



LESSON 4 SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

GOD IS OUR LIGHT!!

OBJECTIVE:

Little ones will learn, "I can ask God to help me when I pray."

KEY PASSAGE:

Matthew 6:13, John 8:12

MEMORY VERSE:

"Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to him." Philippians 4:6 (NIRV)

SUMMARY:

The lights of a pumpkin sitting on a porch can guide us home on a dark night. God's light not only leads us away from temptation but lights the path we should follow. We should ask God to give us direction away from sin and closer to Him.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God (Dear God),
Thank you (Thank you),
For everything (For everything)
You do for me (You do for me)!
Amen (Amen)



SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 AND 2 YEAR OLDS:

PLAY TIME: Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

BIBLE TIME: Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up a Bible or Illustrated Kids' Bible and say, "This is the Bible. God wrote the Bible. Everything in the Bible is true." Then allow each child to pat the Bible with his hand.

LESSON: We should praise God! (Raise your arms and wave your hands.) We should make a joyful noise (say "thank you Jesus"). God is good (point to Heaven) and He is faithful! (Clap your hands.)

MAKE IT REAL: After the lesson say, "God loves you, and he wants you to love him too." Then point to each child and say, "God loves you (child's name)."

PRAYER TIME: Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

SNACK TIME: Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

POTTY BREAK: After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom, or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

PLAY TIME: Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.



MEMORY VERSE:

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LARGE GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Don’t worry about anything. (Put both hands on face with a scared look.) No matter what happens (shrug your shoulders) tell God about everything (point to heaven). Ask and pray (bow your head) and give thanks to him (raise both hands and say THANK YOU).

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Have everyone stand and move around to “loosen up” a minute. Shake your head no and have them do the same as you say, “Don’t worry about anything.” Turn in a circle and say, “No matter what happens, tell God about everything.” Bow your head and say “Ask and pray,” then jump up and down and say “Give thanks to Him!”



SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW:

TITLE: A LOTTA LIGHTS

ITEMS NEEDED: Several different lights – flashlights, light bulbs, candles, etc.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: Cousins – 1 female, 1 male

CHARACTERS: Jacie and Jude

Jacie and Jude come in together. Jude is carrying several different lights – flashlights, light bulbs, candles, etc.

JACIE: Well?

JUDE: Well? What?

JACIE: Why do you have all the lights?

JUDE: Don't you pay attention in church?

JACIE: Yes, I do, but you don't, so I'm curious.

JUDE: I listened this week and we're supposed to be the light of the world, so people don't live in darkness!

JACIE: I don't think that's what it means.

JUDE: What else could it mean?

JACIE: Our lives should shine bright with God's love so people living in darkness can see Him and find their way! Darkness represents sin!

JUDE: Well, I'm still going to be a light. Or lots of lights. Tonight, I'll be really busy!

JACIE: Why?

JUDE: Pay attention! It will be dark tonight! I'll be sharing lights with everyone!

JACIE: I give up. Have fun!

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW:

JUDE: You're not going to help me?

JACIE: I would never take this from you. You're the only one I know who would do this!

JUDE: Awww.....thank you!

JACIE: I give up! I'm going home!

CRAFT:

ITEMS NEEDED: Empty toilet paper rolls, glue or staples, construction paper, 1 candle

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Cut orange or yellow paper into small flames.

DIRECTIONS: Let each child choose their construction paper color. Help them glue or staple the paper around the toilet paper roll. (You may want to measure what size paper you'll need so you have those cut and ready.) Attach the flame and then have a candle to remind them that Jesus is the light of the world.

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY:

ITEMS NEEDED: Flashlights

ADVANCED PREPARATION: None

DIRECTIONS: Shine the flashlight with the lights on and ask who can see the light of the flashlight. Turn the lights off and let them see how different the light looks when it's dark. Let each child turn the flashlight on and explain that just like the light leads us when it's dark, Jesus will lead us and help us when we ask Him.

SNACK:

ITEMS NEEDED: Cheese balls

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Post a sign outside the preschool area that says: "Today's snack is cheese balls. Please let your child's teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack."

CONNECTION: Have one of the kids pray to thank God for the snacks. Explain that a cheese ball looks like a miniature light. Ask them to thank God for His light in their life.



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WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today's lesson comes from the first and fourth books of the New Testament. The Bible is God's Word so we know everything in it is true.

Jesus is a light in the darkness. We can't see when it's dark, but when a light is on, everything is clear. Jesus makes our dark world clear! He helps us see where to go and what to do.

Would you walk around at night, in a dark house, just for fun? Probably not. We could fall or trip on the furniture. If there's a cat or dog in the house, we might accidentally step on their paw. We could run into a wall or window, which could give us a pretty bad headache. We could save ourselves all the trouble if we would just turn on the light.

Life without Jesus is like walking around in the dark, unable to see. We could get hurt. We could hurt others. We could save ourselves all the trouble if we would ask Jesus to help us. When we pray and ask Him for help, He will help us. He will be our light when we need Him.

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MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

WIGGLE TAMER:

Lead the class in turning around in circles. Then, have them run in place.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What will Jesus do in the dark?

Why do we need light when it’s dark?

What do we need to do when we need help?

SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY:

Lead the kids in singing, “This Little Light of Mine.”

MAKE IT STICK

PUMPKIN PRAYERS LESSON 4

4 SIMPLE WAYS
YOU CAN MAKE
THIS LESSON STICK
WITH YOUR KIDS

THIS WEEK'S LESSON:

Use these four common times in a preschooler's day to reinforce this week's lesson:



DRIVING:

On the drive home, ask your child what they learned in class. Ask them who the light is.



PLAYING:

Play with a flashlight to show them how they can see in the dark.



EATING:

Explain that we can be a light to others when we pray before our meals.



SNUGGLING:

Snuggle up and say the memory verse, "Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to him." Philipians 4:6

Ask them how they can be a light to others.



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