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DOES TEAMKID USE THE LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING?®

Absolutely! On the first page of each meeting, you will see both the Concept Area and the specific Level of Biblical Learning that session will cover for Younger Preschoolers and Older Preschoolers.

What are the *Levels of Biblical Learning*? *Levels of Biblical Learning* covers 10 biblical concept areas that children can learn as they study God's Word. The concept areas are presented through eight different age ranges, from infancy through the high school years, and reflect levels of understanding that follow how God designed children and students to learn. Learn more at lifeway.com/levelsofbiblicallearning.

- *Levels of Biblical Learning Poster (Pkg of 10) 9781535966092* — This handy Levels of Biblical Learning Poster is dual-sided, providing both a chart and infographic version of LifeWay Kids' Levels of Biblical Learning. The Levels of Biblical Learning concepts were developed by LifeWay Kids to provide teachers, parents, and ministers of preschoolers and children with milestones related to biblical knowledge from birth through high school. The *Levels of Biblical Learning* concepts form the foundation for Bible study in the Bible Studies for Life: Kids resources.
- *Growing in God's Word: Levels of Biblical Learning (Pkg of 10) 9781535966122* — As preschoolers grow, their understanding of foundational truths grow with them. The *Growing in God's Word: Levels of Biblical Learning* booklet illustrates ten concepts that are the foundation of spiritual growth: God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Bible, Salvation, Creation, Church, People, Family, Community and World. Twenty-three pages of content explain these foundations for Younger Preschool, Middle Preschool, Older Preschool, Younger Kids, Older Kids, Preteens, Middle School, and High School. Levels of Biblical Learning concepts also form the foundation for Bible study in the Bible Studies for Life: Kids resources.

DOES TEAMKID USE BIBLE SKILLS FOR KIDS?

Absolutely! On the first page of each meeting, you will see Bible Skills that session will cover for Younger Preschoolers and Older Preschoolers.

- *Bible Skills for Kids (Pkg of 10 posters and booklets) 9781462743803* — The 16-page *Bible Skills for Kids* booklet (9.5-x-7) provides information on how to teach Bible skills to preschoolers, handy lists of foundational Bible Stories for preschoolers and kids, the most important memory verses for preschoolers, and what to look for in a Bible for preschoolers. The *Bible Skills for Kids* dual-sided poster (7-x-19) provides both a chart and info-graphic format of Bible skill goals for four age groups: Younger Preschool, Older Preschool, Younger Kids, and Older Kids. *Bible Skills for Kids* was developed by LifeWay Kids to provide teachers, parents, and ministers of preschoolers and children with Bible Skill milestones.

HOW IS PRESCHOOL TEAMKID: LEVEL UP DIFFERENT?

As followers of Jesus, we are called to **Level Up**, to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus and share the good news of the gospel with others. Through this volume of TeamKID, preschoolers will discover key answers to the Christian faith as they go deeper in God's Word.

Preschool TeamKID: Level Up leads preschoolers through a biblical study and practical application of key answers to questions of the Christian faith such as who Jesus is, the truth of the resurrection, and the promise that Jesus will return and make all things new.

MORE BIBLE!

- Bible Study: Each meeting includes a Bible story and teaching that helps preschoolers grow in their foundational understanding of what it means to know and love Jesus.
- Bible Memory: Each meeting includes a memory verse connecting to that meeting's Bible truth.

MORE MISSIONS!

- Missions Videos: Missions videos are included to lead preschoolers through six units of *Preschool TeamKID*.
- REACH OUT: Each week has its own missions experience that encourages preschoolers to engage with what they are learning. Each meeting includes a mission focus with printable items and extras from the DVD-ROM and downloadable content.

MORE FUN!

- More Rec Games: TOURNAMENT activities are bigger and better than ever, which means more fun! The new *Preschool TeamKID: Level Up Playbook* (005823686) includes six bonus unit games in this kit to resource you as you lead games with preschoolers.
- WARM-UP: Each meeting kicks off with a fun arrival activity to build interest in the Bible truth for the day.

LEVEL UP

WHAT IS LEVEL UP?

Level Up means to aim higher, to grow stronger, and to build confidence. Preschoolers are often challenged to reach for the next level in team sports, creative hobbies, and recreation. Imagine the possibilities of who preschoolers could become when they are challenged to begin understanding answers to key questions of faith, beginning to cultivate strength and courage that lasts for eternity.

