

Lesson Plan

March 15th, 2026

This Month's Truth: I Am Meant To Know God—God Is Just And Kind

Bible Story: Noah and the Ark (Genesis 6–9:17)

Theme Verse: This is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and the one You have sent—Jesus Christ. (John 17:3)

Teachers rally with your team a few minutes before kids start to arrive: Rally is a pre-service time for you to be expectant and equipped before the kids start arriving. Go over the lesson and any ideas for the day! Pray over your space and for the kids that will be coming that they will be connected to the person of Jesus!

Share: Seeing God punish sin can be a challenge for kids as we teach the story of Noah and the ark. The punishment of sin is just, but God rescuing Noah and his family is kind. God is both just and kind. (Read Genesis 9:13-15.) We get to tie this story to the good news that God was just to punish our sin, but He was kind in sending Jesus to take that punishment so we can have a relationship with Him.

Pray: Ask God to build real connection and true belonging for the kids here today.

Pre Service

Arrival time, please use this time to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.

Service

What To Do:

- **Teacher** Start 5-minute countdown **5 minutes prior to service start time.** The Countdown Video is meant to be played as a signal to transition to Large Group. The video is fun and interactive with opportunities for the kids to respond and cheer. Help kids engage and interact with the video by calling out what's happening, asking for their guesses, and cheering with them.

Teacher Opener: Hello! I am _____. I am so glad you are here today! We get the chance to talk about what it means to be plugged in. Everyone, at the same time, let's call out our favorite things we use that are plugged in. Ready? 3-2-1 Go! (Allow kids to answer.) Today we will talk about what it means to be plugged in to God and how we are meant to know Him. If you are ready for more, say, "I am ready!" (I am ready!)

What Is Plugged In?

Game Rules:

1. Split the group into two teams.
2. Select one player from each team to come to the front.
3. Display the first slide, directing kids in the crowd to stand and act in a way that helps their teammates at the front guess the object on the screen.
4. Award a point to the first player to correctly guess the object.
5. Direct those players to sit down and repeat the game for five more rounds, inviting new players from the teams each time.

What You Say: Do you think you know about things that you plug in, like what they are used for and how you use them? (Allow kids to answer.) Today you will get a chance to find out! Everyone, say, "What is plugged in?" (What is plugged in?)

In this game, I will need to split you all into two separate teams. One player from each team will come to the front. Their backs will be toward the screen. While your teammate is at the front, that means the rest of you on the team get to stand up and be actors! When I show an object on the screen, you will act out something to help your teammate guess what that object is. Here is a hint: It will be something that only works or gets charged when it is plugged in. Whichever team guesses correctly first wins a point! Give me a thumbs-up and say, "I've got it!" (I've got it!)

Let's have one player from each team come to the front. Everyone else on the team, get ready to look at the first picture and pretend like you are using this object! (Select players and allow time.) Start acting in 3-2-1!

(Allow time, stopping when a player guesses correctly.) It is a phone! Great acting skills and great guessing! That is one point for ____! Go ahead and take a seat. Let's have new players come to the front! (Select players and allow time.) Everyone else stand up. Take a look at the picture and start acting in 3-2-1!

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(Allow time, stopping when a player guesses correctly.) It is a microwave! It will not get our food very warm without being plugged in. That is one point for ____! You can sit down. Time for new players to come to the front! (Select players and allow time.) Everyone else stand up. Here is your object to act out in 3-2-1!

(Allow time, stopping when a player guesses correctly.) A video game system! Good job! ____ gets one point! Players, you can sit down. Let's have new players come up front! (Select players and allow time.) Everyone else stand up. Here is your object to act out in 3-2-1!

(Allow time, stopping when a player guesses correctly.) It is a washing machine! Getting our clothes clean is a lot easier when we have something like this. The point goes to ____! You can sit down. Now our next players from each team, come on up! (Select players and allow time.) Everyone stand up. Here is our next object for you to act out in 3-2-1!

