

# PUMPKIN SEEDS

## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:** God is great!

**OBJECTIVE:** Little one's will say "I can give what I have to God, and he can do great things."

**KEY PASSAGE:** Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand, John 6:1-15

**MEMORY VERSE:** "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (NIV)

**SUMMARY:** From a small seed, God is able to grow huge pumpkins. In this lesson little ones will learn that when we give what we have to God – no matter how small it is – he is able to use it and turn it into something great. From a little boy's lunch of two fish and five loaves, Jesus was able to feed thousands of people. If we are willing to give our best to Jesus, he will make it grow and use it for big things.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God (Dear God),*

*Thank You for doing great things (Thank You for doing great things)!*

*Amen (Amen)*

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## SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 & 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:** (Start on your knees.) Did you know that God can take something small (start to slowly grow taller) and make it bigger and bigger? (Stretch as tall as you can and wave your hands.) God makes all things good!

**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.

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## MEMORY VERSE

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28 (NIV)*

**LARGE GROUP MV ACTIVITY:** Teach the verse by using different hand motions and actions. “And we know that in (A-L-L) (form an “A” by touching your hands above your head and form the “L” by raising one arm up and the other arm horizontally touching the first arm. Have the kids do this with you, several times for fun!) things God (point to heaven) works for the good of those who love (make a heart with your hands and have the kids do it too) Him (point to heaven again) who have been called (put hand to ear as if one the phone) according to His (point to heaven again) purpose.”

**SMALL GROUP MV ACTIVITY:** Have a whistle and blow it. Tell them they will march in place like the military. They will repeat after you in a yell type chant.  
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## SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

**TITLE:** God Makes Small Things Big

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Lunchbox, Sandwich

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:** 1 Mom, 1 Child

**CHARACTERS:**

Mom

Riley

*Mom is packing lunch for Riley.*

RILEY: Hey, Mom!

MOM: Hey, Riley! I'm just finishing your lunch!

RILEY: Can you pack an extra sandwich for my new friend?

MOM: Of course! Who is your new friend?

RILEY: Her name is Grace and she just moved here. I always share my lunch with her, because she doesn't have much.

MOM: That's very sweet! I'm proud of you!

RILEY: Thanks, Mom! You said that God can take small things and make them big.

MOM: That's right!

RILEY: I hope He can take that cookie and make it really big!

MOM: (Laughing) I'm not sure it works that way.

RILEY: With God, all things are possible.

MOM: You're on a roll today!

RILEY: You packed a roll?

MOM: You should save some of this quick thinking for school. Let's get going before you're late.

RILEY: Okay. Thanks again for packing the extra sandwich, Mom.

MOM: Thanks for being thoughtful, Riley. You know, you're not just doing this for Grace. You're doing it for God and He will bless you for it.

RILEY: Really?

MOM: When we give what we have, God can do great things with it!

RILEY: I sure hope it involves that cookie!

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## CRAFT

**ITEMS NEEDED:** A small pumpkin for every child. (Can be a real pumpkin or plastic) and eyes and mouth stickers or markers

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** None

**DIRECTIONS:** Help each child make their pumpkin come to life.

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## HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Large pumpkin

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** Take the seeds and clean out the pumpkin. Clean the seeds.

**DIRECTIONS:** Let each child feel the pumpkin seeds. Explain how God places the pumpkins seeds inside one pumpkin so they can be replanted to make more pumpkins.

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## SNACK

**ITEMS NEEDED:** bread and goldfish crackers

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

**CONNECTION:** Talk about the fish and loaves of bread the boy had in his lunch and how Jesus fed over 5,000 people with it!"

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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 Bible. (Hold up a Bible.) The Bible is God's Word so we know everything in it is true.

One day, Jesus was on the mountainside with his disciples (have them pretend to climb a mountain). He looked up and saw a crowd following them! (Ask if they've ever played Follow the Leader.) Jesus asked where they could get food for all of them. (Explain that there were no restaurants or grocery stores.)

There were over 5000 people there! Let's count how many people are in this room. Now, can you imagine 5000? The only food they found was a little boy's lunch! Have you ever taken a packed lunch somewhere? (Allow time for answers.) It was 5 small loaves of bread and 2 small fish.

Jesus blessed the food. Do you pray over your food? (Allow time for answers.) Then, they fed every person in the crowd. And, they had 12 barrels filled with leftovers when they finished! How do you think that happened? (Allow time for answers.) Jesus took something small, the young boy's lunch, and performed a miracle!

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

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## MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**WIGGLE TAMER:** Have each child sit on their knees on the floor, making themselves as small as they can. Then, have them start to grow bigger and bigger until their arms are stretched as far as they can go.

**SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:** Have a whistle and blow it. Tell them they will march in place like the military. They will repeat after you in a yell type chant. AND WE (AND WE) KNOW THAT (KNOW THAT) IN ALL THINGS (IN ALL THINGS) GOD WORKS (GOD WORKS) FOR THE GOOD (FOR THE GOOD) OF THOSE (OF THOSE) WHO LOVE HIM (WHO LOVE HIM), WHO HAVE (WHO HAVE) BEEN CALLED (BEEN CALLED) ACCORDING TO (ACCORDING TO) HIS PURPOSE (HIS PURPOSE).

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Where was Jesus when the crowd came?

Where did Jesus find food?

How much was left after they fed everyone?

**SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY:** Play a game of “hot potato” with one of the small pumpkins.

# MAKE IT STICK

PUMPKIN SEEDS LESSON

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

## THIS WEEK'S LESSON:



### DRIVING:

On the drive home, ask your child what they learned in class.



### PLAYING:

Play counting games where your child can see items multiplying.



### EATING:

Every time you bless your food, remind them that Jesus blessed the little boy's lunch and fed over 5000.



### SNUGGLING:

Snuggle up and say the memory verse, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Ask them what God does with what we give Him.



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