

# THE PRODIGAL SON

Sunday School Lesson



## Create Curiosity:

Create a “store” at the front of the room on a small table. Place a necklace, party hat, and gift bag there.

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## Teaching Time: Luke 15



Act out the story.

Jesus was the best teacher ever! He often used stories to teach a lesson. The Bible tells us in Luke 15 about a story that Jesus told.

Jesus told about a man who had 2 sons. One of the sons came to his dad and said, “I want my inheritance now.”

**[Have the volunteer hold out his hand and give him 3 plastic coins or use Monopoly money.]**

The boy went away and spent the money.

**[Have the volunteer walk up to the “store” and hand you one coin as you put the necklace around his neck. Have him give you one coin as you put the party hat on. Have him give you one coin as you give him the gift bag.]**

The boy spent all his money buying nice things to wear, throwing big parties and giving his friends lavish gifts.

Soon the money ran out! He had none left! He was hungry so he had to sell the nice things he had bought.

**[Have the student put the items back on the table.]**

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## Continued...

The boy had no money left. He got a job feeding pigs.

**[Have the volunteer pretend to feed pigs as all the students make pig noises.]**

He thought, "I'm so hungry, wish I could eat what these pigs are eating! My father's servants have a better life than me!"

He began to think about going back home. Surely his father would be mad at him. He had left home, wasted all his money, and made some bad choices. He decided to give it a try.

**[Have the volunteer begin to walk back to other side of the room where the father had given him the money at the beginning.]**

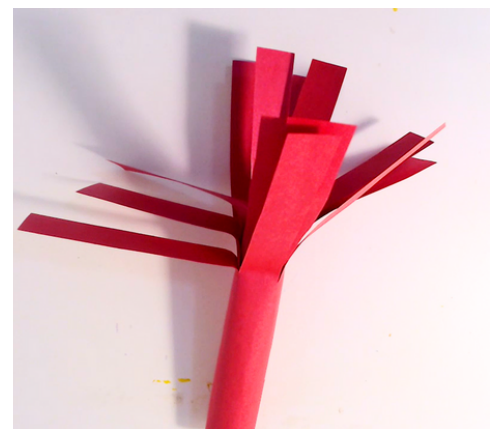
When the father saw the son coming from far away, he ran to meet him and hugged him tightly! He said, "Bring a robe and ring and prepare a feast! We will celebrate because my son is home!" **[Hug the volunteer.]**

Jesus told this story to teach us that God loves us so much! Nothing we can do will make him stop loving us! And when we do wrong and tell Him we are sorry, He always forgives us.



## Craft Corner:

Paper pom pom - Cut a piece of paper in strips down to the middle of the page. Roll and tape the bottom. Peel the pieces back to form a pom pom.



# PAUL IN ATHENS

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## **Create Curiosity:**

Provide a toy microphone and all the kids to say their names into it.

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## **Teaching Time: Acts 17**

The Bible tells us about a man named Paul. He traveled from place to place telling people about Jesus.

He came to a city called Athens.

There, he saw statues that had been built to fake gods. There was even a statue to “the unknown God.”

Paul told the people that he knew who the one true and only God was. He told them about God and His Son, Jesus.

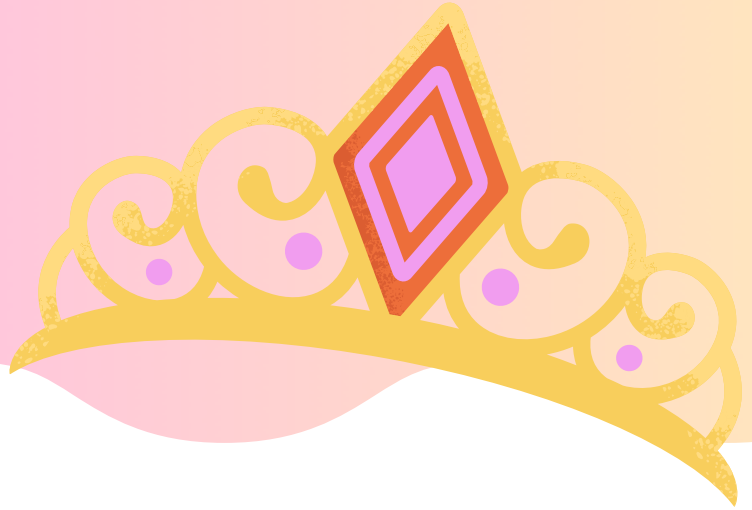
Some of the people laughed at Paul, but some of them listened and believed what he said.

Paul helped them understand what the Bible says.

We can tell others about God and Jesus too. We can tell them what we have learned from the Bible.

# ESTHER

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## Craft Corner:

God is Number 1 hand

Directions: Print out the number 1 hand for each child. Cut a back for it. Staple or tape the two hands together.

Allow the children to color it.

They can slip their hand in it when they are finished.



## Sing a Song:

Song: One True God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uN9anMOoS4Q>



## Group Game:

One person explains something and everyone has to guess.

Example: It has 2 wheels, handlebars, a chain, a basket, a bell. What is it? (Bike)



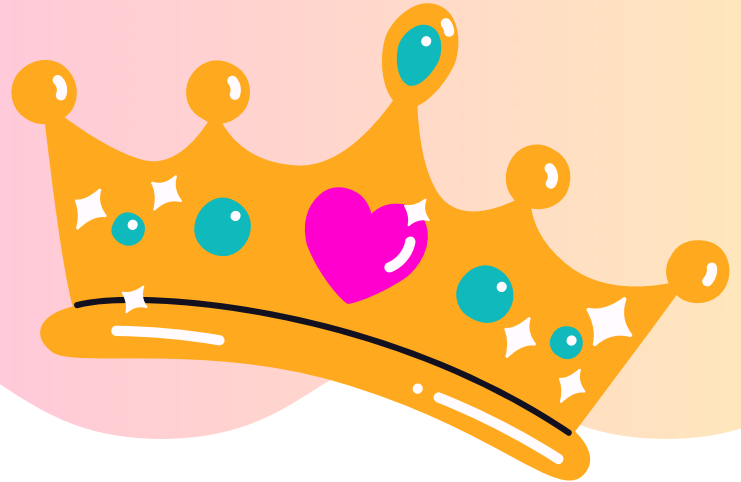


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## **Create Curiosity:**

Read the beginning and middle of the book, A Fish Out of Water. Stop at the part where the fish and Mr. Carp go down into the pool. Tell the kids, We don't know what is going to happen! We will have to wait and see!

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## **Teaching Time: Daniel 3**

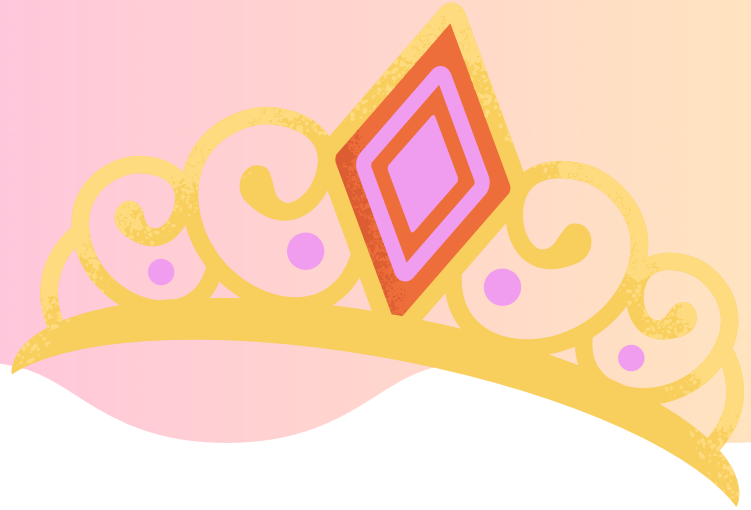
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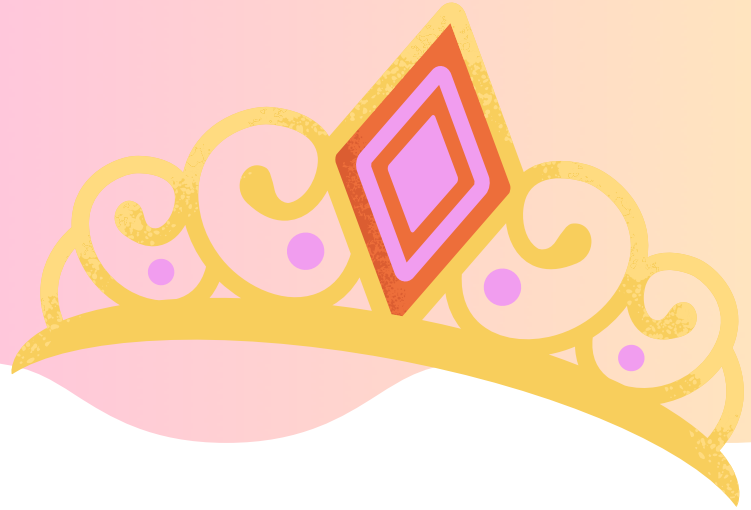
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## Craft Corner:

Popsicle stick angel

Supplies: Jumbo popsicle stick,  
1 1/2 doilies per child,  
glue, markers

Draw a face on the popsicle stick. Fold the doily around the stick.  
Cut another doily in half. Glue the half to the back like wings.

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## Sing a Song:

Song: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPfcGnQM88w&t=22s>

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## Group Game:

Sleep, Sleep, Sleep, Angel. (Play like Duck, Duck, Goose, but instead of running, the child picked should stand and say, Mary will have Baby Jesus. Say, An angel visited Joseph at night and told him to marry Mary; she would have baby Jesus, God's Son, the Savior of the world!

# THE FIERY FURNACE

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## **Create Curiosity:**

Show a lunchbox. Open it up and show a sandwich, banana, water bottle, etc. Ask the kids what we do before we eat lunch. (Pray) Who are we praying to? (God)

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## **Teaching Time: Daniel 3**

The Bible tells us about a king named Nebuchadnezzar. He had a giant golden statue made of himself. He made a rule that every time the people heard special music, they were to bow down and worship/pray to this statue.

Three men named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, knew that we are only to pray to God. They would not bow down and pray to the statue.

This made the king very angry. He called for the three men to be brought to him. He said, If you don't bow down to this statue, you will be thrown into a furnace with fire in it! The men said, we will only pray to God.

This made the king very very angry. He ordered the furnace to be turned up 7 times hotter than usual! (Count to 7 as you shake one of the Art projects -see Art section.)

# THE FIERY FURNACE

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## Continued...

The three men were thrown into the furnace!

Then, the king looked into the fire. He said, Didn't we throw three men in? I see four! And the Fourth looks like the Son of God! The king said, Come out Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego!

They walked right out of that fire! Not even one hair was singed. Their clothes were not burned! They did not even smell like smoke!

The king was amazed. He said, There is no other God who is able to do this! Now the men could pray to the One and only true God!

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## Craft Corner:

Fire shaker - Tape red/orange/yellow pieces of streamers to a popsicle stick. Shake it to look like fire blazing.

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## Sing a Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EaW0mF4sfWI&t=108s>

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## Group Game:

Statue Freeze - play music and have the children move about. when the music stops, they are to Freeze like a statue. During the game, ask what were the people suppose to do when they heard music? Freeze and bow down. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego said, No! God saved them from the fire!

# AN ANGEL VISITS MARY/JOSEPH

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## **Create Curiosity:**

Show an angel from a nativity set. Ask, What is this?