(Allow time, stopping when a player guesses correctly.) A lamp! These are great for helping us see in a dark room. You get a point, _____. Take a seat. OK, now let's have our next players come up! (Select players and allow time.) Everyone else stand up. Take a look at this object on the screen and get ready to act in 3-2-1!

(Allow time, stopping when a player guesses correctly.) It is a fan! They help keep us cool when it gets hot. Congrats on winning the final point, ____! Everyone can sit down.

Keep It Going: Mix up the order of the slides and play another round. This time describe the objects instead of acting them out.

If we had some of those objects but nowhere to plug them in, what would happen? (Allow responses.) Right! If something is made to be plugged in, it only works when it is plugged in. The same is true about us! Point to yourself and say, "Who, me?" (Who, me?) Yes, you! All of you! God made all of us to be "plugged in" to Him, which means that we are made to know God and be connected to Him. Then we can live and function the way God made us to live. Say, "I am meant to know God!" (I am meant to know God!)

Transition Script to go into the Intro Video: It can be fun to get to know people. Turn to a neighbor and say, "Let's get to know someone!" (Let's get to know someone!) Great! We will get to watch a talk show host named Joseph Falcon get to know someone on his talk show. Clap and cheer to get our video started in 3-2-1! (Allow response.)

Play Intro Video

What You Say: Make a fist and bang it on your other hand, like Judge Grumbleton banged his gavel. (Allow response.) It is important for judges to uphold what is right, which is justice. God always does what is right and good, which means God is just. Say, “God is just!” (God is just!) God also always does what is loving and kind. Say, “God is kind!” (God is kind!) Use your fist as a gavel again, but this time say, “God is just and kind” (God is just and kind!)

Worship

What You Say: Let’s worship together this morning!

What To Do:

- Turn lights off
- 2-3 songs of worship
- **Teachers and Small Group Leaders worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids- but not in the back.**
- Dismiss the kids back to their seats when the songs are over

What To Do:

- Have the kids **open up** a physical Bible and find the Bible story for that day.
- Use the Bibles provided in the classroom if a kid does not have their own Bible with them.

Transition Script to go into the Bible Story Video: (Open the Bible to Genesis 6–9:17.) Let’s take some time to look at our Bible story. The Bible is God’s true message to us about God Himself, so we can read it to help us know Him. When we know Him, we are plugged in and connected to Him. Everyone, turn to a neighbor and say, “Plugged in!” (Plugged in!) The Bible is one big book that’s made up of a lot of smaller books. Our story today comes from the book of Genesis, which is the very first book in the Bible. We will learn about God being just and kind as we hear the story of a man named Noah. If you are ready for this awesome Bible story, let me hear you say, “I am ready!” (I am ready!)

Play Bible Story Video

Questions to consider asking after the video:

- What is something that you learned about God from the video?
- What is something that you learned about people?
- What can you take away from the video?
 - How can you apply the lesson from today into your life?

Making The Connection Script: Two things we can know about God are that He is just and kind. Say, “God is just and kind!” (God is just and kind!) We see examples of both of these truths about God in our story. All people on the earth sinned. They chose to do what they thought was best instead of what God said was best. God is perfect, and He does not ignore sin. God had to punish people for their sin because He is just and always does the right thing. We see God’s kindness in how He saved Noah and Noah’s family. God told Noah to build an ark to save himself, his family, and some of the animals, and Noah obeyed. He also promised Noah that He would never flood the earth again. God gave Noah and his family a rainbow in the sky as a sign of that promise.

Use the Three Circle Graphics on the Playlist

(Circle 2) We see in our Bible story today that God wanted people to have a relationship with Him, but people did not obey Him. They chose to do what they thought was best instead of what God said was best. That is called sin. Sin separates us from God, and no matter how hard we try, we cannot fix our sin problem ourselves. We all sin, and our sin deserves punishment. That is what is just and right.

