

**August 25**  
**9:00am & 11:00am**  
*Three and Four Year Olds*  
**JESUS SUFFERED FOR US**  
(Philippians 2)

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** God's Son, Jesus, came to earth as a man. Jesus never sinned, but He died on the cross to rescue people from their sins. Jesus rose from the dead and is alive! Everyone who trusts in Jesus has forgiveness and life with God forever.

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds. Isaiah 53:5

**Key Passage Phrase:** *Jesus took our punishment. Isaiah 53:5*

## LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

### 1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Invite preschoolers to name different holidays they celebrate throughout the year. Ask them why we celebrate Christmas. Ask them why we celebrate Easter. (Note: preschoolers will probably share secular holiday answers. Redirect any of these to the true meaning of these holidays—Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection.)

**SAY** *Christmas and Easter are two very special days for people who believe in Jesus. Christmas is a celebration of Jesus coming to earth as a baby. Easter is a time to celebrate that Jesus has risen from the grave, and He is alive! We don't have to wait for these days to celebrate, though. We can celebrate Jesus every day of the year. Many years ago, Jesus came to earth to rescue sinners. He died on the cross so we could be forgiven for our sins. He did not stay in the tomb, though—three days later He rose from the dead! Today we will hear a story from the book of Philippians. In this letter written by a man named Paul, we learn about what Jesus did for us.*

### 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.\*

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### 3. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

**SAY** *Our big picture question is, **Why did Jesus become human?** The answer is, **Jesus became human to rescue sinners.** In Philippians 2, Paul wrote that Jesus came to earth as a man. He became like a servant and obeyed God's plan. This plan included dying on a cross. Jesus rescued sinners by dying on the cross and coming back to life. Because of Jesus, we can ask for and receive forgiveness of our sins. Jesus forgives our sin and promises a future forever with Him.*

### 4. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

*This will be done in **ACTIVITIES: FIND THE CARDS***

### 5. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Review today's Bible story by asking the following review questions.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary*)
2. Why was Paul writing a letter from prison? (*He had been arrested for telling people Jesus had risen from the dead.*)

3. What did Paul write about Jesus in his letter? (*Jesus is God's Son. He came to earth to serve. He obeyed God's plan and died on the cross.*)
4. What does Jesus' death and resurrection mean for you? (*forgiveness of sins, promise of living in heaven forever with God*)

**5. Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.**

**SAY** *While in prison, Paul wrote a letter to the church at Philippi. He reminded them of what Jesus did when He came to earth. He told them to live like Jesus. Jesus is God's Son. He never sinned, yet He died on a cross to rescue sinners. Though Jesus died and was buried, three days later He rose again. Jesus is alive! We are all sinners. If we believe in Jesus and trust in Him, we will have forgiveness for our sins and one day we will live forever with God.*

**6. PRAY**

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

**SAY** *God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to earth as a man. Thank You for the perfect example He set for us. We believe Jesus died and rose again three days later. Help us share Your love with those around us as we try to live like Jesus each and every day. Amen.*

## ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

### FIND THE CARDS

Place a strip of paper at Isaiah 53:5 in a Bible. Write *Jesus* on **multiple index cards**. Prior to activity, hide these cards around the room. Invite preschoolers to find the cards hidden around the room. When all cards are found, open the Bible to the key passage marker. Read the verse aloud.

**SAY** *Isaiah 53:5 reminds us that Jesus died to bring us peace and heal us. On the cross Jesus provided a way for us to be healed from our sin. Isaiah 53:5 does not specifically say Jesus' name, but in the New Testament of the Bible we see Jesus is the One Isaiah was writing about. Jesus is God's Son, sent to earth to rescue sinners. Because Jesus died on the cross and came back to life, we can have forgiveness for the wrong things we do.*

### TOSS A BEANBAG ON LETTER J

Using **masking tape**, make a large letter *J* on the floor. Make a straight line on the floor 3-4 feet away from the letter *J*. Invite children to line up behind the straight line. Give the first child the beanbag and challenge him to toss it and to try to land it on the *J*. As children toss the beanbag, prompt him to answer the question, "How can you love people like Jesus does?" (Be nice to others, share with others, do not complain, do not fight, etc.)

**SAY** *Paul wrote a letter to people in the church at Philippi and told them to love people like Jesus did. What are some of the ways that we thought of to love people like Jesus did? [Give children time to answer.] Jesus came to earth. He died on the cross to rescue people from their sin. Jesus rose from the dead and is alive! Everyone who trusts in Jesus has forgiveness and life with God forever.*

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

As children color, review the story.