Today we will hear about an angel with a special message that visited two people.

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## **Teaching Time:** Isaiah 9:6, & 7:14

The Bible tells us about a girl named Mary. An angel appeared to her at her house with a special message. I wonder what she was doing when the angel appeared. (Act out with props: Maybe she was brushing her hair, reading a book, cooking, or cleaning up.

When the angel appeared, it frightened her at first. (Act out with a child wearing a halo headband and Mary (teacher) acting surprised.) The angel told Mary that she would have baby Jesus.

The Bible tells us about a man named Joseph. He was asleep. The same angel appeared to him. The angel told Joseph that Mary was going to have baby Jesus.

Jesus is God's Son. The angel told Joseph he should marry Mary and help take care of baby Jesus.

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# IMMANUEL

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## **Create Curiosity:**

Show a candy cane. Ask the kids what it is. They will say, Candy cane. Tell them alternate names are sugar stick, shepherd's crook, peppermint stick, and sweet cane. When candy canes were first invented they were called sugar sticks. A choirmaster wanted to keep the children quiet at church during a Christmas eve performance, so he asked a local candy maker for some "sugar sticks" to give them. He told the candy maker to add a crook to remind them of the shepherds who visited baby Jesus.

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## **Teaching Time:** Isaiah 9:6, & 7:14

Show the Bible as you teach. Tell the kids that the Bible is God's book. It is true and it's for you!

In Bible times, the word name could refer to a title. A title is what you call someone, but not their actual name. For example, you call your parents, Mom and Dad, but that is not their actual name.

Sometimes we assign multiple names to people. What do you call your grandparents? (allow responses)

The proper name for Jesus is Jesus! The Bible also calls Him: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Immanuel. Immanuel means, God with us! God loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus to be with us!

# IMMANUEL

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## Craft Corner:

Paper candy cane: Cut out red candy cane shape and white paper for stripes. Allow kids to glue the stripes onto the red cane.

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## Sing a Song:

Song: Candy Cane song by Sean W. Smith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNf2Mqx3jAA&t=27s>

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## Group Game:

Pass a candy cane or Christmas ornament around the room and have everybody tell their name.

OR

Print out the pictures on the following pages and tape onto the wall with painter's or masking tape. Make the picture face the wall. Have children tell you which picture to uncover until they find the candy cane. You can scramble them again and repeat.

# WORKING TOGETHER

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## **Create Curiosity:**

Show how easily one stick will break. Show a bundle of sticks and demonstrate that you cannot break the bundle of sticks. We are stronger when we work together.

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## **Teaching Time:** Ephesians 4

Show the Bible as you teach. Tell the kids that the Bible is true and it's for you!

The Bible tells us about a man named Paul. He was traveling around telling everyone about Jesus. This made some people mad. They had Paul thrown in jail - even though he had done nothing wrong!

While in jail, Paul wrote letters. He encouraged churches to work together. We can do much great things when we work together, he wrote.

Paul reminded them that they are each different and may be good at different things.

It's like when you put individual ingredients together to make a great cake! The flour doesn't taste good alone...or the raw egg...or the oil... But, together, they make a yummy cake!

# WORKING TOGETHER

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## Craft Corner:

Decorate a cupcake. (Sheet included) Use crayons, markers, sequins or glitter for sprinkles OR use real sprinkles.

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## Sing a Song:

Song Pass it On by Katie Reeves & Sunrise Children's Choir  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEPGTdEzB6o&t=3s>

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## Group Game:

Pass the Ingredients Game: Stand in a circle. Give the child on the end a cake ingredient. Children must pass the ingredient to each other until it gets to the last person who puts it on a table that has been prepared.

Items to pass:

plastic mixing bowl

wooden spoon

flour

sugar

oil

water

egg

can of frosting

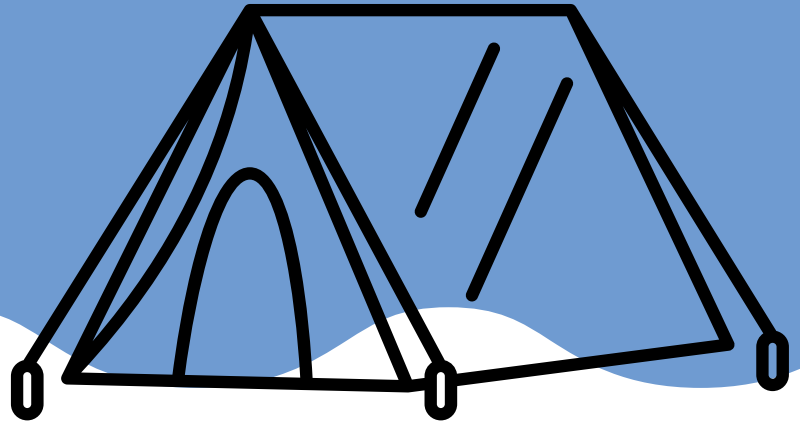
**Decorate your cupcake.**



**Ephesians 4:9, “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.”**

# AQUILA & PRISCILLA

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## Create Curiosity:

Create a simple tent in your classroom. You could use a sheet and chairs. OR suspend your tent from the ceiling. (These directions are for those whose church has ceiling tiles: Put a safety pin in the middle of the tent. Put a piece of yarn through the safety pin. Lift ceiling tile and loop the yarn through and tie in a knot. Stretch out and tuck the 4 corners of the sheet into the ceiling by gently lifting the corner of the ceiling tile.

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## Teaching Time: Acts 18

Show your open Bible as you teach. Say, The Bible is true and it's for you!

The Bible tells us about a man named Paul who went around from place to place telling others about Jesus. One day, he came to a place called Corinth. He met a man named Aquila and his wife named Priscilla. They were tent makers. Paul also knew how to make tents. He stayed with them and they made tents together. He taught them all about Jesus. He also went to the church and spoke to the people there about Jesus.

Many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized. Paul stayed in Corinth a long time, but then left to go to other places to tell about Jesus. Priscilla and Aquila went with him to some of the places.

Then they stayed in Ephesus. There was a man there named Apollos. He was speaking about Jesus. Aquila and Priscilla taught him what Paul had taught them. He was happy to know more. He continued to teach others about Jesus and all that he had learned.

# AQUILA & PRISCILLA

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## Craft Corner:

Paper Tent - Give each child a half sheet of paper (cut longways). They can color their paper/tent. Have them fold the paper in half and in half again. Unfold and fold both sides under to form a triangle. Watch tutorial here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-P8-iT6uxUI>



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## Sing a Song:

Song Pass it On by Katie Reeves & Sunrise Children's Choir

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## Group Game:

Play in the tent. Pretend to build a campfire with blocks, etc.

# THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME

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## **Create Curiosity:**

Say, Hello, in many different languages.

Bonjour, Hola, Namaste (Nuhm-uh-stay), Chao, Guten Tag, Ni hao (Nee-how), Aloha, Salom, Salve (Sal-vay), Konnichiwa (Kohn-nee-chee-wah).

Ask, Did you understand what I said. How about now, "Hello."

I was saying, Hello, in different languages. But, you only understood the language that you speak. We will hear an amazing story from the Bible about a time when everyone could understand



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## **Teaching Time: Acts 1-2**

Show your open Bible as you teach. Say, The Bible is true and it's for you!

It was a special holiday and the disciples and some other people had gathered in a house. They were praying. All of a sudden, they heard a sound like a loud blowing wind. The sound filled the house. God's Spirit had come! He caused them to be able to speak in different languages. A crowd gathered from all over the place. They could understand what was being said! They wondered, How is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language (verse 8)? We hear them telling in our own languages the mighty works of God (verse 11). All were amazed and wondered, "What does this mean? (verse 12)" Peter stood up and preached. Everyone understood what he said. He told them that God loves them. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sin. He died on the cross, rose and went to heaven. About 3,000 people were there who believed what Peter was saying. The people were from all over. This shows us that God loves everybody all over the world! Jesus died for them all!



# THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME

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## Craft Corner:

Hello Waving Hand

Color and cut out the hand printable. Tape to a jumbo popsicle stick. Glue the word, Hello, to the palm.

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## Sing a Song:

Holy Spirit of God by Ayi and her Friends

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4eW2Hvizul&t=166s>

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## Group Game:

Science Experiment:

In advance, blow up a balloon but don't tie it! Hold it closed while you use a Sharpie to draw a hand on it. Release the air and put the balloon aside.

Fill a water bottle 1/2 full with vinegar.

Use a funnel to put baking soda in the hand balloon.

Stretch the balloon over the mouth of the water bottle, making sure not to let the baking soda slip into the bottle just yet!

Turn the balloon up so that the baking soda falls into the bottle and watch the balloon expand.

Move the balloon with hand drawn on it back and forth as if waving, Hello.

Remind the children that when the Holy Spirit came, He filled the disciples. When they spoke everyone understood in their own language! Repeat saying, Hello, in many languages from the Create Curiosity section as you wave the hand/balloon.



**Hello**

Color, cut and tape to jumbo popsicle stick  
Glue the word, Hello, to the palm.

# JESUS' FRIENDS, THE DISCIPLES

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## Create Curiosity:

Create a party scene in your meeting space by hanging streamers and balloons. Give every child an invitation as they enter.

Ask, when do you usually see these things? You've probably seen them when you went to a friend's birthday party. Today, we will hear about some friends of Jesus.

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## Teaching Time:

Show your open Bible as you teach.

Jesus chose 12 disciples when He was on earth. They were His friends. They traveled with Him and helped him teach and preach.

Here are the names of Jesus' disciples:

Simon Peter - Fisherman who left to follow Jesus

Andrew - follower of John the Baptist, who followed Jesus

James - Fishing in father's boat and followed

John - James' brother also fishing in father's boat and followed

Philip - Jesus met him on the way to Galilee and he followed Jesus

Bartholomew (Nathanael) - His friend Philip told him to, Come and see

Matthew - Tax collector whom Jesus came to and said, Follow Me.

Thomas

James son of Alphaeus

Simon who was called the Zealot

Judas son of James (elsewhere called Thaddaeus)

Judas Iscariot

\*The Bible doesn't say how some of the disciples were called.

Jesus loved His friends.

Jesus loves you and is your friend too!

# JESUS' FRIENDS, THE DISCIPLES

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## **Craft Corner:**

Party Hat Craft

Provide each child with a party hat template. Color and decorate. Cut it out. Bring sides together like a cone and secure with glue or tape. Add a thin elastic string, if you would like by punching two small holes on each side.

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## **Sing a Song:**

Jesus is my Friend song by Lifeway VBS, Twists and Turns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfs-TcXtbXU&t=1s>

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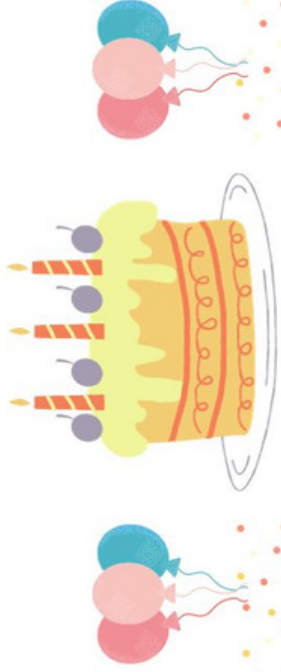
## **Group Game:**

Toss balloons in the air and try to keep them up.

You may choose to do other party games.

