

November 5
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT BEHAVIOR
MATTHEW 6

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus taught what it means to follow Him. He taught how people should live. People who trust in Jesus live to honor God because God has forgiven their sins.

KEY PASSAGE: Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory ... for everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to you. 1 Chronicles 29:11

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

Place a copy of the **Bible story picture poster** and the *I am happy you are at church! Today we will learn that Jesus taught how people should live message* in a **large mailing envelope**. Hide the envelope in the classroom. Before coming to group time, challenge preschoolers to find the envelope. Once they have found it, gather together on the rug, open the envelope, read the message to preschoolers, and talk about the picture.

SAY *I am so glad that you are at church today. Can you find a large envelope hidden in the classroom? There is a message in the envelope. Today we will learn that Jesus taught the people how they should live. The people were amazed when they listened to Jesus. He taught like He really knew what He was talking about. It reminds me of our big picture question and answer: **What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God.***

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

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3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at 1 Chronicles 29:11. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Help preschoolers learn how to find the verse in the Bible. Invite one child at a time to point to 1 Chronicles chapter 29 by pointing to the large number 29 on the page. Invite each child to find the verse by pointing to the small number 11 in the chapter. Read aloud the verse. Assign a group of the preschoolers to say "Lord, You are great and powerful." Then, the second group will say "everything belongs to You." Repeat the verse a few times.

SAY *God is Lord. He is great and powerful. Jesus is God's Son. Jesus is great and powerful too. Jesus taught what it means to follow Him and how people should live. He cares for us. Jesus told the people that God takes care of the birds and the flowers, and people are worth more to God than plants and animals.*

4. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
2. Who went on a mountain, sat, and taught the people? (*Jesus*)
3. How should people give to others who need help? (*Jesus said to give in secret so others do not see you.*)
4. Why should people not worry about anything? (*God will take care of us by giving us what we need.*)

5. What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

SAY Wherever Jesus went, crowds of people followed Him. Jesus taught what it means to follow Him. He taught how people should live. One day, Jesus went on a mountain and started to teach the people. He told the people to give to those who are poor but to give in secret and not to give to get attention from others. He also taught people how to pray by forgiving others. Jesus told the people not to worry about anything, including what they will eat or the clothes they wear. He reminded them that God would take care of them, just like He takes care of the birds and the flowers. The crowds of people loved to listen and learn from Jesus. People who trust in Jesus live to honor God because God has forgiven their sins.

5. PRAY

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

SAY God, thank You for sending Jesus. We are thankful that Jesus taught what it means to follow Him. Help each one of us to trust in Jesus and want to obey You. Amen.

ACTIVITIES

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

PLAY A COIN GAME

Invite a few preschoolers at a time to play a game. Give a **large coin** to a child in the group. The child with the coin will conceal it in one hand while the rest of the group close their eyes. They will open their eyes and guess which hand is holding the coin. Continue to play until each child has a turn to hide the coin. Supervise the activity closely to ensure preschoolers do not put a coin in their mouths.

SAY We played a game with a coin. Coins are a type of money. What are things you use money to buy? We use money to buy things like food and clothes. Jesus encouraged people to give to others who are in need. They might not have money to buy things like food and clothes. Jesus told the people to give in secret so others do not see you. When we give to others, we should give to help others, not as a way to get attention.

PRACTICE DRAWING

Give each child a sheet of **drawing paper and a washable marker**. On the classroom dry erase board, provide step-by-step instructions on how to draw a flower. Guide preschoolers to draw along with you on their own papers. For example, if drawing a flower, start by drawing the center of the flowers followed by the petals, stem, and leaves.

SAY You followed my directions as we drew flowers. Jesus taught what it means to follow Him. He taught how people should live. He told people not to worry about their lives, including what they will eat. He wanted the people to understand that God will always take care of them. God takes care of the flowers and birds, and people are more important to God.

