

LESSON 5 SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus gives us freedom!

OBJECTIVE: Little ones will learn that faith in Jesus is the only way that we can be saved from our sin.

KEY PASSAGE: Mark 14:32-50, In the Garden & Mark 15:1-20, Jesus Before Pilate

MEMORY VERSE: “But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NirV)

SUMMARY: Jesus was sad and distressed; he knew his death was coming soon. Although it was painful, in the end, Jesus went willingly. He knew that his death and resurrection was the only way that we could be saved from our sin.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God (Dear God),
Thank you (Thank you),
For Salvation (For Salvation)
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: Jesus and three disciples went to pray (place hands together in prayer and bow your head). While Jesus prayed, His disciples fell asleep (yawn and pretend to be asleep). Judas brought soldiers to arrest Jesus (make a sad face). They made fun of Jesus and hit Him (punch your fist in the air). Then they got ready to put Him on the cross (cross both arms on your chest).

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

“But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NirV)

LARGE GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Say the verse together as a group. Separate the group into 4 teams. Separate the verse into 5 sections:

- 1). But here is how
- 2). God has shown
- 3). His love for us.
- 4). While we were still sinners
- 5). Christ died for us!

Starting with the first team, have one team say one section, then the next team say the next, etc and have everyone say the 5th section together. Do this 4 times, giving each team a chance to start the verse once.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Have everyone stand and move around to “loosen up” a minute. Turn around in circles and say “But here is how” stop and wave both arms in the air and say “God has shown” run in place and say “shown his love for us.” Punch their air with both fists and say “While we were still sinners,” bow your head and say “Christ died for us.”

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

TITLE: GIVE YOUR BEST

ITEMS NEEDED: Broom, dust pan, cleaning supplies

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: Two boys, brothers

CHARACTERS: Brady and Ben

Brady walks in while Ben is cleaning.

BRADY: What are you doing?

BEN: What does it look like I'm doing? I'm cleaning!

BRADY: I know you're cleaning. I'm just wondering why.

BEN: My birthday is coming up and I need to be on Mom and Dad's good side.

BRADY: So, you think a little cleaning will make up for how you've been all year?

BEN: It couldn't hurt!

BRADY: Mom and Dad will still give you birthday gifts. You don't have to earn them.

BEN: Maybe. But the kind of gifts might be better if I get on their good side!

BRADY: That's not how it works.

BEN: How do you know?

BRADY: I just know.

BEN: (Starts cleaning again.) That's not good enough.

BRADY: Ben, Mom and Dad would never give you less because of a few mistakes you've made. They want the best for us. And they always make our birthdays extra special.

BEN: I guess you're right. But I think I'll keep cleaning just to make sure.

BRADY: Well, you can go to my room next.

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BEN: Maybe you should earn points too. Your birthday is next.

BRADY: It's just like going to heaven. We don't have to earn points with God, right?

BEN: I'm not sure.

BRADY: Jesus died on the cross so we could be forgiven. We ask God to forgive us, ask Jesus into our hearts, and we have the promise of heaven. We don't have to earn our way to heaven. We just have to believe in God. You don't have to earn points with Mom and Dad either.

BEN: I guess that makes sense.

BRADY: I mean, clean if you want to. We should always do something that would help Mom or Dad. But don't feel like you have to. Do it year round instead of all at once, the week before your birthday.

BEN: All year?

BRADY: Well, no one is perfect, but we can try to do our very best. God will help us.

BEN: Well, I'm going to put all these away so we can go outside! Thanks, Brady!

BRADY: What about my room? Ben? Ben!!!

CRAFT

ITEMS NEEDED: Construction paper, glue, crayons, white paper

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Cut the white paper into a cross, enough for each child to have one.

DIRECTIONS: Give each child a cross and let them pick out a color of construction paper. Help them glue the cross onto the construction paper. Let them decorate the cross with hearts or something to represent how Jesus loves them so much that He died on the cross.

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

ITEMS NEEDED:

Boiled egg, permanent marker

ADVANCED PREPARATION: None

DIRECTIONS: Pass the egg around and let each person feel it. Ask them to describe it. Is it soft or hard? Can you eat it like that? Explain that our hearts are like that before Jesus saves us. Ask them what sin is. Ask for examples. Write each example on the egg with the permanent marker. Write the words on top of each other so the egg looks black. Explain that's what sin can do to our heart. Peel the egg and pass it around. Ask them if it feels different. Is it softer? What happened to the black marker on it? Explain that's what happens to our heart when we let Jesus in.

SNACK

ITEMS NEEDED: Colorful Goldfish Crackers

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Post a sign outside the preschool area that says:
“Today’s snack is goldfish crackers. Please let your child’s teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack.”

CONNECTION: The fish represent people. We’re all different and Jesus went to the Cross for every one of us.

MAIN LESSON

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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 second book in the New Testament (hold up a Bible). The Bible is God's Word so we know everything in it is true.

Jesus took three of His disciples, Peter, James, and John, to pray. Jesus asked God if this had to happen, but then said, "Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Jesus knew what was going to happen, but still chose to go through it because He loves us so much!

After praying, Jesus found Peter, James, and John asleep. He asked them to watch and pray. He went back to pray two more times and each time He came back, the three men were sleeping. He said, "Enough!" The time had come for Jesus to be betrayed.