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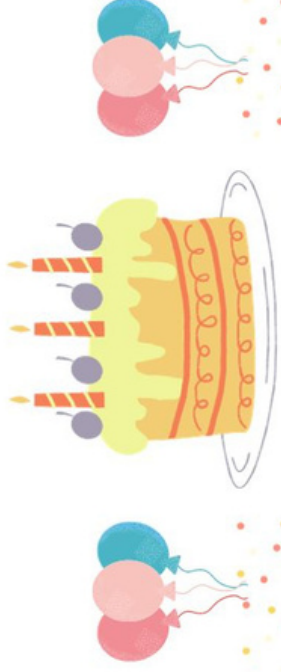
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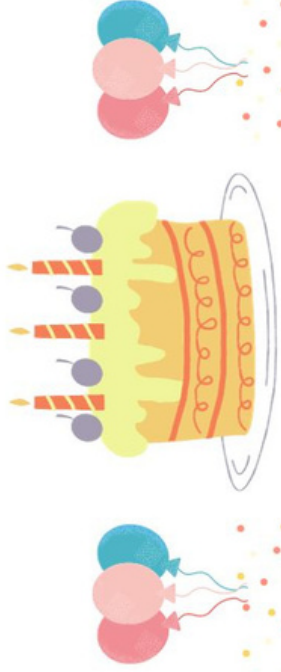
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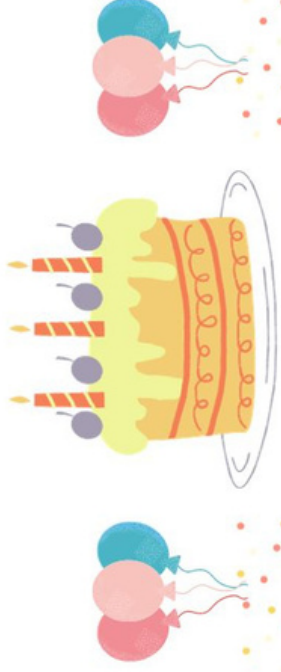
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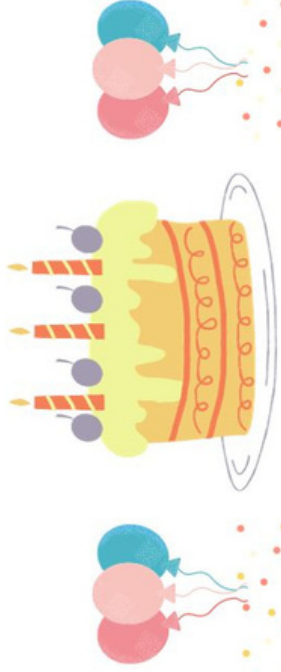
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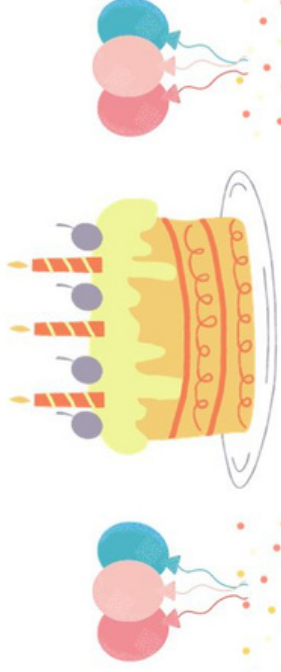
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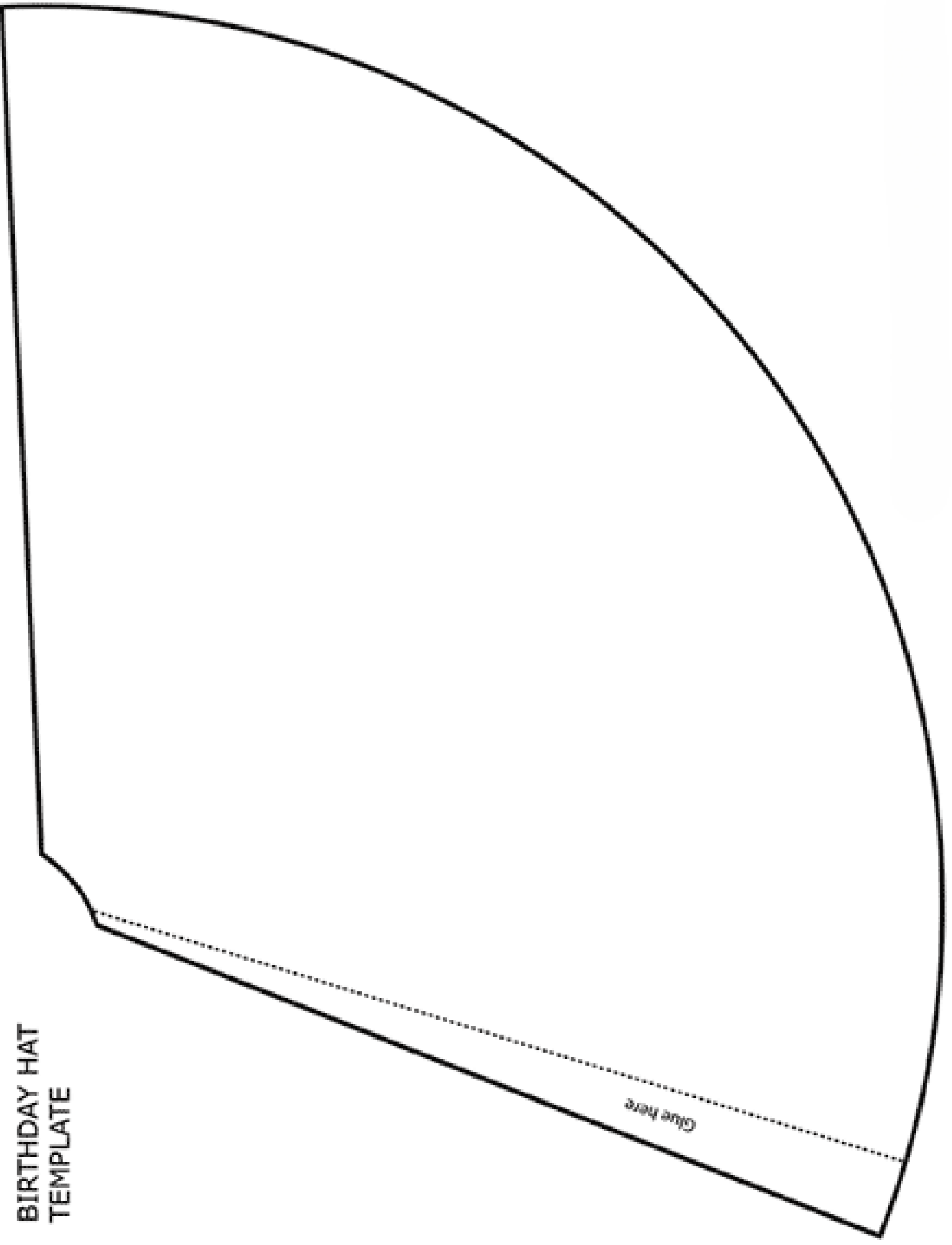
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**BIRTHDAY HAT  
TEMPLATE**



*Glue here*

# ADAM AND EVE SINNED, BUT GOD FORGIVES

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## **Create Curiosity:**

Print and tape pictures of trees all over the room. All the kids to look around and see all the many, many trees everywhere. Count the trees together.

Say, That's a lot of trees!

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## **Teaching Time:** Genesis 2



Show your open Bible. Say, The Bible tells us about Adam and Eve, the first people God created. God placed them in a beautiful garden. There were trees everywhere!

God told them they could eat from all the trees in the garden, except one. That's a lot of trees they could eat from!

Say, They could choose this one, or this one, or this one... (point to each one around the room as you are talking).

Adam and Eve made a bad choice. Even though they had so many trees to choose from, they chose to eat from the one tree God said not to. [Show an apple and make a slice out of the side of it using a butter knife. Pretend the eat the apple slice.]

When Adam and Eve disobeyed, it hurt their friendship with God. The punishment for sin is separation from God. God did not want them to sin. He told them not to. He did not want to be separated from them. So He had a plan! God's plan was to send Jesus to heal the broken relationship caused by sin. [Place a Band-Aid over the cut apple.] God's love and forgiveness allows us to be in a loving friendship with Him, even when we make mistakes.

# ADAM AND EVE SINNED, BUT GOD FORGIVES

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## **Craft Corner:**

Provide each child with the apple sheet that has been printed on cardstock, if possible.

Give each child a half sheet of red construction paper. Allow them to tear the paper into small pieces and glue to the apple. Optional, place a Band-Aid over the “bite” in the apple.

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## **Sing a Song:**

To the Rescue by Lifeway

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YsoQiq6Kza8&t=6s>

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## **Group Game:**

Create colorful confetti by cutting various colored construction paper into small squares. Store in a plastic baggie. Place **ONLY ONE** red square in the bag.

Grab a handful of confetti and toss it into the air and allow it rain down.

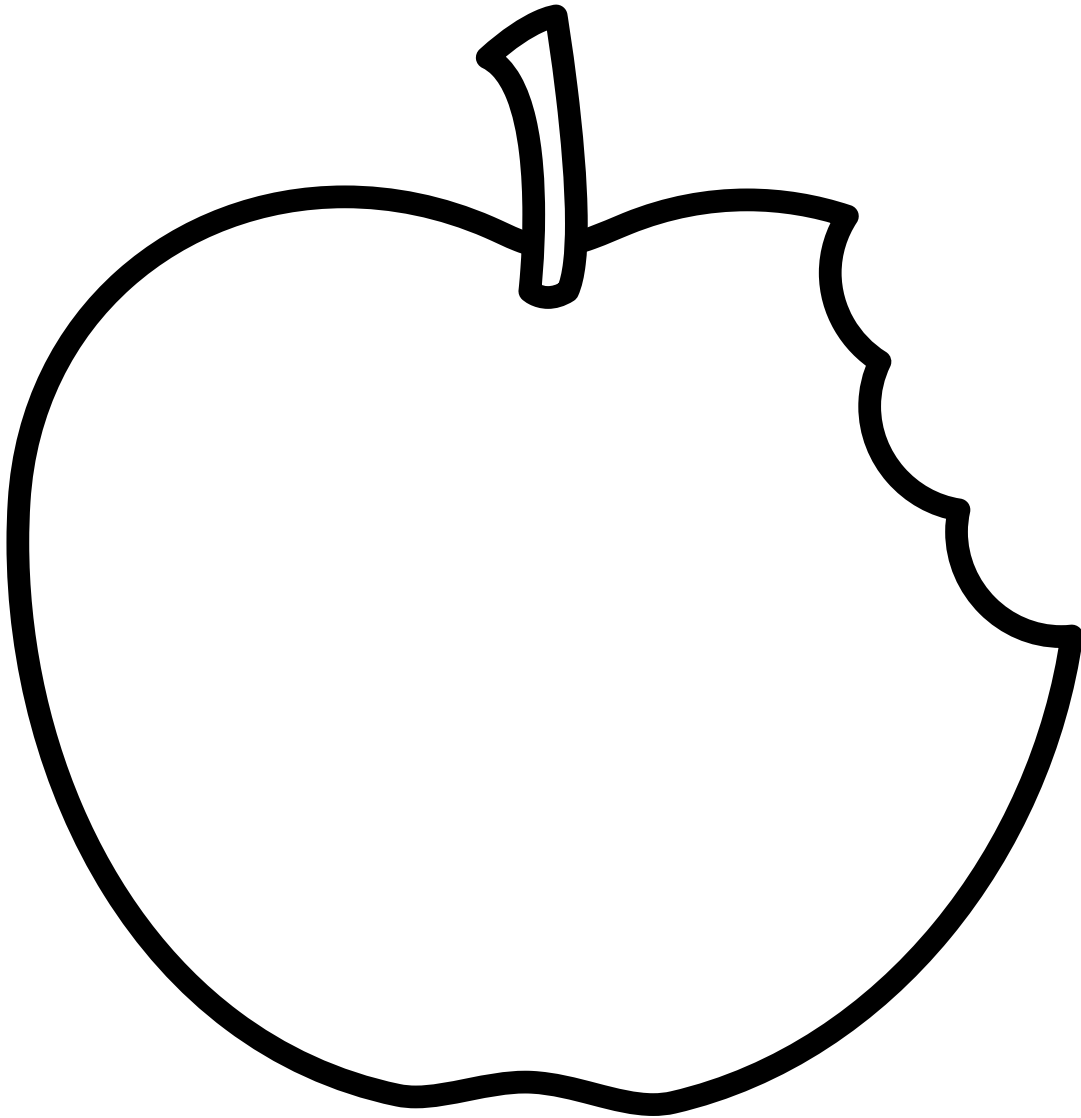
Instruct the kids to pick up all the pieces (provide a plastic bucket for them to put the pieces into), but tell them **NOT TO PICK UP THE RED ONE.**

[Teacher will pick up the red one at the end.]