WHY LEVEL UP?

As preschoolers understand more about Jesus, they learn to respond to the hope that is within them while moving towards the next level of spiritual growth. (1 Peter 3:15) Throughout this study, TeamKIDs will learn answers to valuable questions of faith, community, and culture like how they can know truth, who Jesus is, and how we can tell others about our faith. TeamKID: Level Up! leads preschoolers to explore key faith questions to help them to move to new levels of spiritual understanding.

HOW DID YOU DEVELOP THE CONTENT FOR TEAMKID: LEVEL UP?

Preschool TeamKID: Level Up is designed as the next level of discipleship for preschoolers. The content was developed to be complementary to the *TeamKID: Level Up* for children in grades 1-6.

The 36 meetings of *TeamKID: Level Up* lead preschoolers to know more about key answers to questions about the Christian faith.

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T-SHIRTS!!

Available at lifeway.com/teamkid.



CLUB VERSE

Plan a regular time each meeting to say the TeamKID Club Verses: Proverbs 3:5-6 (in the version your club chooses).

WHAT ABOUT MUSIC?



Use your favorite upbeat Christian music for your club and during activities. The TeamKID Club Song is available from iTunes. You may also want to use songs from Classic TeamKID volumes that you own.

CONNECTING WITH PARENTS

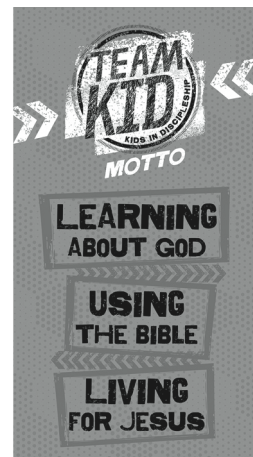


Every meeting contains a Parent Connection to send home and keep parents involved.



CLUB MOTTO

Plan a regular time in each meeting to say the TeamKID Club Motto.



PROMOTING TEAMKID

Getting preschoolers and kids to TeamKID should be your first goal. But how can you attract children and parents who have busy schedules? Good, effective promotion is the key.

Your publicity may include phone calls, personal visits, mail-outs, displays, bulletin boards, posters, handouts, announcements, newsletters or newspaper articles, and a host of other approaches. See DVD-ROM Item 1 for clip art. Use the TeamKID banner to tell the community that TeamKID meets at your church (9781415822265).

TEAMKID DVD-ROM ITEMS

Use the code located inside the ROM to download this content. PDF downloads of this Leader Guide are also available.

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3. God At Work
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5. Animism in 60 Seconds
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8. Misunderstandings about Deaf Peoples
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10. Path to Hope
11. Understanding Islam
12. Refugee Dreams
13. Limitless
14. Help for the Bahamas
15. Buckets of Hope
16. No Matter The Cost
17. The Great Escape
18. Hinduism in 60 Seconds

