



**TODAY'S
BIBLE STORY**

Jesus Is Alive
JOHN 18-21:14

MEMORY VERSE

"Lord, you are more powerful than the roar of the ocean. You are stronger than the waves of the sea."
PSALM 93:4 , Nlrv

KEY QUESTION

Who can help you change the world around you?

BOTTOM LINE

God can help me change the world around me.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: paperclip the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Psalm 93:4 (Nlrv); music player and the worship songs, "Making Waves," "Anything at All," and "Everyone Everywhere"

WHAT YOU SAY:

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey friends! I'm so glad to see you. What a fun week we're having learning all about how **[Basic Truth] God made me** and you to change the world! Tell me, who can help you change the world around you?"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God can help me change the world around me."

WORSHIP LEADER: "You've got it! We can make waves as we tell others about God's big love. Sing this out with me!"

Lead children in singing "Making Waves," this week's worship song.

WORSHIP LEADER: "I love that song! The Bible teaches us: 'Lord, you are (point up) more powerful than (muscle arms) the roar of the ocean. (Hands by mouth.) You are stronger than (muscle arms) the waves of the sea,' (Arms make waves.) Psalm 93:4, Nlrv.'" (Open hands like a book.)

Say the verse and do the motions several times together.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job! God is MORE powerful than anything. In fact, He can do ANYTHING at all. Let's sing that song together."

Lead children in singing "Anything at All."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Because God can do anything, we can trust Him! He loves us SO much that He sent Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus loves everyone, everywhere. Let's give this last song all we've got!"

Lead children in singing "Everyone Everywhere."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus la-la loves who? Everyone! Everyone needs to hear the good, good news about Jesus' love. When you share it, you can change the world. **Who can help you change the world around you?"**

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God can help me change the world around me."



INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: beach bucket filled with seashells

The table is already in the center of the storytelling area.

The Host enters carrying a beach bucket of seashells.

WHAT YOU SAY:

HOST: "Hi friends! I'm [Host's name], and I just got back from a trip to the beach. It was super-awesome, and I got to do so many cool things!

"The very first thing I did was find a whole bunch of seashells.

Host holds up the bucket for the children to see.

"Would you like to see some of them? (Pause.) Great!

Host holds up shells as they talk about them.

"This is the first seashell I found. I was so excited when I saw it! (Hold up shell.) This is the biggest seashell I found. So cool! (Hold up big shell.) And, this is the smallest seashell I found. (Hold up small shell.) Can you even see it? It's so small! Do you remember WHO made all of the seashells? (Pause.)

That's right! God made the seashells! God made everything!

Host will place the bucket of shells on the floor beside them.

"After I looked for seashells at the beach, I used my shovel and bucket to make a huge sandcastle. While I was making my sandcastle, I watched the waves go away and come back, go away and come back . . . and I got an idea about a super-fun game I could play with waves. Let me show you!

The Host walks to the front center of the storytelling area.

"When the waves would go away, I would tiptoe right up to the edge . . .

Host tiptoes in place.

". . . and as soon as the waves came back, I'd run away really fast.

Host runs in place.

"It was so much fun!

"Hey! I have another great idea! Would you like to play my game with me? (Pause.) Yay! First, I need everyone to stand up. (Pause.) Now let's pretend the waves are going away. Tiptoe in your spot, like this.



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Host tiptoes in place.

“Good job! Now let’s pretend the waves are coming back. Run in your spot, like this!

Host runs in place.

“And, stop. You’re good at this! Let’s do it all again. Ready? The waves are going away. Tiptoe in your spot!

Host tiptoes in place.

“Now the waves are coming back! Run in your spot!

Host runs in place.

Repeat a few times.

“Annnnnn stop! Everyone can sit down now. Whew! That was a fun game! It’s like we were really at the beach.

“You know, watching waves go away and come back is fun, but [Storyteller’s name] has a true story from the Bible about Someone special who went away and came back. I can’t wait for you to hear it! I’ll be back later. Bye!”

The Host exits with the bucket of seashells



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WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, stones, wood pieces (logs), camp chair, large heart (can be plush, drawn on posterboard, cut out of red construction paper—whatever works for you), a plate, toy fish, toy bread

The Storyteller enters carrying a Bible. A pretend campfire (circle of stones with wood in the middle) with a camp chair beside it is in the middle of the storytelling area. The heart, plate, toy fish, and toy bread are hidden on the back side of the campfire.

WHAT YOU SAY:

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible, sit in the chair, and lay the Bible open on at your feet.

"Raise your hand if you have ever been to a beach or seen a picture of a beach. (Pause.) Look at all of those hands! Well, our Bible story today is going to take us to the beach! If you're ready to hear a story about Jesus and a beach, on the count of three, yell, TELL ME A STORY! 1 . . . 2 . . . 3!

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Tell me a story!"

STORYTELLER: "Whoa! You really want to hear a story!"

"Let's start with this.