Repeat.



# ADAM AND EVE SINNED, BUT GOD FORGIVES



And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat... Genesis 2: 16-17

# JESUS FORGAVE PETER

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## Create Curiosity:

Show pictures of people the children will know and some they will not know. One by one, show the pictures and ask the children if they know the person - yes or no.

Tell the children that today, they will hear about a man who pretended not to know someone.

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## Teaching Time: Luke 22

Show your Bible. Say, The Bible tells us about one day when Jesus told one of his followers named Peter, there would come a day when he would deny Him - or say he didn't even know Him! Peter responded, "No way. I will never do that!" Jesus said, before the rooster crows, you will deny me 3 times!

Some time later, soldiers came to take Jesus away. [Have the children stand and march in place.] The religious leaders of that time thought Jesus had done something wrong, but Jesus had not done anything wrong.

The soldiers took Jesus to the High Priest's house. Peter followed after them. He was standing in the courtyard by a fire that the soldiers and servants had made, waiting to see what would happen to Jesus.

A girl said, "Hey, you are one of Jesus' followers!" Peter said, "No, I am not!"

Later, someone else said, "Hey, you are one of Jesus' followers!" Peter said, "No, I am not!"

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Just then, the rooster crowed. [Ask, What does a rooster sound like?]

# JESUS FORGAVE PETER

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## Continued...

Peter remembered what Jesus had said. He was so sad that he had lied and denied Jesus. He cried and cried!

Jesus was not mad at Peter. Jesus loved Peter. Even though Peter lied, Jesus forgave him. Jesus loves us too and is always ready to forgive us when we ask.

Some time later, Peter became a great preacher who helped others know who Jesus is.



## Craft Corner:

Rooster - Use plastic forks dipped into paint to paint a rooster. Rooster printable is included with this lesson plan.



## Sing a Song:

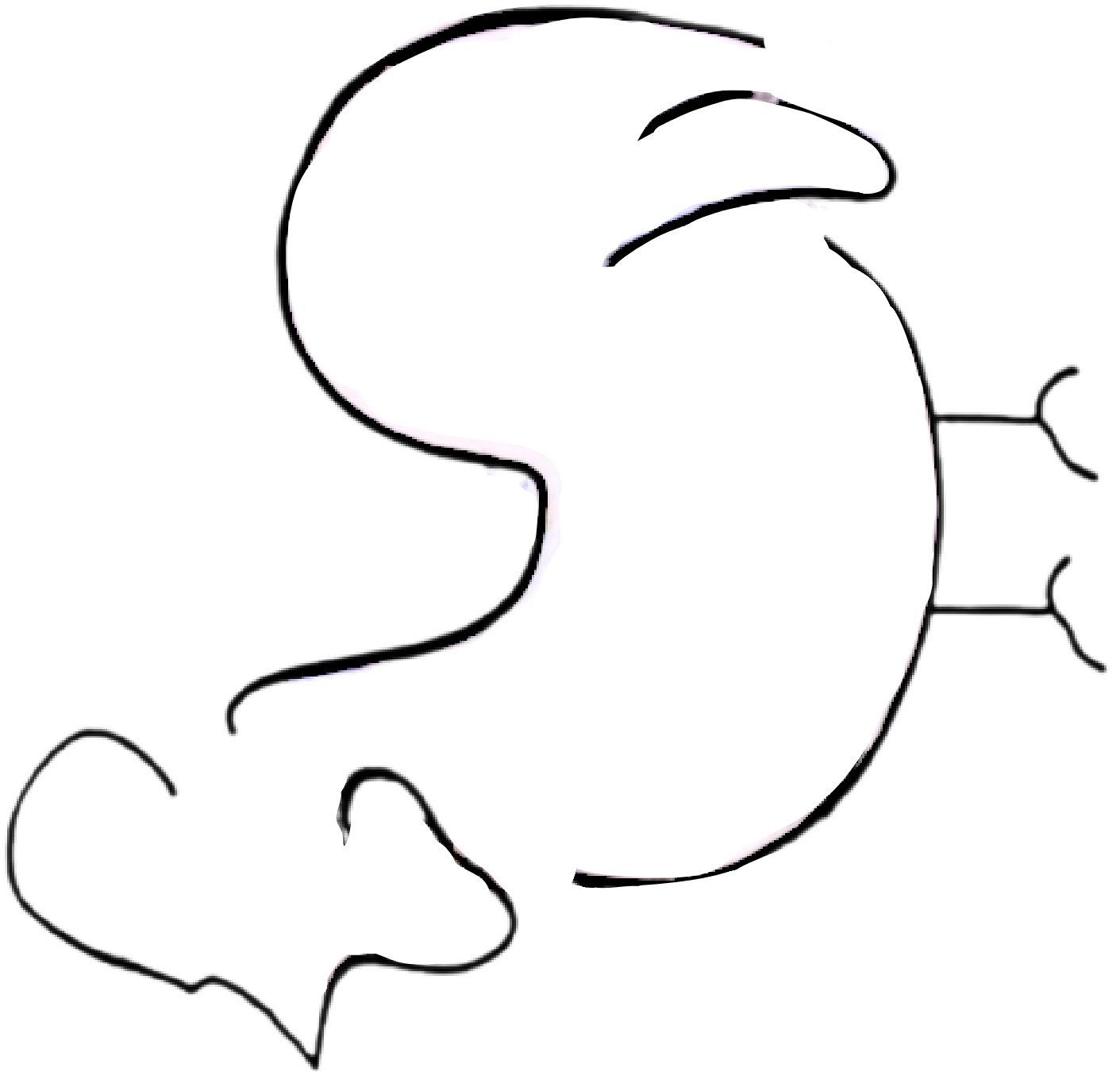
You Forgive Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEfmOm-aLB8&t=69s>



## Group Game:

Call out a farm animal and have the kids act it out.





# GOD LOVES ME/ SAMARITAN WOMAN

Sunday School Lesson



## Create Curiosity:

Show a baby doll. When I was a little girl, I had a baby doll that I loved. My sister (friend) also loved it. She wanted it. I loved my sister, but I would not give up my doll! God loves you. He loves you so much that He gave His Son to take our punishment for sin by dying on the cross. That's how much He loves you!

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## Teaching Time: John 4

Show your Bible. Say, The Bible tells us about when Jesus was on His way to his hometown.

He passed through Samaria. He sat down by a well. [Direct kids to a beach bucket filled with water.]

It was noon so the sun was directly overhead. It was hot! Usually people came to the well to get water in the early morning when it was cooler. [Instruct kids to "fan yourself" with your hand OR blow a battery hand fan on the kids.]

A woman came to the well during this hottest time of day to get water. Jesus was there waiting. [Dip your water pail into the water.]

Jesus talked to her! He asked her for a drink of water. He knew everything about her; even the bad things she had done.

She realized that He was the Messiah; Savior of the world.

She left her water jar and went to tell people in her town about Jesus. [Sat water pail down.]

God loves everyone - no matter who they are or what they've done.  
God has a "No Matter What" kind of love!

We should have that same kind of love for others too!

# GOD LOVES ME/ SAMARITAN WOMAN

Sunday School Lesson



## Craft Corner:

Paper cup water pail: Provide a small paper cup for each child. Poke holes in the sides and allow them to put a pipe cleaner handle onto their water pail. Decorate the cup with stickers. You could use heart stickers to remind the kids that, God Loves Me.

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## Sing a Song:

When I Look song by KidSpring Children's Ministry  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxe9j00scgA>

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## Group Game:

Hide hearts around the room (one for each child in your group). The children must each find a heart. Instruct them to return to their seat when they have their heart.

Repeat: God Loves Me!

# GOD SEES ME/ ZACCHAEUS

Sunday School Lesson



## **Create Curiosity:**

Tell the children to look and find the... ceiling, floor, table, teacher, clock, carpet, etc.

You could look around and see those things. Today, we will learn that God sees us!

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## **Teaching Time:** Luke 19

Show your Bible. Say, The Bible tells us about when Jesus was passing through Jericho. Crowds of people lined the street. (Like the Christmas parade. People line the streets to watch the floats and bands go by. Unless you're in front, it's hard to see over everyone!)

A man named Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus. He was short and could not see over everyone else. He ran ahead and climbed up in a tree. He scooted out onto the branch so he could have a bird's eye view of Jesus when He passed by.

Zacchaeus was a tax collector. That means that his job was to collect money from the people. Sometimes he took too much money from them. When people saw Zacchaeus coming, they usually turned around and went the opposite way!

When Jesus arrived at the place where Zacchaeus was up in the tree, He looked up at him and said, Zacchaeus, come down. I want to visit you at your house today. Zacchaeus hurried down! Wow! Jesus saw him! Jesus told him who He was and how to be saved. Zacchaeus believed. Zacchaeus said, I will give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."



# GOD SEES ME/ ZACCHAEUS

Sunday School Lesson



## Craft Corner:

Toilet roll tree

Cut 2 slits into the side of the toilet roll.

Slip a piece of green paper cut like the top of a tree into the slots. Decorate. Glue Zacchaeus in to the tree (below).

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## Sing a Song:

Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man

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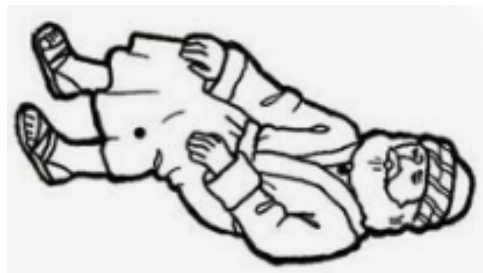
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## Group Game:

Hidden Pictures Game

Place Post it Notes over a picture and remove one by one. The children should guess the picture.





















# CONSIDER THE BIRDS & FLOWERS

Sunday School Lesson



## Create Curiosity:

Who Gave You the Coin game

Have the children sit in a circle on the floor. Have one child sit in a chair with his back to the audience and close eyes. Give one child a large plastic coin or Monopoly bill and have them quietly sneak up and put the coin under the chair. The child in the chair must guess who gave them the money.

