



**TODAY'S
BIBLE STORY**

Fruit of the Spirit
GALATIANS 5:22-23; JOHN 15:5

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," "Very Big Things," and "Anything at All"

WHAT YOU SAY:

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, friends! What an awesome week it's been. I have loved learning about how we can make waves when we follow Jesus, and how God can help us change the world around us. 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: "That's right! This is our last day, so let's sing out our song for the week and give it all you've got!"

Lead children in singing "Making Waves."

WORSHIP LEADER: "We've been working on this Memory Verse all week long. Are you ready to say it with me? Let's go! 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 it with me!"

Say the verse and do the motions several times together.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job! God is so powerful. He can do anything! God can help us do very big things. Sing this with me."

Lead children in singing "Very Big Things."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great singing! There is nothing impossible, nothing too difficult, nothing too hard for God! He can do anything at all!"

Lead children in singing "Anything at All."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Awesome! I'm so glad that when we follow Jesus, we can make waves that change the world. God can help us change the whole world



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when we share the love of Jesus. Tell me, **who can help you change the world around you?"**

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



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: no supplies needed

WHAT YOU SAY:

HOST: "Hi friends! I'm [Host's name] and one of my favorite things to do at the beach is jump waves! Big waves. Little waves. All kinds of waves!

"Hey, would you like to make some waves with me so I can pretend to jump them? *(Pause.)* You do? Great!

"All you have to do is stand up and move your arms and hands when I tell you. You don't have to move your feet.

"When I say make little waves, I want you to move your arms and hands like this.

Host will make a small wave motions with both hands stretched out in front of their body, like a small rollercoaster motion.

"Try it with me. Make little waves!

Host and children will make a small wave motion with both hands and arms.

"You've got it! Now, when I say make big waves, I want you to do the same thing, only BIGGER!

Host will make a big wave motions with both hands stretched out in front of their body, like a rollercoaster going way up and way down over and over.

"Make big waves with me!

Host and children will make a big wave motion with both hands and arms.

"Okay, you can stop now. You are very good at making big and little waves!

"Now listen very carefully. When I say make little waves, you will do the little wave motion with your hands and arms. When I say make big waves, you will do the big waves motion with your hands and arms. Got it? *(Pause.)* My job will be to jump the waves!

Host takes a deep breath and positions themselves in the front center of the storytelling area.

"Get your waves ready, because here we go. Make BIG waves!

The children will make big wave motions while the Host pretends they are jumping big waves. Do this for a few seconds.

"Make LITTLE waves!



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The children will make little wave motions while the Host pretends they are jumping little waves. Do this for a few seconds.

"Make BIG waves!

The Host will continue going back and forth a few more times between BIG and LITTLE waves.

"Okay, you can stop now. Everyone can sit back down. Whew! I'm tired! Jumping waves is great exercise! And YOU . . . WOW! You are so good at making waves! You made big waves and little waves. It was awesome!

"I know something else that is even more awesome . . . our Bible story! It's about things you can do to make different kinds of big waves. I'll be back later. Bye!"

The Host exits.



STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Fruit Squares" Activity Pages, three pedestal tables (counter height with small circle top), three cube-shaped boxes or tissue boxes, tape, cardstock, Bible, an artificial lemon tree

Note: Check out where to buy an artificial lemon tree on our Pinterest board at https://bit.ly/VBS2022_Preschool_Pinterest

Option: You can also cut yellow "lemons" from construction paper and tape them to an artificial tree to make an artificial lemon tree.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE LARGE GROUP: Make one copy of "Fruit Squares" on cardstock and cut along the dashed lines. Tape one cutout to each cube.

The lemon tree is off to the side of the storytelling area. The three pedestal tables are spread out in the storytelling area for the children to see.

The Storyteller enters carrying a Bible and the Kindness, Joy, and Peace cubes. They will put the cubes on the floor by the center table.

WHAT YOU SAY:

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

Hold up the Bible and lay it open on the table in the center of the storytelling area.

"In today's story, we're going to hear about something you can do that can change the world around you. It's true! So, if you're ready to hear a story, on the count of three, yell, TELL ME A STORY! 1 . . . 2 . . . 3!"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Tell me a story!"

STORYTELLER: "That's what I like to hear!"

Storyteller gets the artificial lemon tree and places it beside them in the front center of the storytelling area.

"Our story begins with something God made. If you know what this is, say it out loud.

The Storyteller leans in with hand behind ear to listen.

