

WEEK 3 PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



BLAST OFF

THE BIG IDEA

We can share God's story.

THE BIBLE

Peter and John Share the Gospel: Acts 4:1-20

WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Worship Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** You can lead kids in worship with any songs you like best, but here are a few songs that go along with this month's theme. Make sure you have purchased any licenses required to play or perform these songs. For more information, [read this!](#)
 - "Jesus Loves Me" (KidSpring)
 - "Thy Word" (Cedermont Kids or Veggietales)
 - "A Friend Loves at All Times" (Summit Kids)
 - "Free as a Bee" (Hillsong Kids Jr.)
 - "Gonna Serve" (Yancy)

ACTIVITY | Hot and Cold

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print one Hot and Cold printable. Let one preschooler hide the rocket ship picture somewhere in the room while the other kids close their eyes. When the rocket ship is hidden, tell everyone to start looking. Have the child who hid the rocket ship say "hot," when they are getting close and "cold" when they get farther away.
- In this game, we had a message to share with each other to help us find the rocket ship.
- **Do you know how astronauts share messages with each other when they're in outer space? They talk through special radios!**
- We might not have special radios, but we can also share messages with each other in different ways. In our Bible story today, we will meet two people who had a very important message to share. It was a story. We'll talk about what that story was and how they shared it.

ACTIVITY | The Story of You

- But before we get to the Bible story, let's talk about another kind of story: your story!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Assign everyone a partner and have them tell their partner about themselves. When they're both done, they'll share what they learned about each other. Tell them these are some of the things they can share with their partner:
 - **Share about your parents.**
 - **Share how many siblings you have.**
 - **Describe your house.**
 - **Share if you have a pet or not.**
 - **Share your favorite animal.**
 - **Share your favorite toy or game.**
 - **Talk about your favorite food to eat.**
 - **Describe your favorite place you have visited.**
 - **Share what you want to be when you grow up**
 - **Share your favorite song.**

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Do this activity directly with your toddlers by asking them a few of the easier questions above (such as a favorite food or animal). Meet their responses with an enthusiastic, "thank you for sharing" and encourage other kids to do the same.

TEACHING TIME

BIBLE STORY | Peter and John Share the Gospel

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Summarize today's Bible passage from Acts 4:1-20 for your preschoolers.
- **PETER AND JOHN WERE TWO PEOPLE WHO TRAVELED AROUND TELLING OTHERS ABOUT JESUS.**
- They saw Jesus do some amazing things. **Do any of you know some of the things Jesus did?**
- Pretty amazing right? They also knew that Jesus loved everyone so much, and they just had to share that story with others!
- But some people didn't like it and tried to get Peter and John in trouble. They tried to tell Peter and John to stop talking about Jesus.
- **How do you think Peter and John felt? Do you think they wanted to stop?**
- Peter and John said they couldn't stop talking about Jesus, even though it could get them in trouble.
- Like Peter and John, we should never stop talking about Jesus and all the things we know about Him!. Telling others about Jesus is how **we can share God's story!**

BIG IDEA | We can share God's story.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Each week, do a big reveal (and make it fun) when you announce the Big Idea! This week, pass around a stuffed bear to your kids. Whoever is holding "Share Bear" has to say one thing they can share with others (e.g., different toys, crayons, ball, books, etc.)

- Those are all great things to share! But there is one more thing you can share, and that is this week's Big Idea: we can share God's story!

VIDEO | Blast Off, Episode 3

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).

ACTIVITY | Space Telephone

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Gather your preschoolers in a circle for a game of telephone. Whisper a space phrase in the ear of one kid and tell them to keep whispering the phrase into the next person's ear, going all the way around the circle, exactly as they hear it from the person before them. When the last person gets the message, have them say out loud what they think the message is. Here are some space phrases you could use:
 - The sun, the moon, and the stars.
 - We live on planet Earth.
 - Astronauts are inside the spaceship.
 - Planets orbit the sun.
 - Space has no gravity.
- In this game, we got to practice sharing messages with our friends.
- God wants us to share an even more important message with our friends: the story of Jesus and how much He loves us.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Help each child pass the clue along by prompting them and showing them what to do. Use shorter phrases or just single-word clues (e.g., planet, spaceship, astronaut, solar system, Milky Way, galaxy).

PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you that Jesus loves us and forgives us. Help us to share our story about You with others.
- **Is there anything I can pray for you about or thank God for?**

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Talking Snack

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Pass out a yummy snack of your choice to one kid at a time. Before you give the snack to the next kid, have the first kid try a little bit. Ask them if they like it, and if you should have the others try. Repeat with the next kid, and so on. Talk about how easy it is to share about good things! Then discuss the following questions:
 - **What were Peter and John doing in the Bible story?** (Telling people about Jesus.)
 - **What happened to Peter and John when they were talking about Jesus?** (They got in trouble.)
 - **What did Peter and John say when the people told them to stop sharing God's story?** (They said they couldn't help it. They couldn't stop.)
 - **Who helped Peter and John have courage to share the story?** (God helped them.)

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Gather the kids together in a circle and play this simple game while you continue to discuss. Before your program, use a marker to write “God’s Word” (or draw a Bible) on enough tissues for each kid to have one. When everyone is standing in a circle, have them put their tissue on their head. Sing a worship song or play some music while they dance around, but tell them to try not to let “God’s Word” fall to the ground.*
- In the Bible story, Peter and John shared about God with others. We can share God’s word with others too.
- Every time one of us drops a tissue, we’re going to practice sharing our stories by answering one of these questions:
 - **Share your favorite part of church.**
 - **Share your favorite thing that God has created.**
 - **Share something you are thankful for.**
 - **Talk about your family.**
 - **Share something you like to do.**
 - **Share something you can pray for.**
 - **Talk about your favorite Bible story.**

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Each time your toddlers drop a tissue, instead of responding to the above questions, have them say the Big Idea, “We can share God’s story.”*

ACTIVITY | Help Your Friend

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Lay sheets of colored construction paper down in a circle. You’ll need several copies of every color. Let your preschoolers take turns walking around the circle on top of the papers. When you say “Stop,” everyone walking will need to stop, look at the color they’re standing on, and share something specific. Here’s a color code you can use :*
 - BLUE: your favorite season or weather
 - GREEN: your favorite restaurant to eat dinner
 - RED: your favorite thing to do with your family
 - YELLOW: your favorite game to play
 - ORANGE: your favorite animal
 - PURPLE: your favorite thing to do with your friend
 - BLACK: your favorite birthday memory
 - BROWN: your favorite song
 - WHITE: your favorite toy
- God made us all special and different with personalities and things we love.
- We can share about ourselves with others, but the most important thing we can share with others is what God has done in our lives.
- God made us, forgives us, and loves us.

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Give one kid a toy or a doll and have everyone roam around freely while you sing a song or play some music. When you say, “stop,” tell the kid who has the toy/doll that they need to share that with someone else now. Continue until every child has had a turn holding the item.*

MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Help your kids draw a picture of and color a few light sources (e.g., lamp, flashlight, light bulb, lantern, etc.) and talk to them about how God’s word guides us like lights do when it’s dark. Then recite the memory verse together.

PLAY TIME

While you’re waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give every kid a Coloring Page, plus markers or crayons. As they color, remind them how important it is to share their story with others.

ACTIVITY | Dress-Up Storytelling

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Let your preschoolers play with dress-up clothes and hats as they pretend to tell their friends about themselves and about God’s story.

ACTIVITY | Paper Rocket Races

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write “God’s story” on pieces of paper and then make simple paper airplanes with them. Give each preschooler a paper airplane and tell them to pretend it is a rocket ship that has a special message to share with the world, so they have to help launch it to planet Earth. Let them take turns launching their rocket ships across the room.

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their