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## Teaching Time: Matthew 6

Show your Bible. Say, The Bible tells us that Jesus taught about how we should live.

Jesus said when you give to someone in need, keep it a secret.

Don't tell everybody so that you look good and people reward you. Instead, God will reward you.

Jesus said forgive others. Let's practice. You say, I'm sorry. I'll say, I forgive you. Repeat and switch roles. Remind children we must forgive in our hearts, not just with our words.

Jesus taught not to worry. Show an artificial flower (or picture).

Ask, Who is more important to God this flower or you? You!

Show toy bird (or picture). Ask, Who is more important to God this bird or you? You!

Have you ever seen a bird planting a garden or storing vegetables in their little barn? No! God makes sure they find food.

Have you ever seen a flower with a little sewing machine making clothes? No! God makes sure they are clothed in the beautiful colors they are wearing.

If God takes care of the flowers and birds, and you are more important than those,, He will take care of you. Do not worry!

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# CONSIDER THE BIRDS & FLOWERS

Sunday School Lesson



## Craft Corner:

Cupcake liner flower. Glue cupcake liner to paper. Add paper stem and leaves (or draw). Color and glue bird beside flower OR use the bird paper as a separate coloring sheet.



## Sing a Song:

Take Care of Me from Emmanuel Christian

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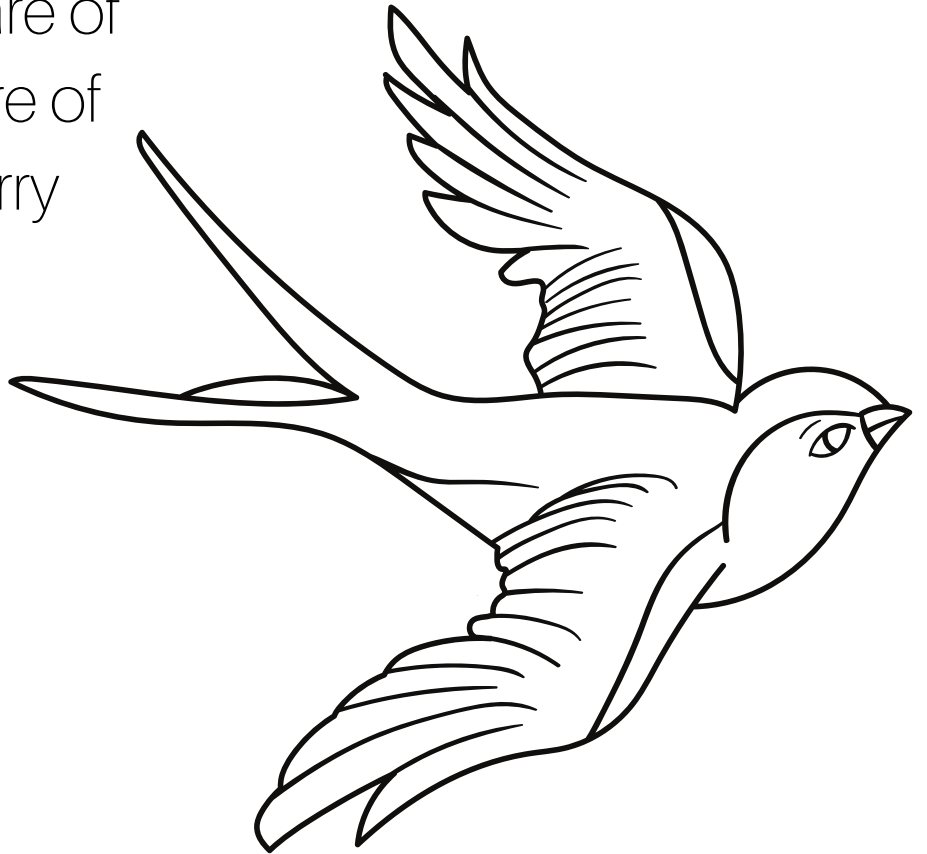


## Group Game:

Repeat game from Create Curiosity section.



Consider the birds and  
flowers. God takes care of  
them. He will take care of  
you too! Do not worry  
Matthew 6:2-29



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# THE BEE-ATTITUDES/ LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Sunday School Lesson



## **Create Curiosity:**

Give each child a small strip of yellow party streamer. Play the song, Flight of the Bumblebee. Have children wave the streamer as you direct them: in the air, down low, behind your back, in a circle, etc.

In our lesson today, we will learn what Jesus said our attitudes should "bee" like.

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## **Teaching Time:** Matthew 5:1-16

Show your Bible as you say, The Bible tells us that one day Jesus went up on a mountain. He sat down and began to teach about how we ought to "bee" have.

He said blessed are those who... (use the simpler wording to explain the meaning to preschoolers)

- are poor in spirit = know they need God
- mourn = sad for sin, but glad for grace
- meek = self-control
- hunger and thirst for righteousness = right relationship with God
- merciful = forgive
- pure in heart = innocent because of Jesus
- peacemakers = get along with others
- persecuted = when others treat your wrong

Jesus went on to say that when we live like this, it lets our light shine! Others can see Jesus in us when we do!

# THE BEE-ATTITUDES/ LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Sunday School Lesson



Object lesson: Cover a flashlight with a paper cup. Point out that the light isn't shining through. Now, poke many holes in the bottom of the cup with a thumbtack. Turn the lights off and let the flashlight shine through the cup to show a projection of lights on the ceiling or wall.

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## **Craft Corner:** Paper lantern

Provide a piece of construction paper for each child. Fold it in half long ways and cut slits in the middle. Bring the two sides together and glue/tape. Add a paper handle.



## **Sing a Song:**

This Little Light of Mine

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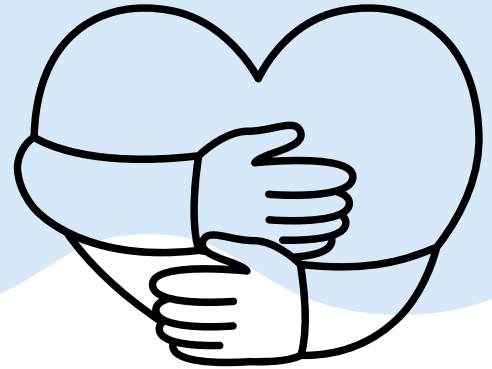


## **Group Game:**

Repeat the "bee" activity from the Create Curiosity section.

# JESUS PROMISED A COMFORTER WOULD COME

Sunday School Lesson



## **Create Curiosity:**

If your preschool class is near the baby room, you will undoubtedly hear babies crying. Say, the babies in the baby room miss their mommies and daddies. The teachers are trying to comfort them. They will rock them, give them their pacifier or rattle, put them in the baby swing, walk them around in the stroller, etc.

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## **Teaching Time:** John 14:16

Jesus walked and talked and preached and healed along side the disciples for three years.

After spending a lot of time with them, He told them it was almost time for Him to return to His Father in heaven.

He knew that they would miss Him! But, He told them that God would send someone to comfort them - the Holy Spirit.

Read John 14:16.

Do you ever miss someone? Like when you go back to school or daycare?

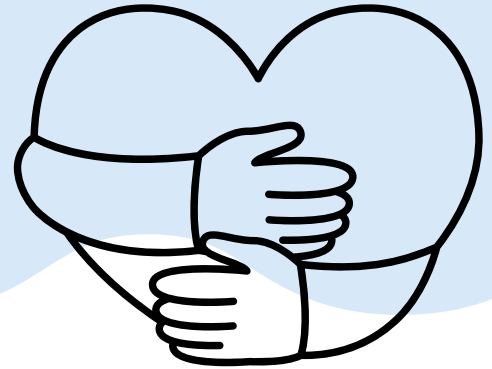
Show some things that make us feel comforted (teddy bear, blanket, special pillow, necklace given by mom or best friend, card sent from grandma, picture...) These things bring us comfort.

We have the Holy Spirit to comfort us too!

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# JESUS PROMISED A COMFORTER WOULD COME

Sunday School Lesson



## **Craft Corner:**

Color the sheet with heart and hands.



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## **Sing a Song:**

The Holy Spirit is our Comforter (Minute 7:50)

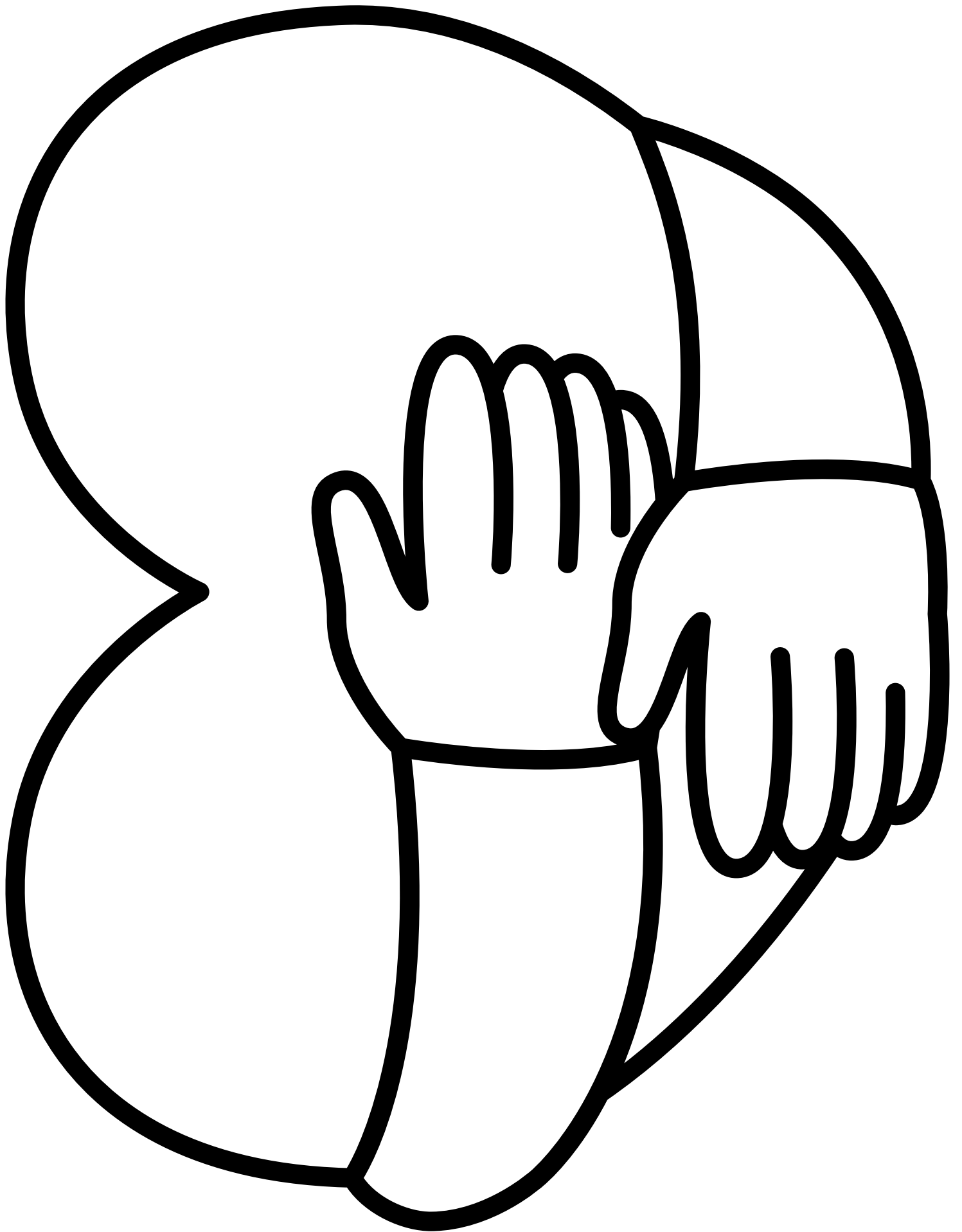
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## **Group Game:**

Hide items from the story (teddy bear, blanket, etc.) around the room and let the children look for them.



