

July 22, 2018 – World Changers

Bible Story Focus: Paul Made Much of Jesus
Colossians 1:15-2:3

Memory Verse: To me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

Main Point: Paul said that Jesus is most important.

Big Picture Question: When should we tell others about Jesus? We should tell about Jesus all the time.

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (Small Groups, 15 minutes)

Activities that encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and begin engaging with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing age appropriate and hands on fun while introducing new concepts they will hear in the day's Bible story.

Prepare to offer the following activities as Your 3-, 4-, or 5-year-olds arrive.

1. Sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes"
What you do: Lead preschoolers in singing "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes."
If you are unfamiliar with the lyrics or motions, look them up online before the session. Begin slowly and increase speed as preschoolers master the lyrics and motions. Make it more fun by varying the speed.

What you SAY • What do you think is the most important part of your body? I think the head is the most important because your brain is in your head and it controls the rest of your body. In today's Bible story, Paul said that Jesus is like the head and believers are like the body. Let's listen to what else Paul said about Jesus in today's Bible story.

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

Bible Story

What You Need: Bible

Introduce the Bible story

Ask preschoolers: "What is true about Jesus?" Listen as children brainstorm. Gently clarify any misunderstandings if necessary.

SAY • The Bible tells us what is true about Jesus. In today's Bible story, the people in the church at Colossae were being taught things about Jesus that were not true. Paul wrote a letter to remind them of the truth.

Place a bookmark at Colossians 1 in your Bible. Invite a preschooler to open it. Reverently display the open Bible.

SAY • The Bible is a true book. It is the only book that has all God’s words in it. The letter Paul wrote in our Bible story today is in the Book of Colossians in the New Testament part of the Bible.

PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO – Paul Made Much of Jesus

Talk about the Bible story

SAY • Paul said that Jesus is most important. Jesus is God’s Son, and He died on the cross to rescue people. This good news is all we need; Jesus is all we need.

Ask the following review questions:

1. Why were believers in Colossae confused about the good news? (New teachers had told them things that were not true.)
2. Since he was a prisoner in Rome, how did Paul talk to his friends in Colossae? (He wrote a letter.)
3. Who did Paul say has always been with God? (Jesus, God the Son, has always been with God.)
4. Whom did God send to earth to rescue people from sin? (Jesus) Learn the big picture question

SAY • The gospel—the good news about Jesus—is the most important news there is. Paul wanted to make sure people got this good news right. When should we tell others about Jesus? We should tell about Jesus all the time. We should share what is true about Jesus every chance we get. We want all people to be rescued from sin!

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (Small Groups, 25 minutes)

Create a safe place to connect through activities that are written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Main Point that was introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or, offer two activities at once and allow half the kids to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.

1. Match truths about Jesus
What you need: “Jesus is” activity pages.

What you do: Cut apart one set of strips and place them in a Bible at the listed reference. Cut apart the other set of strips and place them in a basket or bag. Allow preschoolers to take turns pulling a strip from a bag. Read what each strip says about Jesus. Read the referenced verse.

What you SAY • Jesus shows us what God is like. Paul said that Jesus is most important. Jesus is God's Son, and He died on the cross to rescue people from sin. This good news is all we need; Jesus is all we need.

2. Bible Story Color Page

Snack

Gather preschoolers for snack time. Thank God for the snack. Mention that Jesus created the sun, moon, and stars. Comment that Paul said that Jesus is most important by pointing out this truth to the believers who had been taught things that were not true.

Pray for the children.

SAY • God, thank You for giving us the best gift of all, Jesus, who died on the cross so we can have forgiveness from sin. Help us to tell that good news to everyone we meet. Amen.