(Circle 3) While that is some bad news, the good news is that God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sin. What is just and fair is that our sin gets punished. However, God shows that He is kind because He made the way for us to have a relationship with Him through Jesus. Through whom? (Jesus!) Jesus lived a perfect life, like we never could. Jesus never sinned. Even though He did not deserve it, Jesus died on a cross to take the punishment we deserved for our sin. But Jesus did not stay dead! He came back to life on the third day, showing that He is more powerful than sin and death. Because Jesus died and rose again, we can have forgiveness for our sins. God forgives all our sins when we admit we sin, believe in Jesus, and confess our faith to Him. We are no longer separated from God, and He gives us life with Him forever.

(Circle 1) When God created the world, He made it perfect, and He made people to know Him and have a relationship with Him. In the Bible story today, God sent a flood to punish the people because of their sins. That was just. He also rescued Noah and Noah’s family, and God fixed the

earth, which was kind. God put a rainbow in the sky to remind Noah and all people of His love and promise never to flood the whole earth again. God also promises that one day Jesus will return and make everything new. When this happens, sin will be defeated forever. Everyone who has a relationship with God will live with Him forever—the way He designed it when He made the world.

It may not always seem like things are fair, but we can know God is just and is kind. When the whole world deserved to be punished because of sin, God was kind and rescued Noah and his family. What is fair is that we would be punished for our sin, but God was kind when He sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sin. When things do not seem right or fair, we can know that God always does what is just and right, and He always shows kindness and love. Everyone, say, “God is just and kind!” (God is just and kind!) We are all meant to know God and enjoy God’s justice and kindness.

Come talk with me or your Small Group Leader if you have any questions about how you can know God. We would love to talk more about it with you!

Offering

What To Do:

- Play video explaining offering to kids
- Play offering time video while kids pass the bucket
- Ask a student(s) to come up and pray over the offering

Theme Verse Review:

Choose between the Video-Led Theme Verse option or the Host-Led Theme Verse option.

Theme Verse Motions:

This is eternal life: (Bring both your hands around in front of you with palms up, then drop them.)

that they may know you, (Bring your right hand around with your palm up, then drop it.)

the only true God, (Bring your left hand around with your palm up, then drop it.)

and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ. (Bring your right hand around with one finger up, then point up to sky.)

John 17:3 (Hold both your hands out like a book.)

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Option #1: Put the memory verse slide on the screen.

What You Say: We are all meant to know God. Give a neighbor a high five, and say, “I am meant to know God!” (I am meant to know God!) Let’s learn our Theme verse to help us remember that we are all meant to know Him.

Stand up and repeat after me: (Use the motions above.)

This is eternal life: (This is eternal life:)

that they may know you, (that they may know you,)

the only true God, (the only true God,)

and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ. (and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ.)

John 17:3 (John 17:3)

That sounded terrific! Let’s say it another time, and this time we will pretend like we are an electronic object. We will start at normal speed then slow down like we are being unplugged, and we are powering down.

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that they may know you, (that they may know you,)

the only true God, (the only true God,)

and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ. (and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ.)

John 17:3 (John 17:3)

God is just and kind. He is just because He punished sin, yet He is also kind because He sent Jesus to take that punishment for us. Jesus makes the way for us to know God, be forgiven for our sins, and have life forever with God! Say, “I am meant to know God!” (I am meant to know God!)

Option #2: Play Memory verse video

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Large Group Closing:

What You Say: Remember that we are all meant to know God. Everyone, say, "I am meant to know God!" (I am meant to know God!) Two things we can know about God are that He is just, and He is kind. Say, "God is just and kind!" (God is just and kind!) Things may not always seem fair, and we may not understand why things happen the way they do. But we can always trust that God is just and kind. We can trust that He will always be both just and kind because that is who He is. Let's say a prayer to thank God for who He is in 3-2-1.

Closing Prayer: God, thank You for making the way for us to know You. Thank You for showing us You are always just, and You are always kind. Help us to trust You in everything because You always do what is right, and You always do what is loving and helpful. We love You. Amen.

Transition to Small Group Time: Split the kids into small groups. This can be done either by age, grade, or gender.

