

December 10
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
JESUS KNEW HE WOULD BE REJECTED
Luke 13

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Everyone is invited into the kingdom of God, but not everyone will go in. People are saved only by trusting in Jesus. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why do people not choose Jesus? People are born with sin and choose what they want rather than what God wants.

KEY PASSAGE: Isaiah 53:3

Key Passage Phrase: People were unkind to Jesus.

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Invite preschoolers to group time. Instruct them to choose to hop slowly or crawl to the group time area.

***SAY** Thank you for coming to group time. Some of you chose to hop slowly to the group time area and others chose to crawl. We each made a choice. Today in our story, the people had a choice too. The people had the choice to turn away from their sin and trust in Jesus to save them. Let's listen to learn what Jesus told the people.*

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. LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage phrase marker at Isaiah 53:3. Invite a child to open the Bible to the key passage. Say the key passage phrase. Guide the girls to repeat the phrase while the boys listen. Say the phrase again and lead the boys to say it while the girls listen.

***SAY** You listened to me and others say our key passage phrase. Jesus said that some people will think they should get into God's kingdom because they knew who Jesus was and listened to Him. But people must turn from their sins and trust in Jesus to be saved. Jesus loved the people and wanted to protect them, even when they were unkind to Him.*

4. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? *(Preschoolers' answers will vary.)*
2. Where was Jesus traveling toward in our Bible story today? *(Jerusalem)*
3. Who can enter God's kingdom? *(Only people who believe the good news of Jesus can enter God's kingdom.)*
4. How are people saved? *(People are saved only by trusting in Jesus.)*
5. **Why do people not choose Jesus? People are born with sin and choose what they want rather than what God wants.**

***SAY** Jesus traveled toward Jerusalem. He stopped in towns and villages to teach. Jesus said, 'The path to heaven is like a narrow door. Many people will try to get in, but not many people will.' People must turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior to be saved. Only people who believe the good news of Jesus can enter God's kingdom. Everyone is invited into the kingdom of God, but not everyone*

will go in. People are saved only by trusting in Jesus. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.

5. PRAY

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

SAY *Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to make the way for us to go to heaven by believing in Him. Help each one of us to choose to obey You instead of choosing what we want. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

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

PLAY A CHOICES GAME

Guide preschoolers to gather in the middle of the room. Explain that you will say two choices. Assign each choice a wall in the room and instruct the children to move to the wall for their choice. Begin with simple choices such as chocolate ice cream or vanilla ice cream; chicken nuggets or hamburgers. Continue the game, moving to more complex choices such as clean your room when asked or keep playing; share toys with a friend or keep them all to yourself. End with the choice of obey God or disobey God.

SAY *Which of those choices were easy to make? Were some choices more difficult? We learned in today's Bible story that not everyone will choose to obey God or choose to trust Jesus. That reminds me of our big picture question and answer: **Why do people not choose Jesus? People are born with sin and choose what they want rather than what God wants.** We can choose to obey God and choose what He wants us to do.*

TOSS A BEAN BAG ON A DOOR SHAPE

Attach six pieces of construction paper on the floor with tape to make a door shape. Make a line on the floor with tape about 2 feet from the door shape. Invite preschoolers to take turns tossing a bean bag on the paper door. As each child tosses the bean bag, ask the children, "Who is invited to the kingdom of God?" Lead children to answer, by saying the name of the child tossing the beanbag. Continue play as time allows.

SAY *You took turns tossing the bean bag on the paper door shape. We said each of us is invited to the kingdom of God. In our Bible story today, we learned that the path to heaven is like a narrow door. Everyone is invited into the kingdom of God, but only the people who turn from their sin and follow Jesus will enter.*

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 *We have a new big picture question and answer for the next few weeks. The question is, **Why do people not choose Jesus?** The answer is, **People are born with sin and choose what they want rather than what God wants.** Many people reject Jesus and choose to disobey God because of their sin. God wants us to choose Jesus and obey Him!*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Luke 13. 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

Use hand motions: Guide preschoolers to use a motion like putting on a crown each time they hear the words "God's kingdom" in the Bible story.

Listen and respond: Pause to highlight reasons people gave for why they should enter God's kingdom as you tell the story. Ask children if the reasons are good or not. Invite preschoolers to shout, "Yes!" if it is the right way you can be a part of God's kingdom. Lead them to shout, "No!" if it is not a way to enter God's kingdom.

Jesus traveled toward Jerusalem. He stopped in towns and villages to teach. Someone asked Jesus, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

Jesus said, "Try to enter God's kingdom. The path to heaven is like a narrow door. Many people will try to get in, but not many people will." No one gets into heaven because of the family he is born into or because of his own good works.

Jesus said that some people will think they should get into God's kingdom because they knew who Jesus was and listened to Him. But Jesus will say, "I don't know you." People must turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior to be saved.

*Jesus' teaching was hard for some people to hear. Jesus said that everyone kept out of God's kingdom will be sad and very sorry. **Only people who believe the good news of Jesus can enter God's kingdom.***

Then some religious leaders came to Jesus. They said, "You need to leave. Herod wants to kill You."

Jesus said, "Go tell Herod that I am still working. On the third day, I will finish My work. For now, I must go to Jerusalem."

Jesus cried when He thought about the people in Jerusalem. He knew He would be rejected and killed there. Jesus said, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, You harm the prophets God sends to you. I've wanted to help and protect your people—to gather them like a hen gathers her chicks under her wing. But you did not let Me. You will not see Me again until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'!"

Christ Connection: Everyone is invited into the kingdom of God, but not everyone will go in. People are saved only by trusting in Jesus. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.

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
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CHRIST CONNECTION: Everyone who trusts in Jesus will enter God's kingdom.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why do people not choose Jesus? People choose what they want rather than what God wants.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: People were unkind to Jesus. Isaiah 53:3

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY: PLAY KIND/UNKIND

Tape a line on the floor to divide the playing area. Line up toddlers on the line. Explain that the right side of the line is "kind" and the left side of the line is "unkind." Give the toddlers examples of actions that are kind and unkind. Allow toddlers to choose if the action is kind or unkind and move accordingly. Examples include sharing your snack, hitting your friend, helping your sister up when she falls, and so forth. Read the key passage phrase aloud.

***SAY** Our key passage phrase says, 'People were unkind to Jesus.' Should we be kind to others? Yes! We should be kind to others. Let's listen to our Bible story to learn more about this.*

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3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

ACTIVITIES

OPEN THE DOOR

Line up toddlers at a door. Ask the first toddler if Jesus is the way to heaven. When he answers yes, crack open the door and say, "The path to heaven is like a narrow door. Trusting in Jesus is the way to heaven." Shut the door, ask the toddler to sit down, and repeat for all.

***SAY** In our story we learned that the path of heaven is like what? A narrow door! Jesus said that many people will try to get in, but not many people will. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will enter God's kingdom.*

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** Will everyone who trusts in Jesus enter God's kingdom? Yes, everyone who trusts in Jesus will enter God's kingdom.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Jesus visited many towns to teach people about God. Someone asked, "Are only a few people going to heaven?" Jesus said, "The path to heaven is like a narrow door. Many people will try to get in, but not many people will." People must turn from their sins and trust in Jesus to be saved. Then some religious leaders came to Jesus. They said, "You need to leave. Herod wants to hurt You." Jesus said, "Go tell Herod that I am still working. On the third day, I will finish My work. Now, I must go to Jerusalem." Jesus was sad when He thought about the people in Jerusalem. He wanted to help and protect them, but the people did not let Him.

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.