Storyteller picks up the large heart, holds it up for the children to see, and walks to the front center of the storytelling area.

"If you know what this is, say it out loud! (Pause.) Yes! This is a heart! When I see a heart, I think of LOVE.

"God loves us soooooo much, He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever! But, before Jesus could be our friend forever, something sad had to happen.

Storyteller walks, lays the heart behind the campfire, and returns to front center of the storytelling area.

"One night, when Jesus was having dinner with His friends, He told them He would have to go away but that He would come back. After dinner, Jesus went to a garden to pray to God.

Storyteller folds hands like they are praying.

"While Jesus was talking to God, some angry people came and took Him away. They hurt Jesus, and He died. It was very sad. All of Jesus' friends were SO sad. Can you show me your sad face?"

Storyteller unfolds hands and makes a sad face while looking around at the children.

"Yes, they were all so very sad. After Jesus died, some of His friends buried Him. They put His body in a tomb and rolled a big stone in front of it. Three sad days went by. Can you count three days with me?"



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Storyteller will hold up fingers as they count to three with the children.

"Day one! Day two! Day three! On the third day, the stone rolled away, and Jesus was not in the tomb anymore! Jesus came back, just like He said He would! Jesus is alive!

"It was amazing, incredible, something only Jesus can do! It makes me want to celebrate and do a happy dance! Everyone, stand up and do a happy dance in place with me.

Storyteller will dance in place and encourage the children to dance along where they are standing.

"Yay! Jesus is alive! Yay! Jesus is alive! Yay! Jesus is alive!

"Thank you for celebrating with me and doing your happy dance. You can sit down now.

Storyteller walks back to the campfire and stands.

"Early one morning, after Jesus came back, some of Jesus' friends were fishing in a boat. While they were fishing, they looked up, and guess Who they saw standing on the beach? (Pause.) Yes! They saw Jesus! Jesus is alive, and His friends were so excited to see Him!

"Show me your excited face!

Storyteller makes an excited face and looks around at the children.

"Jesus' friend, Peter, was so excited that he jumped in the water to swim to Jesus. When all of Jesus' friends got to the beach, they saw Jesus cooking fish and bread for breakfast.

Storyteller sits on the camp chair and holds the plate with the fish and bread on it.

"They all sat down and ate breakfast with their good friend, Jesus. They thought they would never see Jesus again, but there He was. Jesus is alive!

"Jesus loved His friends, and He wanted to show them that He would be their friend forever. Forever and ever!

Storyteller lays down the plate and walks to the front center of the storytelling area.

"The good news is that Jesus loves YOU, and He wants to be your friend forever too. Forever and ever!

"God sent Jesus to make big waves that changed the world. When we are friends forever with Jesus, God can help us make waves that change the world around us too! **Who can help you change the world around you?"**

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God can help me change the world around me!"

STORYTELLER: "Say it as loud as the roar of the ocean! Who can help you change the world around you?"



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CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God can help me change the world around me!"

STORYTELLER: "He sure can! Okay, friends, it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. I pray that every person here today will choose to follow Jesus and be His friend—forever and ever! You are the best, God, and we love You very much. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

"Thank you for being such great listeners today. I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

The Host enters smiling.



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OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: no supplies needed

HOST: "Wow! Jesus went away and came back! And He wants to be our friend forever! I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say: 'Got it!' Get it?"

Host points to the audience.

CHILDREN AND HOST: "GOT IT!"

HOST: "Good!"

Host gives two thumbs up.

HOST: "It was great seeing you today! I'm going to go practice so I can play our game with the waves again. See you next time!"

Host exits saying "go away" and "come back" to themselves as they tiptoe and then run, tiptoe and then run . . .



GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive worship, the introductory sketch, and the Bible story. The Stage Script is written for those who gather their preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible story.

WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)

Choose an adult or teenager who relates well to preschoolers to tell the Intro and Outro Sketch—to be the host. If possible, use two different hosts throughout VBS and alternate them each day.

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

1. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Live instruments
- Music player
- "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in your Bible at Psalm 93:4 (NIRV)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- "Making Waves," "Anything at All," and "Everyone Everywhere," which are included in your files

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for both songs are available in your files

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Table
- Beach bucket filled with seashells

WHAT YOU DO:

- Before story time, place the table in the center of the storytelling area.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Things to make a pretend campfire—such as logs and stones
- Camp chair
- Large heart (can be plush, drawn on posterboard, cut out of red construction paper—whatever works for you)
- Plate
- Toy fish
- Toy bread

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set up a pretend campfire in the center of the storytelling area.
- Put the camp chair beside the campfire.
- Place the heart, plate, toy fish, and toy bread behind the campfire.



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SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

Bible Story Videos: There are Bible story videos available for each day in your files. These can be used in addition to or as a replacement for a live telling of the story.

First Look Pinterest Page

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. https://bit.ly/VBS2022_Preschool_Pinterest