Small Group Time:

Option #1: Connection Questions

What To Do: Now we get a chance to talk more about what it means to be plugged in to God.

1. What are two things that are different, but go together very well? (Allow kids to answer, and share your answer. Some suggestions include ketchup and mustard, peanut butter and chocolate, or salt and pepper.)
2. The two sides on a coin look different, but both are necessary and important to make up the coin. A coin will always have both a heads side and tails side. How can thinking about the two sides of a coin help us remember that God is always just and kind? (Allow kids to answer. Tell kids that God always does what is right because He is always just and that God always does what is loving and helpful because He is always kind. Both are always true, and both are important.)
3. The Bible tells us we are meant to know God, and we can know that He is always just and kind. Let's open our Bibles to Genesis 9:13-15 and read about it together. (Invite kids

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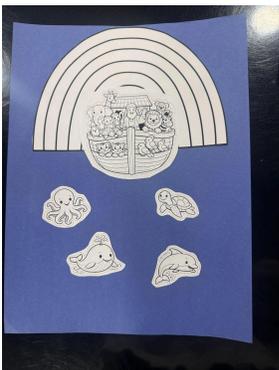
to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) God placed a rainbow in the sky, saying He would look at every rainbow and remember His promise never to flood the whole earth again. God was just to send the flood because of the people's sin, and He was kind to save Noah and to send the rainbow. How can it bring you comfort to know that God is both just and kind? (Allow kids to answer. Point out that we can trust God even when things do not seem right or fair because everything He does is just and kind.)

4. God punished people in our Bible story by sending a flood because they deserved it due to sin. We all deserve punishment because we have all sinned. The good news for us is that God sent Jesus to take the punishment we deserve because of our sin. How does God sending Jesus show that God is just and kind? (Allow kids to answer. Tell kids that God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins.)
5. The Bible tells us that we are meant to know God. The Bible story about Noah and the ark helps us know that God is just and kind. What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)

Option #2: Picture the Ark



Younger Option



What To Do: Today we talked about Noah and the ark. God was just to send the flood, punishing people for their sin. And God was kind to rescue Noah and his family. We also talked about how God put a rainbow in the sky after the flood, promising never to flood the whole earth again. Now we get a chance to picture what the ark might have looked like. First, color the rainbow, Noah's Ark, and ocean animals coloring pages. (Allow time.)

Now, cut out each item once you have them colored. (Allow time.)

Next, we are going to fold and make our blue paper accordion style. (**Younger option:** leave the paper flat and have them glue the pictures.) Then glue everything to it. First the rainbow, then the ark, then the ocean animals. (Allow time.)

Loud And Clear: Your arks look wonderful! Remember, we are meant to know God. The Bible story of Noah and the ark helps us know that God is just, and He is kind. He was just to send the flood because of the people's sin, and He was kind to rescue Noah and his family. Everyone, say, "God is just and kind!" (God is just and kind!)

Option #3: Activity Page

What To Do: This activity page helps us remember some big things we have learned about today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

Leader Tip: Get to know the kids better. Ask them what they remember about the Bible story or remind them that we can know God is just and kind. We see this when we remember God sent a flood to punish the people for their sins, and He rescued Noah and his family. Remind kids that we are plugged in to God when we know Him, and we are all meant to know God!

Loud And Clear: All our sins deserve punishment. God showed us that He is just and kind when He sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins. We can have life forever with God when we trust and follow Jesus.

Close out in prayer:

What To Do:

- Ask for any specific prayer requests

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- Pray with the group
- Lead the group in the prayer below.

What You Say: God, thank You for always being just and kind. Thank You for giving us the Bible to help us know You. Thank You for teaching us in our story today that You are just, and You are kind. Thank You for showing us how You are just and kind by sending Jesus to take the punishment for our sins. Help us turn to You when life does not seem fair and know that You are just and kind, no matter what. Amen.

Dismissal:

Leader Tip: Work with your team to dismiss the kids in a fun, manageable, and safe way. As kids leave, make sure they have all of the crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.