

February 11
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
JESUS IS OUR PERFECT PROPHET
Deuteronomy 18

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus is the perfect Prophet God promised to send. He is the last prophet. Jesus came into the world to tell people God's words and invite them into God's family forever.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? God speaks to us through Jesus.

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

Say a few statements and encourage preschoolers to decide if it is true or untrue. Statements may relate to the weather, the number of kids in the room, or something in the classroom. Include at least one true and one false statement. Be sure to not say any false statements about the Bible or Jesus to avoid confusion for preschoolers.

SAY Sometimes, it is hard to decide if someone is saying something true or false. In today's Bible story, we will learn about prophets who told the truth and hear a warning about how people may pretend to speak God's word but say untrue words.

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

3. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY We have a new big picture question and answer today. The question is, **How is Jesus the perfect Prophet?** The answer is, **God speaks to us through Jesus.** A prophet is someone who delivers messages from God. Jesus is the perfect Prophet. He never disobeyed God and told people what God wanted them to know.

4. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at Deuteronomy 18:15. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Form three groups. Assign each group a phrase from the key passage. (Possible phrases: "The Lord your God"; "Will raise up for you a prophet"; "You must listen to him") Practice saying the phrase several times with the assigned group. After practicing a few times, gather the groups together. Point to each group on cue to lead them to say their portion of the passage in order. Repeat a few times.

SAY A prophet told people what God wanted them to know. God sent Jesus to teach us what we need to know about who God is. Jesus' words are written in the Bible. We can read and listen to His words.

5. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
2. Who was a prophet who lived in Old Testament times? (*Moses*)
3. What is a prophet? (*A prophet is a person who tells people what God wants them to know. Prophets brought the people good news or bad news, and they reminded the people of God's promises.*)

4. Who is God's Son and the perfect Prophet? (*Jesus*)

5. **How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? God speaks to us through Jesus.**

SAY *Moses was a prophet during Old Testament times, before the birth of Jesus. God spoke to him, and he told the people what God wanted them to know. Moses told them that another prophet was coming who would stand before God for all people. Moses told the people that Jesus, the perfect Prophet, was coming. He also told the people that others would come and pretend to be prophets but would speak untrue messages. God sent many prophets with true messages from Him. These prophets brought the people good news and bad news and reminded the people of God's promises. God always keeps His promises. God promised to send His Son Jesus to be the Savior of the world. Jesus is the last prophet. He came into the world to tell people God's words and invite them into God's family forever.*

6. PRAY

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

SAY *God, Thank You for sending Jesus, the perfect Prophet into the world to tell people God's words and invite them into God's family forever. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

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

MAKE PLAY DOUGH PEOPLE

Draw a circle on a **piece of construction paper** to create a play dough face mat. Make a paper for each child. Give each child a **ball of play dough**. Guide preschoolers to break apart the play dough and add eyes, a nose, a mouth, and ears to create a face on the paper. Demonstrate how to roll a piece of dough into a thin log to create a mouth. Show examples of how they can make ears out of play dough.

SAY *We can use our ears to listen to what God wants us to hear and our mouths to tell people about Jesus. Moses told people that God would raise up a prophet, and people must listen to Him. Jesus is the prophet Moses told people about. Jesus came into the world to tell people God's words and invite them into God's family forever. Who can you tell about Jesus?*

FOLLOW MY CLAP

Gather preschoolers to sit in a circle on the floor or around a table. Tell them to listen closely as a leader claps a simple pattern. Challenge preschoolers to clap and repeat the pattern. Invite a child to clap the next pattern for the group to listen to and repeat. Continue to play as time allows and parents arrive.

SAY *Listening is an important skill that everyone needs. Moses told the people that God would raise up a prophet, and people must listen to Him. Jesus was the prophet Moses told people about. God always keeps His promises. God promised to send His Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world. Jesus is the last prophet. He came into the world to tell people God's words and invite them into God's family forever.*

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 *The last few weeks we have learned that Jesus is the perfect Prophet. Our big picture question asks, **How is Jesus the perfect Prophet?** The answer is, **God speaks to us through Jesus.** Jesus told people what they need to know and understand about God. Jesus is God's Son.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Deuteronomy 18. 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 and clap: Tell preschoolers to listen for the word “prophet” in today’s Bible story and clap twice when they hear the word. Practice saying the word “prophet” and clapping twice together. Tell the Bible story, pausing after saying the word “prophet” so the preschoolers can clap.

Touch ears and mouth: Instruct preschoolers to touch their ears whenever they hear the word “listen” and touch their mouths when they hear the word “speak” in the Bible story.

In the Old Testament, Moses led God’s people out of Egypt and toward the promised land. During their journey, Moses was a prophet to the people. First God spoke to Moses, and then Moses shared God’s words with the people.

One day, Moses told the people, “God will raise up for you a prophet like me. You must listen to Him.”

In the same way that Moses stood before God for all of the Israelites, this prophet would stand before God for all people. He would share God’s words with the people, too. God said, “Anyone who does not listen to My words that the prophet speaks will have to answer to Me.”

God also told the people to look out. He said, “Someone might come and pretend to be a prophet. But anyone who speaks an untrue message and says it’s from Me must be stopped.”

This was a serious warning. How could the people really know if a prophet’s words were from God? Moses said, “When a prophet speaks and the message does not come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken.” God’s words always come true.

God sent many prophets to speak to the Israelites after Moses died. The prophets brought the people good news or bad news, and they reminded the people of God’s promises. Sometimes the people listened but other times they did not. At just the right time, God kept His promise to send an even greater prophet than Moses: God’s own Son, Jesus.

Christ Connection: Jesus is the perfect Prophet God promised to send. He is the last prophet. Jesus came into the world to tell people God’s words and invite them into God’s family forever.

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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KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: We can listen to Jesus. Deuteronomy 18:15

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY: CHOOSE GOOD OR BAD

After gathering toddlers together in front of the TV, explain that after you say a scenario, the toddler will either stand or sit. If the scenario is good, toddlers stand. If the scenario is bad, toddlers sit. Possible scenarios include getting a gift, falling, playing with a friend, not getting a turn, and so forth. Call out scenarios and play as time permits.

SAY *God sent many prophets to bring both good and bad news to remind God's people of His promises. Does God keep His promises? Yes! God kept His promise to send His Son, Jesus.*

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Place the key passage phrase marker at Deuteronomy 18:15. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Encourage preschoolers to say the phrase with you several times. Each time you say the phrase, leave out a word, leading children to say the missing word.

"God wants us to listen to _____. Deuteronomy 18:15."

"God wants us to _____ to Jesus. Deuteronomy 18:15."

"_____ wants us to listen to Jesus. Deuteronomy 18:15."

"God wants us to listen to Jesus. _____."

SAY *God wants us to listen to Jesus. He came into the world to tell people God's message. Jesus is the perfect Prophet.*

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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 main points below:

God told His people to listen to His words.

God's words always come true.

God kept His promise to send His Son, Jesus.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Deuteronomy 18. Tell the Bible story below:

JESUS WARNED ABOUT NOT ACTING

Moses, a prophet, led God's people out of Egypt toward the promised land. One day, Moses told the people that God would send a new prophet to share God's words. God told His people to listen to His words through the prophet. God warned the people of those who pretend to be prophets; those must be stopped. God's words always come true. God sent many prophets to bring both good and bad news and to remind God's people of His promises. Sometimes they listened but other times they did not. At just the right time, God kept His promise to send His own Son, Jesus.

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.