# JESUS HEALED THE WOMAN WHO TOUCHED HIS HIM



Sunday School Lesson



## **Create Curiosity:**

Show toy medical kit with supplies such as a thermometer, stethoscope, tongue depressor, blood pressure cuff, toy shot, bandage, etc. Say, Doctors and nurses use real equipment to care for sick or hurt people. You may have seen items like these when you went to the doctor.

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## **Teaching Time:** Luke 8: 43-48.

In our Bible story, we will hear about a woman who had been sick a long time, but no doctors could help her. She touched Jesus' clothes, and she was healed.

The story comes from the Bible in Luke 8. (show open Bible)

Jesus had been traveling around preaching and teaching. The people gathered all around him as he was walking on the street.

There was a woman in the crowd. She had been sick a long time and had spent all her money on doctors, but they could not help her.

She came up behind Jesus and reached down and touched the fringe of His garment. Immediately she was healed!

Jesus stopped and asked, Who touched me?



# JESUS HEALED THE WOMAN WHO TOUCHED HIS HIM

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Peter said, Jesus there are people crowding all around you!  
Jesus said, I felt power has gone out from Me.  
The woman came trembling, and fell down before Him and told Him it was she who had touched Him and that she had been immediately healed!  
Jesus said, Go in peace, your faith has made you well.

Jesus has the power to heal.



## Craft Corner:

Healing Hand Craft

Have kids trace and cut out their hand. Draw a heart in the middle.



## Sing a Song:

Jesus is the Healer

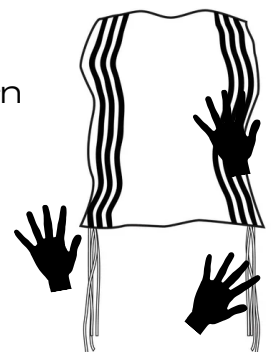
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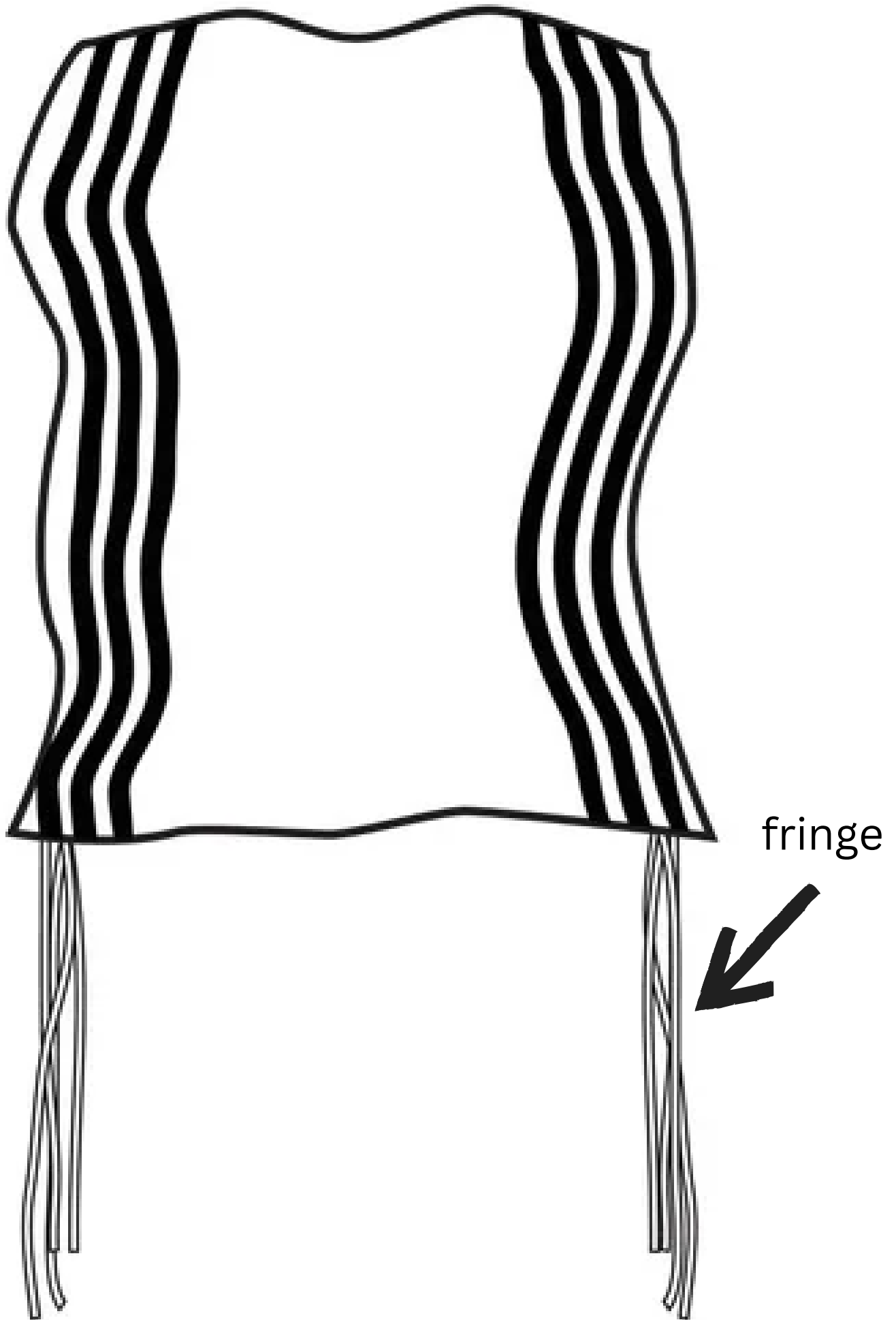
## Group Game:

Pin the hand on the Fringe game

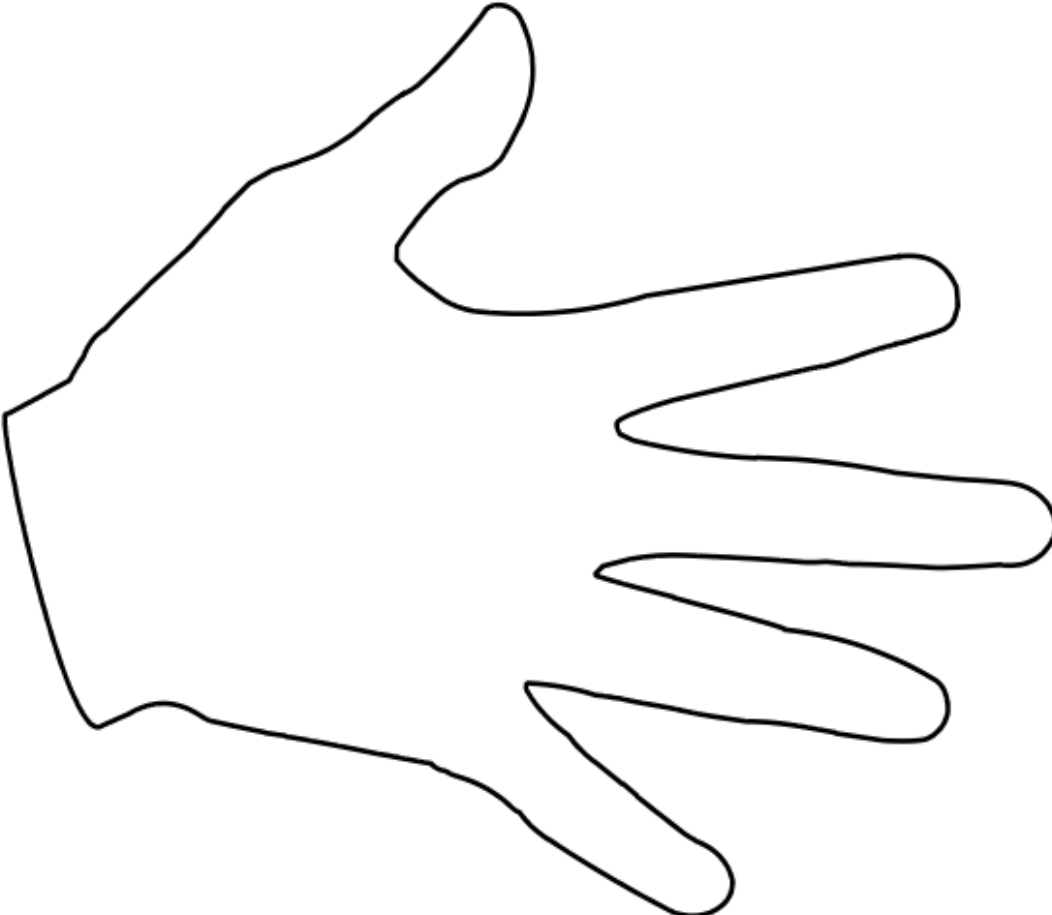
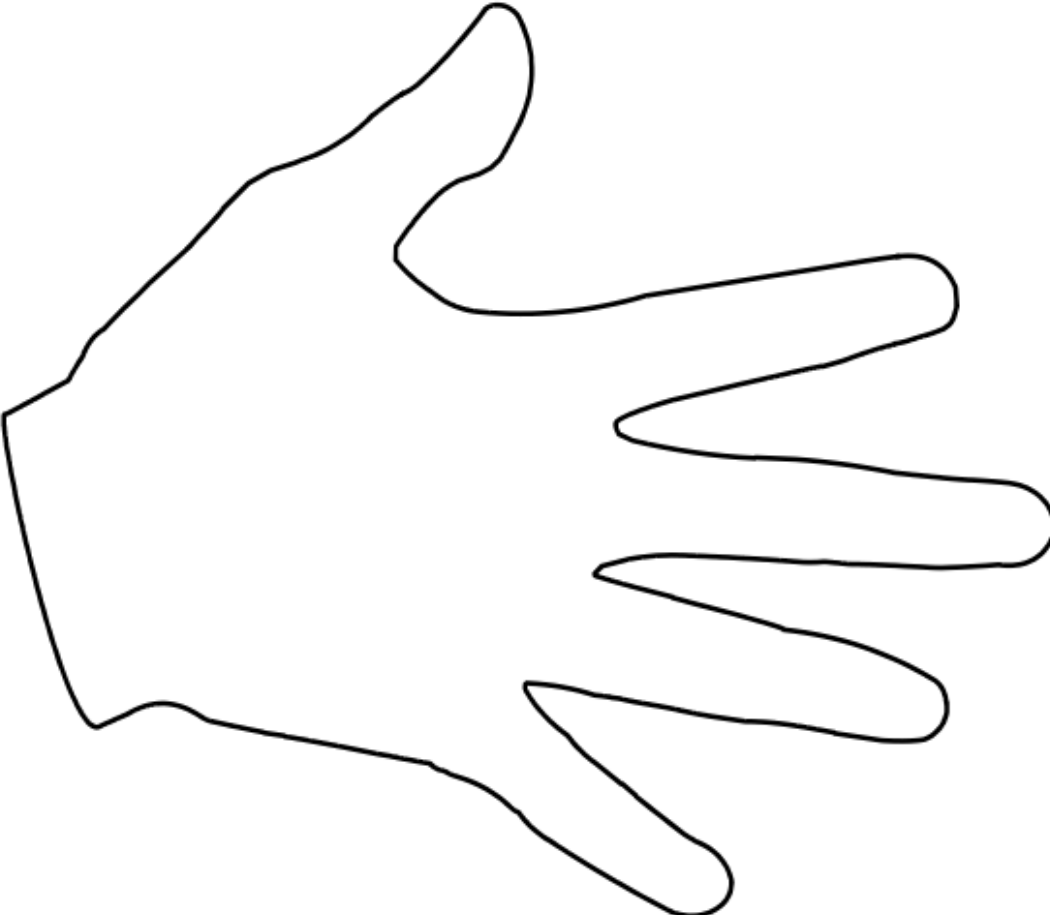
Create a large cut out of a tallit (outer garment worn by Jews with tassels/fringe on 4 corners). Have the children take turns being blindfolded trying to pin the hand on the fringe.