15 EASY STEPS FOR PROMOTION

1. **Begin now!** Begin now displaying the TeamKID logo in the halls of your church. Place the logo in the church newsletter or bulletin. Simply let the logo visually communicate what is to come. Increase the amount of information you share as the weeks progress.
2. **Use variety.** Plan to use a variety of approaches (mail-outs, bulletin boards, and posters, for instance). The more you repeat your message, the more people will remember it.
3. **Use the logo consistently.** Use the TeamKID logo on all of your publicity pieces. Soon people will associate the logo with TeamKID and the good things you have planned. TeamKID logos are available on DVD-ROM or in your free downloadable content.
4. **Choose colors.** Choose two or three colors to use in all of your publicity efforts to make your items easily recognizable. You may wish to use the colors of TeamKID resources.
5. **Be specific.** Tell the preschoolers when and where your meetings will be held. Share the title of the resource and who is invited—all boys and girls ages 3 to 5 years and their friends! Tell the preschoolers what they will be doing: games, fun, learning, and so on. When communicating with parents, share the meeting titles and information about what their preschoolers will learn. On the back of the Parents Letter in the Activity Books is a list of the meeting topics.
6. **Do first-quality publicity.** A poorly made poster or a sloppy bulletin board may do more harm than good. Let everything you prepare be appealing.
7. **Enlist help.** You do not have to do all of your publicity work by yourself. Enlist the help of your preschool committee, church public relations committee, or a church member who is a gifted artist. Also remember to ask teenagers and senior adults for help.
8. **Ask the church to pray.** Introduce TeamKID to the whole congregation and request prayer support for discipling preschoolers.
9. **Plan an open house.** Plan an open house for the entire church four or five weeks into the club. Invite them to be a part of the ministry for which they are praying by coming to the club meetings during COOL DOWN for refreshments.
10. **Use the church newsletter.** Include information in the church newsletter about TeamKID meetings. Use the logo on DVD-ROM to call attention to the article.
11. **Promote during worship.** Do a skit or dialogue during services on Sundays and Wednesdays to announce TeamKID.
12. **Notify parents.** Send letters to the parents explaining the details of TeamKID. See the “Parent Letter” (DVD-ROM) Item 5 or Activity Books, pages 77-78.
13. **Plan a parents’ night.** Invite parents to an informational meeting. Explain how TeamKID works. Plan to conduct part of a TeamKID meeting.
14. **Enlist parents.** Enlist the help of parents. Ask parents to help with publicity, snacks, TOURNAMENT, STRETCH IT OUT, transportation, or to be a special guest during a TeamKID meeting.
15. **Display the TeamKID banner.** Let the community know that TeamKID is meeting at your church by displaying the TeamKID Banner (9781415822265).

MEETING 4

HOW DO WE FIND TRUTH?

JESUS IS TRUTH.

TRUTH IS REAL AND CERTAIN. IT IS NOT MAKE-BELIEVE OR CHANGING. JESUS IS GOD'S SON, AND HE IS TRUTH. JESUS NEVER CHANGES. THE WORDS JESUS SAID WERE ALWAYS TRUTHFUL, REAL, AND RIGHT. WE CAN FIND JESUS' WORDS IN THE BIBLE. EVERYTHING IN THE BIBLE IS TRUE.

BIBLE VERSE

Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. *John 1:17b*

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is the Truth (John 14:6-11; John 15:1-17)

BIBLE TRUTH

Jesus is Truth.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

- Middle Preschool: Jesus is Truth.
- Older Preschool: Jesus is Truth. Truth never changes.

BIBLE SKILL

Understands the Bible teaches right and wrong.

PARENT CONNECTION

Lead parents deeper into the Bible story and life application by sharing this meeting's Parent Connection (Item 21).

WARM-UP (5-10 MINUTES)



PROVIDE:

- Paper plates (1 per preschooler)
- Markers
- Large craft sticks (1 per preschooler)
- Heavy tape

- Welcome boys and girls to TeamKID. Distribute paper plates and markers to preschoolers. Guide them to draw a happy face on one side of the plate and a “troubled” face on the other side. Mention that when we are troubled we may look worried, scared, or sad. Tape a craft stick to the bottom center portion of the plate. Prompt preschoolers to use the stick as a handle.
- Ask: “Have you ever been troubled, worried, scared, or sad? What made you feel better?” Say: “Today, we are going to learn about a time when Jesus told His helpers, the disciples, not to be troubled.”
- Clean up the craft supplies. Invite preschoolers to move to the Workout area.

WORKOUT (15-20 MINUTES)

PROVIDE:

- Bible
- Activity Books (1 per preschooler)
- Pencils

Tell the Bible story.

Gather preschoolers on the floor. Say: “Over the next several TeamKID meetings, we are going to learn about how we can know what is true.” Ask preschoolers to share what they think “truth” means. Explain that truth is what is real and right.

Open your Bible to John 14. Hold the Bible open on your lap and tell the Bible story in your own words.

JESUS IS THE TRUTH BASED ON JOHN 14:6-11; JOHN 15:1-17

Jesus knew that soon He would no longer be with His disciples. The time was coming for Jesus to die on the cross.

“Do not be troubled or upset. Keep believing and trusting God and Me. I will be returning to where My Father is. I will prepare a place for you there. I will come again and take you with Me to live in the place I prepare. You will be with Me then. You know the way to where I am going.”

Thomas asked, “Since we don’t know where you are going, how can we know the way?”

“I am the way, the truth, and the life,” Jesus said. “No one comes to the



Father except by believing in Me. If you know Me, you know God the Father. You know Him and have seen Him because you have seen Me."