"Yes! This is a tree! And this tree is growing lemons. See?"

Storyteller points to the lemons.

"Lemons! Now, if you love to climb trees, stand up and raise your arms high like this. Come on! Stand up and get ready to climb with me!

Storyteller raises their arms up high like they are about to climb a tree.



"Okay, let's pretend to climb a tree like this!

Storyteller pretends to climb a tree by alternating reaching with arms and high stepping with feet.

"Keep climbing! (*Climb for a few seconds.*) Now stop. Wow! We did it! You can sit back down now. Great climbing friends!

"There's a story in the Bible about how Jesus is like a vine or the main trunk of a tree.

Storyteller points to the trunk of the lemon tree.

"And we are like the branches.

Storyteller points to the branches on the lemon tree.

"What happens if a tree branch breaks off of the tree? Can the branch still grow leaves and fruit? (*Pause.*) No. If the tree branch breaks off of the tree, it can't grow anything!

"But, when the branch is on the tree, it gets everything it needs to grow leaves and fruit, like this lemon tree.

Storyteller points to the lemons on the tree.

"It's like that when we follow Jesus. We get what we need when we believe Jesus is God's Son and follow Him. When we choose Jesus to be our friend forever, we can grow fruit too!

"Now do you think we grow fruit like lemons or grapes? (*Pause.*) No. That would be silly! When we spend time with Jesus, He helps us grow fruit that looks like kindness, joy, and peace.

Storyteller puts the tree to the side of the three tables so the children can see the cubes when they put them on the tables.

Storyteller places the KIND cube on the first table.

"When we believe Jesus is God's Son and follow Him, God can help us change the world by being kind, even when we don't want to be. This is our picture for kind.

Storyteller points to the KIND cube.

"I want you to look at a friend and wave, like this.

Storyteller waves at the children.

"Waving at someone is being kind. We can also be kind by sharing our stuff or helping our friends. We can treat everyone with kindness, because everyone is super-special to God!

Storyteller places the JOY cube on the second table.



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"When we believe Jesus is God's Son and follow Him, God can help us change the world by having JOY. This is our picture for JOY.

Storyteller points to the JOY cube.

"I want everyone to show me their biggest smile.

Storyteller smiles at the children.

"We can have a happy heart and show our joy, even when we don't get the snack we want or if we don't get to be first in line.

Storyteller places the PEACE cube on the third table.

"When we believe Jesus is God's Son and follow Him, God can help us change the world by having PEACE. This is our picture for PEACE.

Storyteller points to the PEACE cube.

"I want you to wrap your arms around yourself and give yourself a big hug.

Storyteller gives themselves a big hug.

"Sometimes things can feel scary. But, when we remember that God is always with us, we can have peace.

Storyteller walks over to the lemon tree.

"Just like the branches of a tree can grow fruit . . .

Storyteller walks over to the tables and points to the cubes as they name them.

" . . . we can grow God's fruit that looks like kindness, joy, peace, and even more!

"When we believe Jesus is God's Son and follow Him, God can help our kindness, joy, and peace make waves that change the world around us! **Who can help you change the world around you?"**

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

STORYTELLER: "Again! Who can help you change the world around you?"

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

STORYTELLER: "And THAT is AWESOME!"

"Okay friends, it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."



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PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to make a way for us to be with You forever. Thank You that Jesus gives us the help we need to choose kindness, joy, and peace. Help us to follow Jesus and love like Him so we can make waves that will change the world around us. We love You, God. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

"And that's our story! Thank you for listening! Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible and three cubes.

The Host enters smiling.



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OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: no supplies needed

HOST: "Wow! God can help me change the world around me with kindness, joy, and peace. 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: "You know, jumping pretend waves is fun, but God can help me make bigger waves by being kind. I'm going to go help my neighbor clean up their yard. I saw them working on my way here today. See you later!"

Host exits smiling and waving at the children.



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,” “Very Big Things,” and “Anything at All,” 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:

- No supplies needed

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- “Fruit Squares” Activity Page printed on cardstock
- Scissors
- Three pedestal tables (counter height with small circle top)
- Three cube-shaped boxes
- Tape
- Artificial lemon tree

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make one copy of “Fruit Squares” on copy paper and cut on dashed line.
- Tape each page of “Fruit Square” to its own cube.
- Place the lemon tree off to the side of the storytelling area.
- Spread out the three pedestal tables in the storytelling area.

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