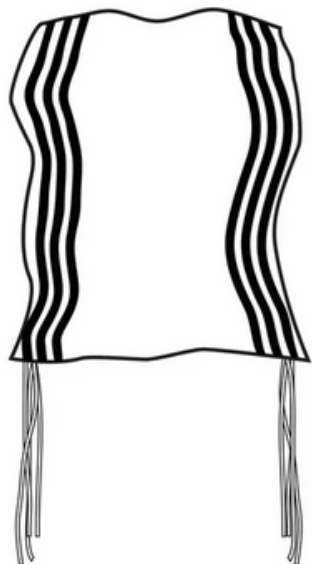


Draw this on large poster board.



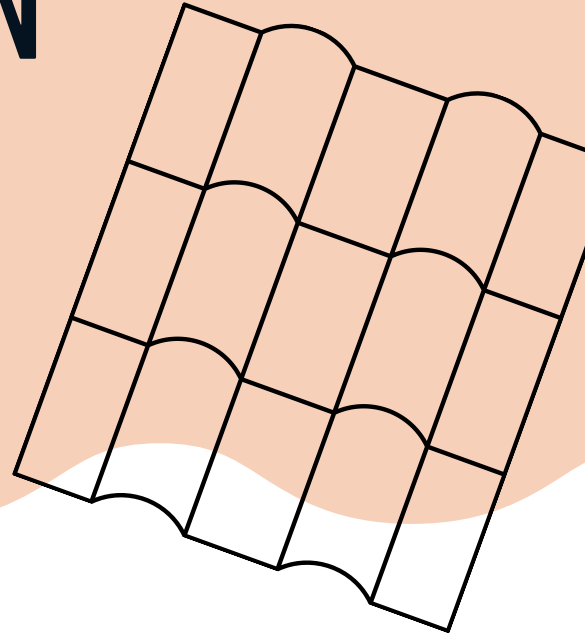
Have children write their name on hand.





# JESUS HEALED MAN LOWERED FROM ROOF

Sunday School Lesson



## **Create Curiosity:**

Have students wiggle fingers, bend elbows, reach up high, nod head, rotate ankles, bend knees, walk in place... Explain that in today's lesson, a man could not walk.

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## **Teaching Time:** Mark 2: 1-12

One day, Jesus was teaching in a house. More and more people came to hear him. The house became very crowded. There was no more room, not even at the door.

[Have children stand and huddle close together. Point out how crowded it is.]

Some men wanted to bring their friend who could not walk to Jesus to be healed. They brought their friend on a cot, but it was too crowded for them to get in to Jesus.

They had an idea. They went onto the roof of the house, removed some tiles and lowered their friend in front of Jesus. [Lower a cardboard cot on string with toy doll down using simple pulley that has been duct taped to ceiling.]

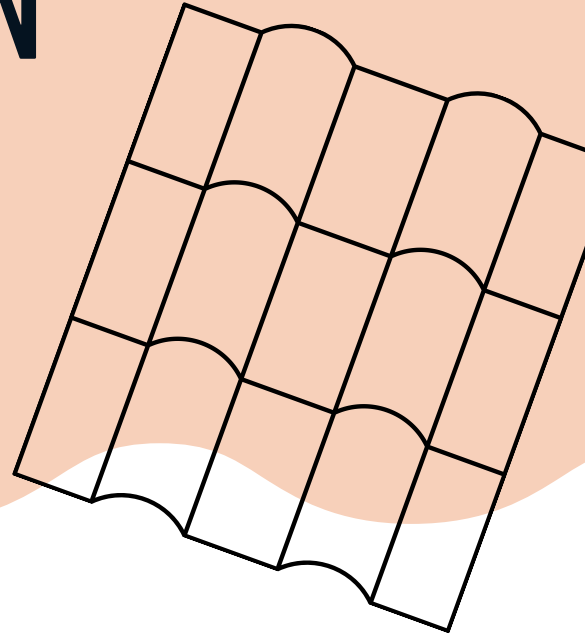
When Jesus saw the man's faith, He told him... Read Mark 2: 5.

Jesus told the man, "Rise, pick up your bed, and go home," (verse 11).

Jesus could forgive sin and heal!

# JESUS HEALED MAN LOWERED FROM ROOF

Sunday School Lesson



## Craft Corner:



Man on Mat (included with this resource)

Color and cut out the man. Glue him to the mat. Optional: Punch holes in the corners of the mat and add string.



## Sing a Song:

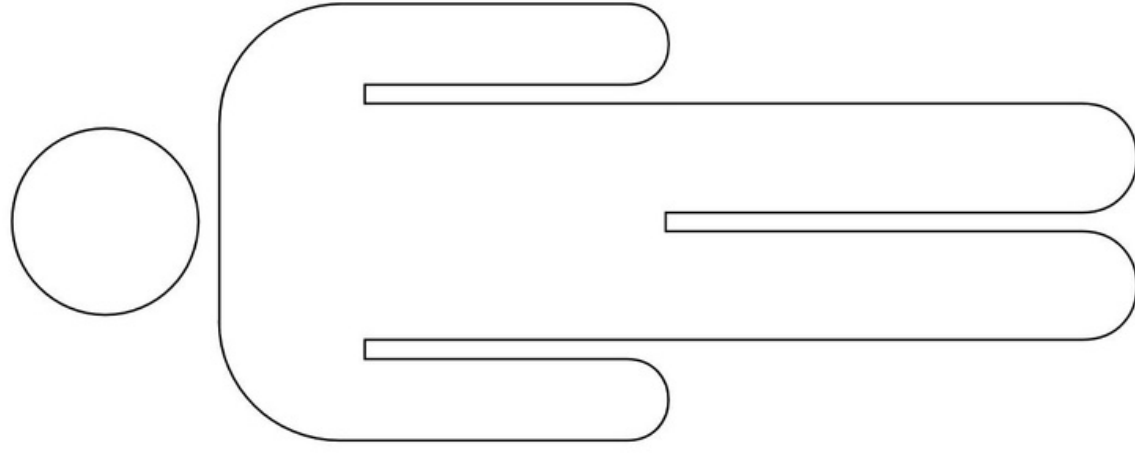
Jesus, You Have Power to Heal action song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdaOGgFQDfU&t=2s>



## Group Game:

Provide enough towels so 4 children can share one. Allow them to grab a corner of the towel. Place a baby doll in the center of the towel. Children must walk and move their friend/doll to the spot you designate. Remind them not to drop their friend/doll.



Color and cut around the man. Glue him to the mat.  
Optional: Punch holes in the 4 corners of mat and add string.



# JESUS CALMED THE SEA

Sunday School Lesson



## **Create Curiosity:**

Provide a blue flat bed sheet (water) and let the kids grab a side and make it go up and down quickly like stormy waves.

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## **Teaching Time:** Mark 4

One day, Jesus was teaching to a crowd. After he was finished, He wanted to get away and rest. He and the disciples got into a boat. [Stand behind large cardboard boat shape.]

Jesus laid down in the stern of the ship. [Have child volunteer to play Jesus and lay on a pillow behind the boat.]

A storm came. [Have all the children watching slap their legs to make rain sounds and use their mouths to make wind sounds.]

The disciples woke Jesus up. [Child on pillow should stand up.] They said, Don't you care that this big storm is going to sink our boat!

Jesus said, "Be still." [Have child playing Jesus say, Be still. The other children should stop making storm sounds.]

Immediately, the wind stopped blowing and the sea was still. The disciples were amazed that even the wind and waves obey Jesus!



# JESUS CALMED THE SEA

Sunday School Lesson



## Craft Corner:

Pool noodle boat  
Cut pool noodle into rounds. Poke a straw in one side. Make a triangular paper flag. Punch holes at top and bottom and stick through the straw.



## Sing a Song:

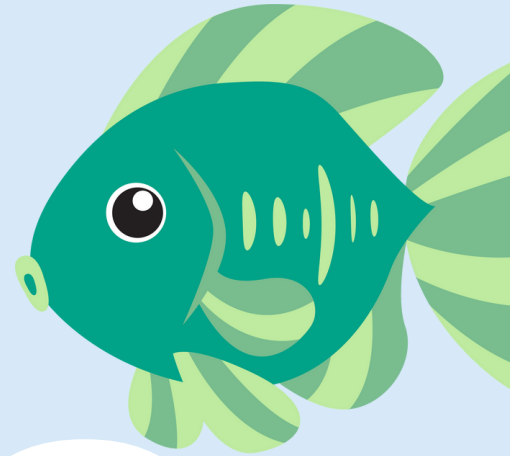


## Group Game:

Play the bed sheet game again from the Create Curiosity section.

# PETER WORSHIPPED JESUS

Sunday School Lesson



## **Create Curiosity:**

Fishing game

Create a toy fishing pole with dowel rod, string and magnet at the end of the string. Cut out fish shapes and add a paper clip on the end. Students take turns "fishing."

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## **Teaching Time:** Luke 5

One day, Jesus stood by a lake. Many people had gathered to hear Him teach about God. He saw two boats by the lake. The fishermen were washing their nets. He asked one of the fishermen named Simon to push out a little from the land and Jesus sat down and taught the people from the boat.

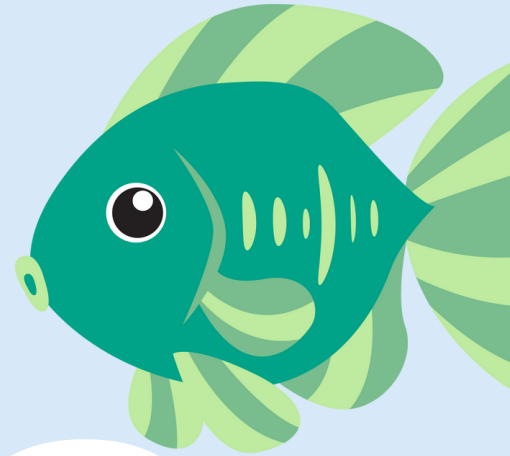
When Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Push out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken.

# PETER WORSHIPPED JESUS

Sunday School Lesson



Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever. He can do amazing things now too!

Simon Peter was amazed and worshipped Jesus. We should be amazed at all Jesus did and can do and worship Him too!



## Craft Corner:

Water Bottle Fish  
Remove the cap. Twist the bottom.  
Decorate with tissue paper/glue.



## Sing a Song:

Yancy, I Stand Amazed  
<https://youtu.be/MvXullFjNJ8>



## Group Game:

Play the fishing game again.