Jesus explained more to His disciples. "I am the true one. I am like a vine and My Father is the gardener, the one who takes care of everything. Those who follow Me are like branches on the vine. They will know and understand the truth because I am with them. People will know you are My followers by what they see in your life.

"As God the Father loves Me, I love you. Keep loving others as I have loved you. If you remember and do the things I have told you, then you will show you are in My love. Love one another. The greatest love is when you give your life for your friends. You are My friends. You did not choose Me; I chose you. Go and do what I have taught you to do. And always remember: Love one another."

Review the Bible story.

- Invite preschoolers to use their paper plate masks, made during Warm-Up, to respond to statements from the Bible story. Guide them to hold up the "troubled" expression if they are unsure whether the statement is true. Hold up the happy face if the statement is true.
 1. Jesus knew that He would soon die on the cross and no longer be with His disciples. (*true*)
 2. Jesus told His disciples not to be troubled or upset. (*true*)
 3. Jesus said that He is not the way, the truth, and the life. (*false*)
 4. Jesus told the disciples to keep loving others. (*true*)
- Remind preschoolers that **Jesus is Truth, and truth never changes.** Jesus always spoke the truth.

Apply Bible learning.

- Play a simple true or false game. Invite a volunteer to stand in front of the group. Make statements related to the volunteer. Statements could relate to the color of clothing the child is wearing, the child's name, and something he enjoys doing. Ask the group to decide if the statement is true or false. Prompt the volunteer to reveal the correct answer to each statement. Mention that people can make true or false statements. Say: "Everything the Bible says about Jesus is true. **Jesus is Truth.**"

Expand the session.

- Distribute an activity book to each child. Lead preschoolers to complete this week's activities in their activity books.
- Guide preschoolers to trace the heart shape around each picture of Jesus and the circle around each Bible picture. Mention that Jesus said to love others. The words Jesus spoke can be found in the Bible.
- If time permits, allow preschoolers to complete side 2 of their activity books or encourage preschoolers to complete side 2 with their families at home.

Pray.

- Thank God for His Son, Jesus. Ask God to help preschoolers as they learn about truth.

STRETCH IT OUT (20-25 MINUTES)



PROVIDE:

- Activity 1: Item 22: "Word Cards," tape, letter stamps, stamp pad (washable ink) blank paper, dry erase board or chalkboard, dry erase marker or chalk, eraser, magnetic letters metal cookie sheet
- Activity 2: Item 23: "Right or Wrong Matching Cards"

TO DO:

- Activity 1: Print "Word Cards." Set up 3 writing stations. Post a set of "Word Cards" at each station.
- Activity 2: Print a set of "Right or Wrong Matching Cards" (1 set for every 3 children). Hide 1 set of cards around the room at a preschooler's eye level.

Note: Before the meeting, set up three stations around the room, a stamp station, a writing station, and a spelling station. Place appropriate materials at each station and allow preschoolers to spell the word Jesus and the word truth at each station. Enlist coaches to assist preschoolers at each station as needed.

These activities will reinforce today's Bible skills. Before the meeting collect the materials and supplies needed for each. Assign a coach to lead each activity.

SPELL AROUND THE ROOM

- Say: "Today we learned that **Jesus is Truth**. We are going to move around the room and practice spelling the name *Jesus* and the word *truth*."
- Open your Bible to John 1:17b. Read the Bible verse phrase, "Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." Repeat the verse a couple of times. Prompt preschoolers to give a thumbs-up when they hear the name of Jesus or the word *truth*.
- Form three small groups. Prompt each group to move around the room to each spelling station. Demonstrate what preschoolers need to do when arriving at a station. One station could be stamping the words using letter stamps, a stamp pad, and blank paper. Another could be looking at the words and writing them on a dry erase board or chalkboard. For younger preschoolers, help them make a *J* for Jesus and a *T* for truth. A third station could be spelling the words using magnetic letters on a metal cookie sheet. Guide preschoolers to look at the "Word Cards" posted at each station to practice spelling each word.