Judas, one of the 12 disciples, walked up to Jesus with a crowd armed with swords and clubs. Judas told them that they would know who Jesus was because he would kiss Him on the cheek. Judas walked up to Jesus, said "Rabbi!" and kissed Him. The soldiers grabbed Jesus and arrested Him.

Very early the next morning, they brought Jesus to Pilate. The chief priests had accused Jesus of many false things. Pilate asked Jesus why He wasn't responding to the accusations. Jesus remained quiet. It was custom to release one prisoner the crowd requested. They chose Barrabas, who was a murderer. Pilate asked if they wanted to release Jesus, but the crowd was determined to release Barabbas.

A guilty man was released, and Jesus was led away to be beaten and crucified. He was hurt so badly by the beatings that He was unrecognizable. Jesus, who was innocent, took all the pain so we could be free! Not only did they physically hurt Him, but they also did all they could to humiliate Him. They made a crown from sharp thorns and put it on His head. They pretended to worship Him. They hit Him on the head and spit on Him.

Thankfully, Jesus didn't stay on the Cross. He lived again and rose to Heaven. He could've stopped the pain and escaped, but He didn't because of His love for us! Because of what He did, we can call on His name to be saved.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WIGGLE TAMER: Lead the class in floor stretches and jumping jacks.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Who did Jesus take with Him to pray?

What were the men doing while Jesus prayed?

Who betrayed Jesus?

How did he betray Him?

SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY:

Play a game of musical chairs. When it comes down to just one player left, explain how Jesus had a lot of people around Him, just like the beginning of the game, but ended up alone.

MAKE IT STICK

COUNTDOWN TO EASTER LESSON 5

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 what Jesus did for us.



PLAYING:

When playing, remind them that Jesus loves them so much.



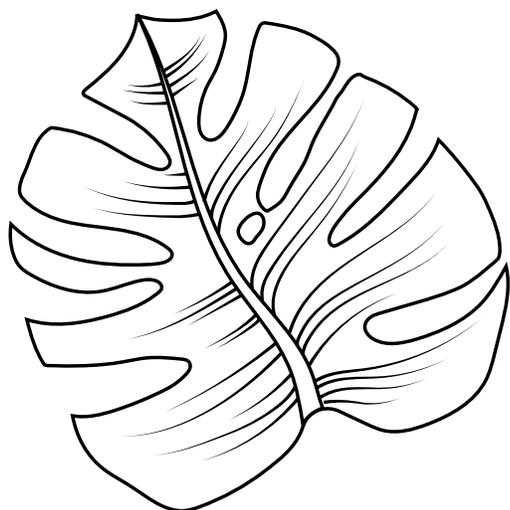
EATING:

When eating, ask them to pray for their food and thank Jesus for salvation.

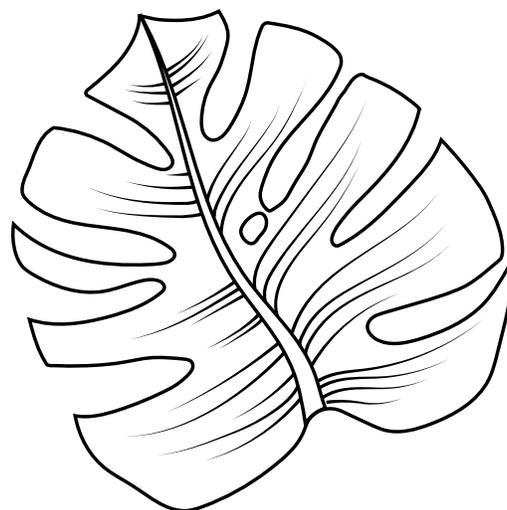


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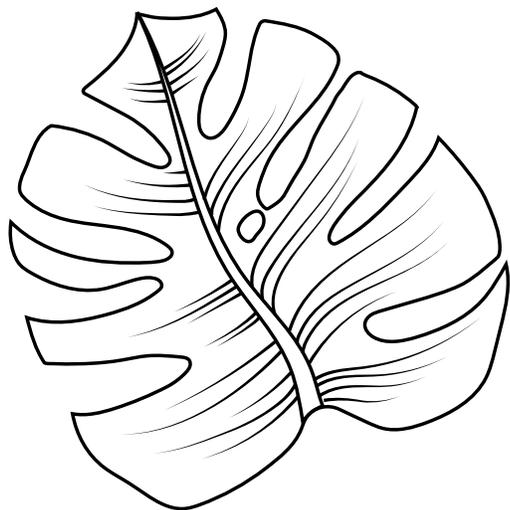
Snuggle up and say the memory verse, "But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NirV)
Tell them we can be saved because of Jesus.



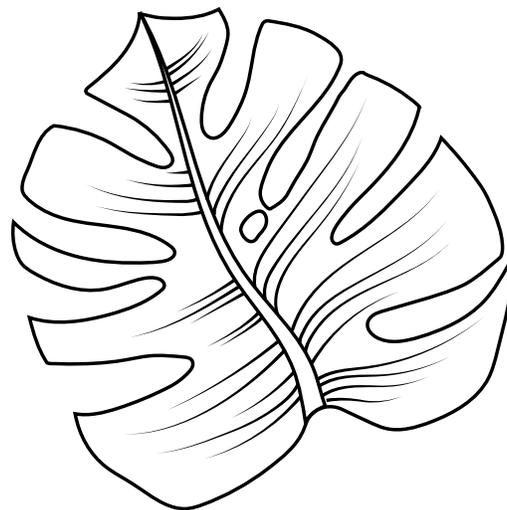
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