

May 5

9:00am & 11:00am

Three and Four Year Olds

God Wants Us To Know Him

(Matthew 28)

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus came to earth as a baby, lived a perfect life, and died on the cross for our sins. He rose from the dead and wants us to know Him, love Him, and live with Him forever.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How do we know God wants us to know Him? We know God wants us to know Him because He shows Himself through the Bible.

KEY PASSAGE: This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent —Jesus Christ. John 17:3

Key Passage Phrase: People who know the only true God will live forever. John 17:3

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Invite the children to stand and perform actions with you that have to do with different ways of traveling from place to place. Invite them to walk in place with you. Then, invite them to show what it looks like to ride a bike. Guide them to chug like a train, paddle a boat, drive a bus, and fly like an airplane, and so forth. Prompt children to be seated when finished.

SAY *We traveled so much that we went all over the world today! What is your favorite way to travel? In our Bible story, Jesus is going to give us a special message that He wants us to tell everybody—those who live close to us, and those who live all over the world. Listen carefully to this true story from Matthew 28 in our Bible.*

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 *Its time to review our big picture question and answer, **How do we know God wants us to know Him? We know God wants us to know Him because He shows Himself through the Bible.** Bible stories like the one we heard today tell us about God. Today we heard how Jesus spent time with His friends telling them about God's kingdom. He then gave them the job of helping others learn about God.*

4. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at John 17:3. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Remove the marker and read the verse. Guide children to stand and to say the verse with you while marching in place, saying each word on each beat of a step.

SAY *Our key passage verse tells us that we need to know the one true God and the one that He sent, Jesus Christ. This is also the point of today's Bible story; Jesus spent time with His friends after His death to teach them about the one true God and His kingdom. Jesus then told His friends that it was now their job to go into the world and tell others about Jesus so that they too can become His followers.*

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 did Jesus spend time with at mountain in Galilee? (*11 disciples; His friends; His followers*)
3. What important things did Jesus tell His friends? (*Jesus is in charge of everything; Jesus rules over God's kingdom; go and tell others about Jesus; Jesus has a special job for His followers; Jesus is always with His followers*)
4. What commands did Jesus give to everyone who follows Him? (*Go and tell about Jesus; make followers of Me; baptize new followers; teach followers everything about Jesus*)
5. Who is someone you can tell about Jesus? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
6. **How do we know God wants us to know Him? We know God wants us to know Him because He shows Himself through the Bible.**

SAY *Jesus met with His friends, the disciples, on a mountain in Galilee and told them some important things. He told them that He is in charge of everything in heaven and on earth. Jesus commanded His friends to go every place on earth and tell others about Him. And Jesus reminded them that He is always with them. We can tell others that Jesus came to earth as a baby, lived a perfect life, and died on a cross for our sins. Jesus rose from the dead and wants us to know Him, love Him, and live with Him forever.*

6. PRAY

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have.

Pray Thank God for promising that He will always be with us. Ask God to help us tell other people about Jesus so they can follow Him.

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

TALK ABOUT THINGS WE DO AT CHURCH

Print one copy of the **"Things We Do At Church"** printable. Cut it apart and place the pieces in a gift bag. Let the children pull one card from the bag and play out what the children on the card are doing. Prompt each child as needed.

SAY *We come to church to learn about God and Jesus. The cards in this bag show some of the things we do that help us learn. What are some of the things we played out today? [Allow responses.] At church we learn about Jesus' life from when He was born until He died and came back to life!*

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

As children color, **SAY** *Jesus met His eleven friends on a mountain in Galilee. He told His friends that He was in charge of everything in heaven and on earth. He told His friends to tell other people about Him and to teach them to obey His rules. Jesus wanted everyone to know about His life because people who know and follow the only true God and Jesus will live forever. What you have learned about Jesus?*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to John 21. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

GOD WANTS US TO KNOW HIM

STORYTELLING TIPS

Use props: Print out a picture of a mountain and tape it to the wall. Start the story in one area of the classroom and move to the picture of the mountain when Jesus tells His friends to go to the mountain. Put on a crown when you say Jesus rules over God's kingdom. Show a globe or map of the world when Jesus says to go make disciples of people everywhere.

Make a stick puppet: Print out an extra copy of the Bible story picture poster and cut out Jesus. Tape Jesus to a craft stick and use the stick puppet to tell the story.

After Jesus died and came back to life, **Jesus spent time with His friends and taught them even more about God's kingdom. Jesus told His eleven friends to go to a mountain in Galilee, so they did.**

When they arrived at the mountain, Jesus was there. The friends worshiped Jesus, but some doubted that it was really Him.

Jesus walked up close to His friends. He had something important to tell them. Jesus was going to give them a mission—a very important job to do. The friends needed to hear what Jesus had to say.

Jesus said, "I am in charge of everything in heaven and on earth." Jesus has always been in charge because He is God's Son, but after Jesus died on the cross and was made alive again, God put Jesus in charge of all things in heaven and on earth. Jesus rules over God's kingdom as King.

Jesus commanded His friends—and everyone who trusts in Jesus—by saying, "Go. Make followers of Me in every place on earth. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Teach these followers to obey everything I have told you. Remember that I am always with you. Even until the very end of time, I am with you.

Christ Connection: Jesus came to earth as a baby, lived a perfect life, and died on the cross for our sins. He rose from the dead and wants us to know Him, love Him, and live with Him 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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Two Year Olds
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BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How do we know God wants us to know Him? We know God wants us to know Him because He shows Himself through the Bible.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: People who know God will live forever. John 17:3

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY: PRETEND TO CLIMB A MOUNTAIN TOGETHER

Encourage the children to climb a mountain with you. Lean forward as if you are climbing. Pretend to follow a path and turn a few times. Comment about things you might see as you climb a mountain, such as trees, grassy areas, rocks, birds, and other animals.

SAY *Jesus told His friends to go to a mountain in Galilee. Have you ever climbed up a mountain? Walking up a mountain can be hard work. What are some things we might see as we climb a mountain? [Allow responses.] Are there turns along the way? Yes! I wonder what Jesus' friends saw at the top of the mountain. Let's listen to our story to find out.*

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ACTIVITIES

SING SONGS ABOUT JESUS

Cut a sheet of **construction paper into four pieces**. Write a name of a familiar song about Jesus on each one. (Examples: "Jesus Loves Me," "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," "Jesus Loves the Little Children," and so on) Spread out the papers in the center of the group. Take turns tossing a beanbag onto the papers. Read the song title and sing the song together.

SAY *When Jesus' friends met Him on the mountain in Galilee, they worshiped Him. Singing is one way that we worship Jesus today. Singing is a way to show Jesus that we love Him. Singing is a way to tell others what we have learned about Jesus. Jesus told us to teach other people about Him.*

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 talked with His friends on a mountain.
- Jesus said, "Go and tell people to follow Me."
- Jesus said, "I am always with you."

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Matthew 28. and tell the following Bible story:

GOD WANTS US TO KNOW HIM

Jesus told His eleven friends to go to a mountain in Galilee, so they did. When they got to the mountain, Jesus was there. The friends worshiped Jesus, but some wondered if this was really Jesus.

Jesus walked up to His friends. He had something important to tell them. Jesus said, "I am in charge of everything in heaven and on earth. Go. Make followers of Me in every place on earth. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Teach these followers to obey everything I have told you. Remember that I am always with you. Even until the very end of time, I am with you."

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.