SEARCH AND MATCH

- Help preschoolers learn today's Bible skill (the Bible teaches right and wrong) by conducting a scavenger hunt and playing a matching game with the cards found.
- Prompt preschoolers to find the cards hidden around the room and bring them to a central location. When all the cards are found, match each action illustrated on the cards. Talk about whether each action shows a right or wrong choice. Mention that the Bible teaches us what is right and wrong.
- Mix up the cards, flip them over, and play a matching game. If the group is large, provide a set of cards for each group of three preschoolers.



REACH OUT (10-15 MINUTES)

PROVIDE:

- Item 24: People Patterns
- Crayons
- Poster board or dry erase board
- Marker
- Tape

TO DO:

- Cue the "All About St. Louis" video.
- Print the patterns and cut out 1 person for each preschooler in your group.

- Say: "Some people in the United States don't know that **Jesus is Truth**. They have probably heard about Jesus, but they don't know the truth about Him. St. Louis is a city in the state of Missouri where missionaries are choosing to go to tell about Jesus. It's here in the United States."
- Cue the missions video. After the video say: "When missionaries talk about planting a church, they mean that they are starting a church. Let's see how a church might start."
- Distribute the people patterns and invite preschoolers to color them. (If time is limited, copy the patterns on colored paper instead and cut them out to represent people before the meeting.)
- Draw a simple line drawing of a house on a piece of poster board or a dry erase board.
- Read the following statements aloud, asking a few preschoolers to tape their people inside the drawing of the house after each statement. Read:
 1. A missionary prays to God and asks for help to start a church. (Add one paper person.)
 2. The missionary invites a few friends to study the Bible and worship together. Sometimes they will meet in a home or even in a restaurant. (Add one or two more people.)
 3. Those friends invite a few more people to join them. (Add more people.)
 4. As more people worship together and as more people trust that Jesus is the only truth, the group grows. Sometimes they will find a building to meet in, but sometimes they will stay in a home. (Allow remaining preschoolers to add their paper people to the picture.)
- Now they are doing what the Bible teaches a church to do! Maybe one day God will ask one of you to start a new church. Pray for the church leaders in St. Louis.

TOURNAMENT (15-20 MINUTES)

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- Debrief: We learn about Jesus in the Bible. We can find truth in the Bible. Every word in the Bible is true. The Bible tells us exactly what we need to know about God and His Son, Jesus. It also tells us the truth on how we should live. God also shows us the truth of who He is in creation.

2. FOUR CORNERS (PLAYBOOK PAGE 7)

- Post a different color of paper on the wall in each of the four corners of the room. Play music while preschoolers walk around the room. Instruct them to do a different movement each time they walk. Stop the music and prompt them to find a corner of the room. Draw a scrap of paper representing one of the four colors. The group standing next to the color selected will receive a "Jesus Picture Card." (Item 25) Continue to play so preschoolers can collect cards.
- Debrief: Ask: "Who is Jesus?" Respond: "Jesus is God's Son. The words Jesus said were always truthful, real, and right. We can find Jesus' words in the Bible. **Jesus is Truth.**"

3. PASS THE ACTION (PLAYBOOK PAGE 8)

- Invite preschoolers to sit in a circle. Talk about ways to show love and kindness to others. Examples could include: a smile, a handshake, a pat on the back, a hug, inviting someone to sit by you, being kind, sharing toys, speaking nice words. Play upbeat music. Select a volunteer to do an action that shows love and kindness to the child sitting next to him. The action will move around the circle from one child to another. After it moves around the circle, prompt another volunteer to select an action to move around the circle. Continue as time allows.
- Debrief: Jesus told His disciples to love one another. Invite volunteers to tell about a time when someone showed love and kindness to them. Mention that we all need friends, and we all need to feel loved.

COOL DOWN (10-15 MINUTES)

PROVIDE:

- Item 7: "Allergy Alert"
- Item 21: "Parent Connection"
- Church-approved snack
- Play dough

TO DO:

- Post the allergy poster listing the snack.

- Review of Bible story. Review the true/false statements used during "Review the Bible Story" section in Workout. Remind preschoolers that Jesus is the Truth. He also told them to show love to others.
- Pray. Tell God how much you love Him. Ask God to help preschoolers love others.
- Serve the snack. Involve preschoolers in distributing the snack.
- Close the meeting. Demonstrate how to roll play dough into a long log. Guide preschoolers to use the log of play dough to create the letters "J" and "T." Mention that "J" is the first letter of Jesus' name and "T" is the first letter of the word "Truth." Explain that **Jesus is Truth** and invite preschoolers to repeat the phrase with you.
- Give each child his or her personal belongings, Activity Page, and a Parent Connection.