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

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, emphasize the THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY Our big picture question asks, **What did Jesus teach when He was on earth?** The answer is, **Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.** We learned today that He taught people about how to help others, how to pray, and why we should not worry about anything.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Matthew 6. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

STORYTELLING TIPS

Ask a question: After each section of the Bible story, ask, "What did Jesus teach?" engaging the children to answer each teaching Jesus gave about behavior.

Make a flower: Prior to telling the story, prepare the materials to make a tissue paper flower. Stack a few sheets of tissue paper, cut into identical 12-by-6-inch squares. Starting with the shorter side of the stack, fold

the sheets like an accordion. Wrap a chenille stem around the center of the folded paper. While telling the story, gently pull up and separate each paper sheet. At the end of the story, ask preschoolers to identify what you are holding. Review what Jesus said about not worrying.

JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT BEHAVIOR

*Crowds of people followed Jesus wherever He went. **One day, Jesus went up on a mountain. He sat down and began to teach. Jesus said, “When you give to people who are poor, give in secret so others do not see you.” Jesus also taught the people how to pray.***

Jesus said, “Forgive others. Then God will forgive you too. If you do not forgive others, God will not forgive you.”

Jesus said, “Do not collect treasures on earth. They can be destroyed or stolen. Collect treasures in heaven instead. Wherever your treasure is, that is where your heart will be too.”

Jesus taught that God provides for His people. He told them not to worry about their lives. “Don’t worry about what you will eat or drink or wear,” Jesus said. Jesus told the people that God takes care of the birds and the flowers, and people are worth more to God than plants and animals.

*Jesus taught the people many things. **When Jesus finished teaching, the crowds were amazed. Jesus did not teach like the other religious leaders; He taught like He was in charge, like He really knew what He was talking about.***

Christ Connection: Jesus taught what it means to follow Him. He taught how people should live. People who trust in Jesus live to honor God because God has forgiven their sins.

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.

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Two Year Olds

JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT BEHAVIOR

MATTHEW 6

CHRIST CONNECTION: People who trust in Jesus will live like Him.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Lord, You are great and powerful. 1 Chronicles 29:11

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY: MOVE LIKE AN ANIMAL

Invite preschoolers to help you think of several different types of animals. Examples may include a dog, a cat, a frog, a bird, an elephant, or a fish. Choose one of the animals and lead children to move around the classroom like that animal moves. Repeat with each of the animals that preschoolers listed. Ensure that a bird is the last animal that children imitate.

SAY *You did a great job moving around like all of the different animals. The last animal we pretended to be was a bird. Jesus talked about birds when He taught the people. He told the people that God takes care of the birds and flowers, and that people are worth more to God than plants and animals. Let's listen to our Bible story to learn how God takes care of the bird and of us!*

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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 THE KEY PASSAGE SONG

Sing to the tune "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

"Lord, You are great and powerful, powerful, powerful.

Lord, You are great and powerful. You help us to believe."

SAY *Jesus taught people how to follow Him. Jesus' teaching helps us trust God and believe in Him.*

ACTIVITIES

SHARE COINS

Provide **play money and cups**. Give the play money to one or two toddlers and ask them to share their money by putting coins into a friend's cup. Then encourage the friend to share with someone. Continue sharing until all toddlers have coins. Replay as time permits, choosing new volunteers for each round. Cheer on the toddlers as they share.

SAY *Can we share only coins? No! God gives us what we need. We can share what we have with others. Jesus taught how to follow Him. People who trust in Jesus will live like Him.*

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 taught people how to follow Him. Jesus' teaching helps us trust God and believe in Him.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Jesus sat on a mountain to teach. Jesus said, "When you give to people who are poor, give in secret so others do not see you." Jesus also taught the people how to pray. Jesus said, "Forgive others. God will forgive you too." Jesus taught that God gives His people what they need. Jesus told the people that God takes care of the birds and the flowers, and people are worth more to God than plants and animals. He taught the people many things. When Jesus finished teaching, the people were amazed.

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.