**SAY** *Jesus came to rescue sinners. He died on the cross even though He never did anything wrong. Jesus is not dead, though! He is alive! One day everyone will bow down and worship Jesus because He provided a way for sinners to be rescued. **Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.** Because Jesus died and came back to life, we have forgiveness of sins and the promise of everlasting life if we trust in Him.*

## OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Philippians 2 and tell the following Bible story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

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### STORYTELLING TIPS

*Display story props: Display various props as you tell the Bible story. Use a scroll, a cross, a stone, and a star.*

*Use motions: Invite preschoolers to interact with the story by doing various actions as you tell the story. Play out writing a letter, bowing down, and being shining stars (open and close hands to make twinkling stars).*

**Paul, a follower of Jesus, was living as a prisoner in Rome. He had been arrested because he taught people that Jesus had risen from the dead.**

*While Paul was in prison, other believers visited Paul or sent him gifts. **The Christians in Philippi sent a gift to Paul, and he wrote them a letter to thank them. Paul told them to love people the way Jesus did and to put others first.***

*Paul wrote, “Have the same attitude as Jesus. **Jesus is God, but He came to earth as a man.** He became like a servant and obeyed God’s plan—even though His plan was for Jesus to die on a cross.*

*“This is why God honored Jesus and gave Him the name that is above every name. **To honor Jesus, everyone in heaven and on earth and under the earth will bow down to Him.** And everyone will admit that Jesus Christ is Lord. This brings glory to God the Father.”*

**Jesus suffered and died for us. Then He rose from the dead and is alive!**

***Because of Jesus, we must follow and obey God.** God is changing us to be like Jesus. **Paul wrote, “Do everything without complaining and arguing so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a world full of wickedness. In this way, you will shine like stars in the world.”***

*Christ Connection: God’s Son, Jesus, came to earth as a man. Jesus never sinned, but He died on the cross to rescue people from their sins. Jesus rose from the dead and is alive! Everyone who trusts in Jesus has forgiveness and life with God 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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**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.

**KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:** *Jesus took our punishment. Isaiah 53:5*

## LEARN

*(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)*

### 1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Gather children to the rug and give each child a **star sticker** (they can put it on their shirt or their hand) as they sit down. After each child has received a sticker and sat down,

**SAY** *What kinds of stickers did I give you? [Give children time to answer.] Yes, star stickers! In our Bible story today, we are going to hear about a letter that Paul wrote to some of his friends. Paul told his friends that when you follow Jesus, you will shine like stars. Listen carefully to our story and see if you hear the phrase, 'You will shine like stars.'*

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### 3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the **key passage phrase marker** at Isaiah 53:5. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage, to remove the marker, and to give it to you. Read the key passage phrase aloud. Encourage preschoolers to clap with every syllable.

**SAY** *The key passage phrase tells us that Jesus took the punishment for our sins. This is what Paul wrote to his friends. He told them to love like Jesus and to have the same attitude as Jesus. Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man and obeyed God's plan by dying on a cross.*

## ACTIVITIES

### FIND ALL THE PEOPLE

Draw a simple stick person on a **sticky note** (at least two per child). **Tape** the **Bible story picture** to a wall at toddlers' eye level. Adhere the sticky notes all around the room. Guide the toddlers to notice the picture of Jesus. Challenge them to find the stick people from around the room and place them on the picture of Jesus. Retell the story, focusing on how everyone everywhere will one day know and say "Jesus is Lord!"

**SAY** *What did Paul say that everyone everywhere would say? Yes! 'Jesus is Lord!' Paul told his friends that one day everyone everywhere would know and say that Jesus is Lord. Because of Jesus, we can follow and obey God.*

### 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 GOSPEL GEMS below:

- Jesus was hurt and died for us.
- Paul told people to be like Jesus.
- Because of Jesus, we can follow and obey God.

## OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Acts 8 and tell the following Bible story:

Paul wrote a letter to say thank you to his friends in Philippi. Paul was in prison because he told people about Jesus. Paul wrote, "Be like Jesus. Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man. He did what God wanted by dying on a cross. One day, everyone everywhere will bow down to Jesus and honor Him. Everyone will know and say that Jesus is Lord." Jesus was hurt and died for us. But now Jesus is alive! Because of Jesus, we can follow and obey God. He will help us be like Jesus. Paul said, "You are children of God in a dark world. When you follow Jesus, you will shine like stars."

**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.**