MEETING ②

HOW HAS GOD REVEALED HIMSELF? (PART 1)

GOD TEACHES US ABOUT HIMSELF IN CREATION.

THE BEAUTY OF CREATION SHOWS THE MAGNIFICENCE OF GOD. THE SHINING SUN, GLOWING MOON, RIPPLING OCEAN WAVES, CRISP BREEZE, AND DELICATE FLOWERS ALL REVEAL HIS GLORY. EVERYWHERE WE LOOK WE CAN SEE GOD'S HANDIWORK. GOD MADE EVERYTHING, INCLUDING US. HE TEACHES US ABOUT HIMSELF IN CREATION.

BIBLE VERSE

The heavens declare the glory of God. *Psalm 19:1a*

BIBLE STORY

Creation declares God's Glory (Psalm 19)

BIBLE TRUTH

God teaches us about Himself in creation.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

- Middle Preschool: God made everything.
- Older Preschool: God created everything.

BIBLE SKILL

Understands the Bible teaches us what God and Jesus are like.

PARENT CONNECTION

Lead parents deeper into the Bible story and life application by sharing this meeting's Parent Connection (Item 21).

WARM-UP (5-10 MINUTES)

PROVIDE:

- Beach ball

- Welcome boys and girls to TeamKID. Guide preschoolers to sit in a circle. Gently roll a beach ball back and forth in the circle. When rolling it, call on each child to take turns naming something God made. Ask: "What are some things God made on the beach? In the sky? In your back yard?"
- Say: "Many people play with beach balls on a beach. Did you know that God made the sand on the beach, the ocean, and everything living in the ocean? What God made is called *creation*."
- Say: "Today, we are continuing to learn about how we can know what is true. Everything in the Bible is true. We can find truth in Jesus, the Bible, and in God's creation. **God teaches us about Himself in creation.**"
- Lead preschoolers to the Workout area. Play worship music in the background.



WORKOUT (15-20 MINUTES)

PROVIDE:

- Bible
- Item 26: "Creation Listening Cards"
- Pencils or crayons
- Activity Books (1 per preschooler)
- Magnifying glass
- Nature items (a flower, a pine cone, a leaf)
- Item 7: "Allergy Alert"

TO DO:

- Print and cut apart the "Creation Listening Cards." Provide 1 for each preschooler.
- Post the allergy alert listing nature items the preschoolers will be touching.

Tell the Bible story.

Gather preschoolers in a circle on the floor. Give each child a "Creation Listening Card" and a pencil or crayon. Say: "When you hear something from the Bible story describing one of the pictures on your card, circle the picture."

Open your Bible to Psalm 19. Hold the Bible open on your lap and tell the Bible story in your own words.

CREATION DECLARES GOD'S GLORY BASED ON PSALM 19

*People learn about God from His creation. All the **skies** declare God's glory. The universe proclaims the work of God. Every day speaks of God, and every night helps people know more about God. No words are heard or spoken aloud but the message is still clear. The **sun** shows God's glory. God created a place for the sun above the earth. Each day the sun moves*

through the sky like an **athlete** running his course.

*All nature teaches about God. The Scriptures are God's Words of instruction. As a person learns about God, he becomes wise. He understands more about how to live and learns what is important. Knowing God and His glory directs **people** in how to live.*

God will forgive people from their sins. They will praise God and think about Him. God is the Redeemer.

Review the Bible story.

- Review by asking preschoolers to identify the pictures on the "Creation Listening Card." Ask: "How can we learn about God by looking at the sky, sun, stars, and nature?"
- Comment that people learn about God from His creation. Only God could make the beautiful world where we live. Mention that the Bible says that we become wise when we learn about God. Learning about God helps us understand how to live and learn what is important.

Apply Bible learning.

- Say: "**God teaches us about Himself in creation.**" Invite preschoolers to name and describe what they see in nature. Talk about how these things in nature help us learn more about God. Ask what preschoolers like about what God made in these items. Explain to preschoolers that God cares about every part of His creation. He is in control over everything, and we can trust Him.

Expand the session.

