I have told you.” When Jesus was finished talking with His disciples, they left that place.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child’s sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today’s activity page to reinforce today’s Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

October 22
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Two Year Olds

JESUS' MIRACLES PROVE HE IS GOD

JOHN 14

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus is God's Son.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Is Jesus God or a person? Jesus is both God and a person.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Jesus is God's Son. John 1:18

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY

Sit in the group time area. Invite children to join you, and make faces showing different emotions such as happy, sad, worried, mad, and funny.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

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3. LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage phrase marker at John 1:18. Invite a child to open your Bible to the marker.

SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of "Muffin Man":

"Jesus is the Son of God.

The Son of God, the Son of God.

Jesus is the Son of God.

He gives us what we need."

SAY *Our key passage phrase says, 'Jesus is God's Son.' Jesus gives us everything we need.*

ACTIVITIES

CHANT THE TRUTH

Lead the toddlers in a chant. Invite the toddlers to pat their legs twice and clap their hands twice as they march to these words: "Jesus is the way; Jesus is the truth; Jesus is the life; Jesus is God's Son."

SAY *Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus reminded His friends of the amazing things He had done. Jesus wants us to believe in Him because He is God's Son.*

LEAVE AND COME BACK

Clear the playing area. Line up two groups on one end of the playing area. Instruct the toddlers to choose one way to move from one end of the playing area to the other. Then encourage the toddlers to come back to the place where they started. Toddlers can walk, skip, hop, tiptoe, and so forth. Discourage running in the room to ensure safety. Review the story.

SAY *Did Jesus say He was going to come back for us? Yes! Jesus said, 'Then I will come back so you can come with Me.' Jesus wants us to believe in Him because He is God's Son.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

SAY *Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for sinners. He was going to rise from the dead and then go back to heaven. Jesus wants us to believe in Him because He is God's Son.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Jesus met with His friends. They were sad because Jesus had to go away. They wanted to be with Him. Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for sinners. He was going to rise from the dead and then go back to heaven. Before He left, Jesus wanted to tell His friends about God the Father. "My Father's house has many rooms, and I will get a place ready for you," Jesus said. "Then I will come back so you can come with Me." Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Jesus reminded His friends of the amazing things He had done and told them to believe.

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.