

April 7
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
Jesus Is Our Perfect King
(Colossians 1)

CHRIST CONNECTION: Paul reminded believers that Jesus is most important. Jesus is God's Son, and He died on the cross to rescue people from sin. Jesus defeated sin and death and rules as King over all.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over everything.

KEY PASSAGE: I heard every creature ... say, Blessing and honor and glory and power be to the one seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever! Revelation 5:13

Key Passage Phrase: Everyone will worship God forever. Revelation 5:13

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Whisper in a child's ear, "Jesus shows us what God is like." Ask him to whisper it into another child's ear. Spread the message around the group. For young preschoolers, whisper the message into each child's ears. After all children hear the message, say the special message together.

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 (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

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 *How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over everything. Jesus is King over all. Paul tells this truth about Jesus in the letter to the Colossians. Paul said that Jesus shows us what God is like. Jesus was willing to die on the cross to allow us to be saved from our sins.*

4. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage phrase marker at Revelation 5:13. Invite a child to open the Bible to the key passage. Say the key passage phrase. Ask the boys to stand and say the phrase. Then ask the girls to stand and say the phrase. Lead the children to say the key passage phrase together.

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. Who wrote a letter to the church in Colossae? (*Paul*)
3. Why did Paul write a letter to the church in Colossae? (*Paul wrote letters to tell the believers to keep following Jesus. Paul's letter to the church in Colossae reminded them what is true about Jesus.*)
4. Who did Paul remind believers is the most important? (*Jesus.*)
5. **How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over everything.**

SAY *Paul wrote letters to tell the believers to keep following Jesus. He wrote to the church in Colossae to remind them what is true about Jesus. He said, 'Jesus shows us what God is like.' Paul reminded believers that Jesus is most important. Jesus is God's Son, and He died on the cross to rescue people from sin. Jesus defeated sin and death and rules as King over all.*

6. PRAY

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

SAY *Jesus, You are King over everything, and You rule perfectly. Help us to follow You. Thank You for loving us so much that You died on the cross to rescue us from sin. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

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

MAKE A CREATION

Provide **play dough** to each preschooler. Invite each child to make an animal with her play dough. One at a time, invite preschoolers to show and tell about their creations. Praise each preschooler for their efforts. Be sensitive to children that might embarrass easily.

SAY *You all made great animals with your play dough. Sometimes we might say animals are creatures. We know that people are creatures too. In our story today, Paul writes a letter where he tells that Jesus is King over all. Our key passage reminds us that there is a time in the future where all creatures will see King Jesus ruling over all and will worship Him!*

PASS A CROWN

Guide preschoolers to sit on the floor in a circle. Give a child a **toy crown**. Instruct the children to pass the crown around the circle as music plays. Explain that when the music stops, the child holding the crown will say, "How is Jesus the perfect King?" Then all the other children will respond, "Jesus perfectly rules over everything." Start and stop the music at various times, giving each child an opportunity to ask the question and the preschoolers answer.

SAY *We passed a crown around the circle. A crown reminds me of a king. When the music stopped we asked our big picture question: **How is Jesus the perfect King?** Then we said the answer: **Jesus perfectly rules over everything.** Jesus is King over all. Paul tells this truth about Jesus in the letter to the Colossians. Paul reminded believers that Jesus is most important. Jesus is God's Son, and He died on the cross to rescue people from sin. Jesus defeated sin and death and rules as King over all.*

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

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, emphasize the The Christ Connection.

SAY *Jesus is God's Son, and He died on the cross to rescue people from sin. Jesus rose from the dead and is King over everything.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Colossians 1. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

JESUS IS OUR PERFECT KING

STORYTELLING TIPS

Read a letter: Show an envelope when you say that Paul wrote letters to believers. Open it and pull out a copy of the Bible story script to read as if it was Paul's letter to the Colossians. Look up from the letter at the kids when not reading the quotations.

Emphasize the Bible: Hold up your Bible when you say "what is true about Jesus." Open your Bible and read the story from it. Close your Bible and hold it up high as you conclude. Reference the "Gospel: God's Plan for Preschoolers" poster when you finish.

*When Paul was a prisoner in Rome, people came to tell him news about believers and churches all over the world. **Paul** had visited many of the churches, and he **wrote letters to tell the believers to keep following Jesus.***

Paul wrote a letter to the church in Colossae (koh LAHS sih). The believers there knew the good news about Jesus, but there was a problem. New teachers had come and told them things that were not true. **Paul's letter reminded them what is true about Jesus. This is what Paul wrote:**

“Jesus shows us what God is like.

The Son of God was with God before God created anything.

He created everything in heaven and on earth,

Everything you see and don't see;

Everything is for Him.

The church—all the believers in the world—are the body, and He is the head.

God was happy to send His Son to earth to rescue people from sin through His blood on the cross.”

Paul reminded the believers that their sin had kept them away from God.

Our sin makes us God's enemies. But God rescues us from sin and forgives us through Jesus.

Paul said, “This is the gospel. If anyone tells you the gospel is something else, that person is lying.

“Have courage and love one another. All wisdom and knowledge comes from God.”

Christ Connection: Paul reminded believers that Jesus is most important. Jesus is God's Son, and He died on the cross to rescue people from sin. Jesus defeated sin and death and rules as King over all.

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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Two Year Olds
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CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus is King over all.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus rules over everything.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Everyone will worship God forever. Revelation 5:13

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY: TALK ABOUT GOD'S LOVE

Discuss things the toddlers love. Provide examples such as ice cream, cake, riding a bike, or going outside. Instruct the toddlers to raise their hands when they hear something they love to do or eat.

SAY *In our Bible story, Paul writes a letter to remind the churches about what Jesus taught. Paul reminds us all to understand God's love for us in Jesus. God's plan is all about Jesus. God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross for your sins.*

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3. LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Say the key passage phrase in different voices (whisper, underwater, shouting, etc) Ask the children how they think Mary may have sounded when she ran back to tell everyone the good news that Jesus was alive.

SAY *Our Christ connection reminds us that God raised Jesus from the dead to be King over everything. We can tell everyone the good news of Jesus: He is alive!*

ACTIVITIES

HIDE AND SEEK

Place various classroom items in front of you in a line on the floor. Sit toddlers in a circle. Have the children close their eyes while you remove one item. When they open their eyes, have them see if they can guess which item you took away.

SAY *In our story, the church had forgotten about who Jesus is. But Jesus does not hide who He is from us. Jesus is God's Son. Jesus shows us what God is like. Paul wrote that Jesus made everything.*

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:

Jesus shows us what God is like.

Paul wrote that Jesus made everything.

God's plan is all about Jesus.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Colossians 1 and tell the following Bible story:

JESUS IS OUR PERFECT KING

While Paul was in jail, he wrote letters to churches. The church in Colossae had a problem. Some people had been teaching things about Jesus that were not true. The church in Colossae (koh LAHS sih) was confused about who Jesus is. Paul wrote, "Jesus is God the Son. He shows us what God is like. Jesus made everything in heaven and earth. All things were made through Him and for Him. He is also the head of the church, since He died on the cross and came back to life. God gave Jesus all of His power so He could forgive people from their wrong choices. I want you to understand God's love for you in Jesus. God's plan is all about 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.