- Distribute an activity book to each child. Lead preschoolers to complete this week's activities in their activity books.
- Guide preschoolers to match the nature item to its shadow. Together, identify each nature picture on the page. Say: "God created the sun. The sun shows God's glory. It casts shadows on nature items made by God. God created a place for the sun above the earth. All nature teaches us about God.
- If time permits, allow preschoolers to complete side 2 of their activity books or encourage preschoolers to complete side 2 with their families at home.

Pray.

- Lead the children in a prayer. Thank God for revealing Himself through the beautiful world He created.

STRETCH IT OUT (20-25 MINUTES)

PROVIDE:

- Activity 1: Nature pictures, scissors, ziplock bags (1 bag per 2 preschoolers)
- Activity 2: Blank index cards, nature stickers, pictures of nature items (if doing an indoor walk), tape

These activities will reinforce today's Bible skills. Before the meeting collect the materials and supplies needed for each. Assign a coach to lead each activity.

NATURE PUZZLES

- Remind preschoolers that God teaches us about Himself through creation. Ask: "What did God create?" Prompt them to name things in nature, animals, and people they know.
- Pair up the preschoolers. Let each pair look through nature pictures and pick a favorite picture. If the group is large, select the pictures prior to the session and cut them into puzzles without giving preschoolers an option to select them. Cut the picture into several pieces, mix up the pieces, and place them on a table. Challenge groups of preschoolers to work the puzzle together and describe the picture they see. Ask: "Does this puzzle show something created by God?" As time allows, tell each pair to put the puzzle pieces in a ziplock bag and exchange puzzles with another pair.

TAKE A NATURE WALK

- Give each child a blank index card and a sheet of nature stickers. Plan to take either an outdoor or indoor nature walk. If doing the walk indoors, tape pictures of nature items, animals, and people in different locations along the planned path. If walking outside, secure enough adult supervision to keep preschoolers together and safe. Check with parents ahead of time to see if any preschoolers have allergies to plants around your outdoor area.
- Say: "As we walk, look around and find what God created. When you see something or someone created by God, add a sticker to your card." At the conclusion of the walk, prompt preschoolers to count the number of stickers on their cards. Together, practice saying the Bible Truth, "**God teaches us about Himself in creation.**"

REACH OUT (10-15 MINUTES)

PROVIDE:

- Item 27: "St. Louis Photos"

TO DO:

- Display the photos.

- Consider reviewing the missions video, "All About St. Louis," from Meeting 1 to remind preschoolers that you are learning about missions in St. Louis.
- Show the St. Louis photos and explain that this is a big city. Ask preschoolers what they see in the photos.
- Ask preschoolers to find something in the room that matches the color of things in creation that people in big cities might see. Call out each item in this list, then invite preschoolers to move about the room:
 1. Water (*Stand next to something blue.*)
 2. Grass (*Stand next to something green.*)
 3. Stars (*Stand next to something yellow.*)
 4. Clouds (*Stand next to something white.*)
 5. Flowers (*Stand next to a bright color.*)
- Say: "Even though we see a lot of buildings in big cities, people also see things that God created. Missionaries are there to tell people about God."
- Pray that the people in St. Louis will see things that God created and want to know Him.
- Lead preschoolers to hop to Tournament.



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1. FILL THE SKY (PLAYBOOK PAGE 9)

- Provide a small bottle of water for each child to drink. Mention that God made water. Draw a star on the top of each bottle cap. If the group is small, provide additional bottle caps with a star picture on each. Collect the bottle caps in a basket. Tape a start line on the floor. Place the black poster board on the floor several feet from the start line. Prompt preschoolers to line up behind the taped line. Point out that the poster board looks dark like the night sky. Guide boys and girls to take turns tossing the "stars" onto the "night sky."
- Debrief: The night helps us learn more about God, and the sun shows God's glory. Ask: "What can you remember is true about God during the nighttime?"

2. RUN A SUNNY RELAY (PLAYBOOK PAGE 10)

- For each group of four to five preschoolers, cut a circle out of yellow construction paper. Cut ten strips of paper from yellow or orange construction paper to represent the sun's rays. Place a set of paper strips in a basket for each team. Set the circles, spaced several feet apart, at one end of the room. Tape a start line at the opposite end of the room.
- Line each group up behind the taped line. The first player in line will run to the round circle at the opposite end of the room and add a ray to the sun. When the first player returns, announce a different way, such as skipping, hopping, crawling, for the next player to move to the other end of the room to add a ray. Continue playing until each player has at least two turns.
- Debrief: Remind preschoolers that God created a place for the sun above the earth. Read Psalm 19:6 and remind preschoolers that the Bible says that the sun shows God's glory. Help preschoolers understand that we can learn about what is true about God by learning about His creation.

3. UNIT 1 GAME: TELL THE TRUTH (PLAYBOOK PAGE 6)

- Hold a Bible and talk about how everything in the Bible is true. Mention that the Bible is a very special book and should be handled with special care. Play music while preschoolers gently and carefully pass the Bible around the circle. Stop the music. The child holding the Bible will say a Bible Truth.
- Debrief: We learn about Jesus in the Bible. We can find truth in the Bible. Every word in the Bible is true. The Bible tells us exactly what we need to know about God and His Son, Jesus. It also tells us the truth on how we should live. God also shows us the truth of who He is in creation.

COOL DOWN (10-15 MINUTES)

PROVIDE:

- Item 7: "Allergy Alert"
- Item 21: "Parent Connection"
- Church-approved snack
- Interlocking blocks

TO DO:

- Post the allergy poster listing the snack.

- Review of Bible story. Say: "God teaches about Himself in creation." Ask: "What do you see in the sky or in nature that makes you think about God?" Continue: "God reveals Himself through His creation."
- Pray. Thank God for His amazing creation. Ask God to help TeamKIDs notice what God made around them.
- Serve the snack. Involve boys and girls in distributing the snack.
- Close the meeting. Give each child a small pile of interlocking blocks. Invite preschoolers to use the blocks to build something God created. Prompt preschoolers to name some ideas of what to build. Say: "God made trees, flowers, animals, people, stars, and so much more." Talk with the boys and girls about their creation replicas. Compliment their efforts. Remind kids that God reveals Himself in each part of creation.
- Give each child his or her personal belongings, Activity Page, and a Parent Connection.



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KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP

TRACE THE SHAPES

Everything the Bible says about Jesus is true. We can find Jesus' words in the Bible. Jesus always spoke the truth. Jesus said, "I love you." Trace the heart shape around each picture of Jesus. Trace a circle around each Bible.





BIBLE STORY: Jesus is the Truth
(John 14:6-11; John 15:1-17)

BIBLE VERSE: Grace and truth came
through Jesus Christ. (John 1:17b)

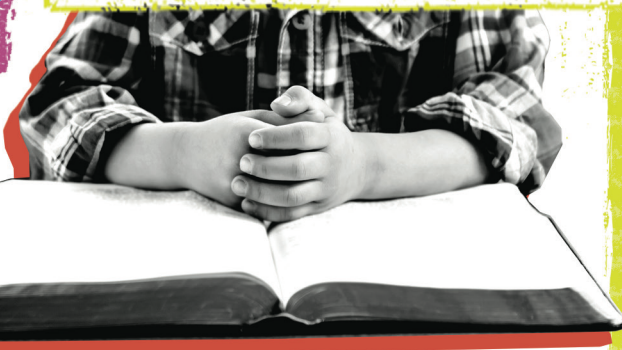
BIBLE TRUTH: Jesus is Truth.



Your preschooler is learning how and where to find the truth. Your child learned, "Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17b). This week help reinforce that truth is real. It is not make-believe. The words Jesus said were always truthful. We can find Jesus' words in the Bible. Everything in the Bible is true.

TRACE THE WORD

Trace an important word about the Bible.



The Bible is

TRUE!

SHADOW MATCH

We can learn about God by looking at what He created. Draw a line matching what God created to its shadow.





BIBLE STORY: Creation declares God's Glory (Psalm 19)

BIBLE VERSE: The heavens declare the glory of God. (Psalm 19:1a)

BIBLE TRUTH: God teaches us about Himself in creation.

At HOME

Your preschooler is learning that God teaches about Himself in creation.

Only God could make the beautiful world where we live. Your child learned, "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1a). This week help reinforce this truth by looking around at what God created. Thank God for all that He created.

COLOR THE SKY!!

Use the color key below to color the picture! If you don't see a number, leave the shape blank.



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