# People Were Amazed by Jesus

## Sunday School Lesson

### Create Curiosity:

Tape different colored construction paper around the room. Tell children that when you call out a color, they are to all walk to that color paper.

### Teaching Time:

Jesus and the disciples traveled all around preaching and teaching. In our story today, they are in a city called Capernaum. Jesus did amazing things here and the people were amazed!

Jesus was teaching all over. The people were AMAZED at what he said. He spoke with such power.

While in Capernaum, Jesus healed a man with an unclean spirit...Simon's mother-in-law... and when a crowd heard and gathered, He healed all the sick people. The people were AMAZED that Jesus could get rid of unclean spirits and heal the sick!

Jesus went alone to pray. Everyone was looking for Him. "Where's Jesus?" they said.

Then He and the disciples traveled to more places.

Jesus did AMAZING things!

Jesus' miracles helped people and showed that He is the Son of God.

### Craft Corner:

Bandaid collage

### Sing a Song:

Yancy, I Stand Amazed

<https://youtu.be/MvXullFjNJ8>

### Group Game: "Where is Jesus?"

Ask, Where is Jesus.

If you respond, Jesus is teaching - children should cup mouth like megaphone

If you respond, Jesus is healing - children should hold hands out in front

If you respond, Jesus is praying - children should make prayer hands

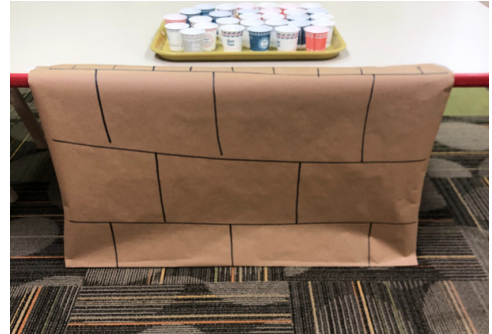
If you respond, Jesus is traveling - children should get up and walk in place

# Woman at the Well

## Sunday School Lesson

### Create Curiosity:

Create a paper "well" and tape to the side of a table. On the table, place small cups of water. Have the children walk to the well and get a drink and sit down for the lesson.



### Teaching Time:

Jesus and his disciples were traveling and teaching people about God. They traveled through Samaria. The disciples went to buy food. Jesus stayed by a well.

Long ago, people did not have running water from a sink in their homes. They would have to go and get water with a bucket at the well and carry it back home.

While he was sitting there, a woman came to get water from the well.

Jesus asked her for some water.

The woman couldn't believe Jesus was talking to her. She had done a lot of bad things. No one wanted to talk to her.

Jesus said, If you knew who I was, you'd be asking Me for living water.

She said, You don't have a bucket to put water in!

Jesus said he was talking about something that satisfies better than water you drink. He was talking about eternal life in heaven with God.

Jesus told the woman all the bad things that she had done. She was amazed! How could he know all that! Only if He was someone very special.

Jesus said, I am the Messiah; the One who can save people from their sins.

She said, I want this living water. She left her water pot jar and ran and told everyone to, Come and see Jesus!

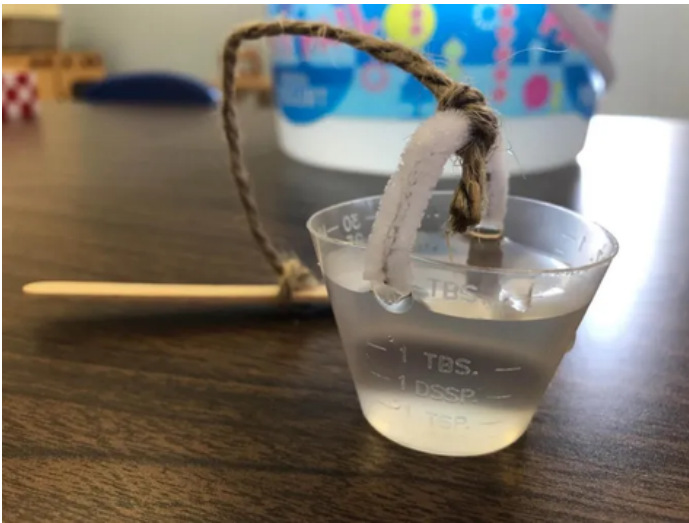
# Woman at the Well Sunday School Lesson

## Craft Corner:

Medicine cup (or small cup), hole punch, pipe cleaner, string, popsicle stick

Directions: Punch holes in the sides of the cup and fix the pipe cleaner like a handle. Tie one end of the string to the bucket handles and the other to a popsicle stick.

Allow kids to dip their bucket into a larger bucket of water to get water like the woman at the well.



## Sing a Song:

Bubbling Up

<https://vimeo.com/166362592>

## Group Game:

Put a large sand bucket on a table at one end of the room. Have another large sand bucket on a table at the other side of the room. Children take turns filling a cup with water and walking it carefully to the other side of the room to fill the bucket located there. Continue until everyone has a turn. The object of the game isn't to fill the empty bucket up, but just to provide an activity to make the lesson more memorable.

# Nicodemus

## Sunday School Lesson

### Create Curiosity:

Show a large clear pitcher of water that is dirty (add dirt from outside in advance). Ask, do you think this water is good for drinking? (No!) Add scoops of clean water to the pitcher and ask if that's any better. (No.) Repeat several times. No matter how much clean water I add, the dirty water just won't get clean! In our story today, we will hear about a man named, Nicodemus. He thought that if he followed the rules and did good, it would be enough to wash his sins and give him eternal life in heaven. But, we cannot do enough good things to make us clean. Only Jesus can make us clean from our sins!

### Teaching Time:

Turn off the lights and provide a lantern, lamp or flashlights to dimly light the room. Explain that Nicodemus came to visit Jesus at night.

*Omit for very young: Why did he come at night? He probably didn't want anyone to see him talking to Jesus. He was a religious leader and religious leaders didn't like Jesus. They didn't believe He was God's Son.*

Jesus talked with Nicodemus. One of the things he told him is a famous verse that most people memorize. Read John 3:16.

Jesus also told Nicodemus that if he wanted to have eternal life, he would have to be born again.

Nicodemus didn't understand. How could someone be born again?

Show your baby picture. Ask, Can I become a baby like in this photo again? (No.)

Explain that Jesus wasn't talking about being born physically, but spiritually. The only way to start over spiritually is to believe that Jesus is God's Son, who died on the cross to pay the wage for your sins.

### Craft Corner:

What Can Wash Away My Sins? heart shaped craft

Provide heart printable and red paint with Q-tips. Allow kids to paint the heart red.

### Sing a Song:

John 3:16 by The Rizers

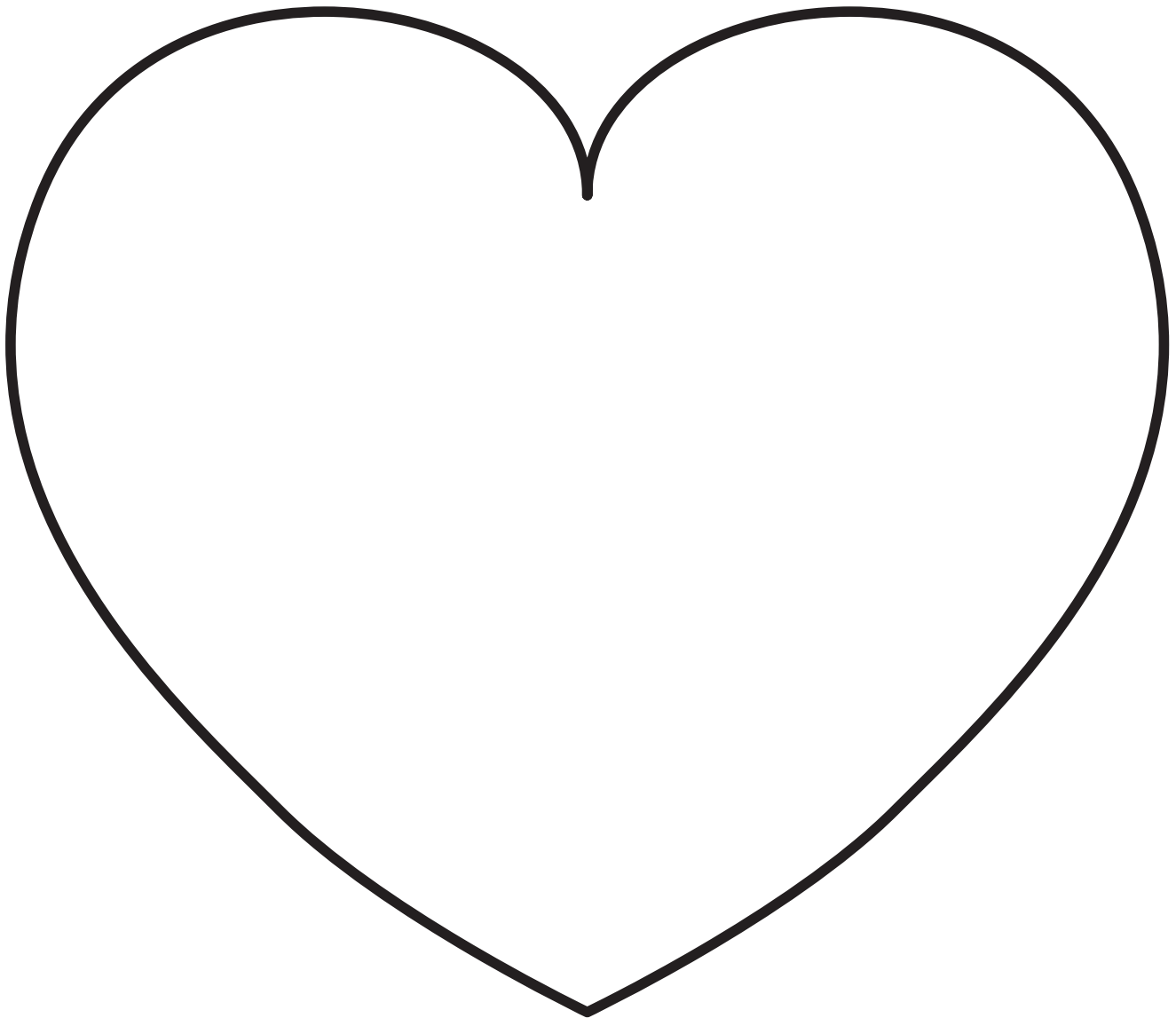
### Group Game:

Don't get caught

Have one player face the wall. Everyone else should move around the room freely. The person who is "it" will say, "1,2, 3, Flashlight" and turn around. He can shine the flashlight on anyone who he/she saw moving. *For very young players, don't make them sit down if they are out. Just allow them to continue. Pick a new person to be "it" often.*



**What can wash away  
my sins?**



**NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS**



# MOTHER'S DAY LESSON

## A Special Mom

### Create Curiosity:

Today is Mother's Day! It's a day set aside to show our mom's we love them. What are some ways your mom takes care of you? (cooks for me, helps me brush my teeth, washed my clothes, plays with me, takes me to the library, etc.)

### Teaching Time:

The Bible tells us about a woman named, Hannah. Hannah wanted a baby more than anything else in the world. Year after year went by, but Hannah still did not have a baby of her own.

When Hannah and her husband went to the temple to worship, Hannah kneeled and prayed to God. She said, God please give me a baby. I will take care of him and teach him to love you. He will work for you all his life. Hannah and her husband went home.

One day, God gave Hannah a little baby boy, just as she had prayed for. Hannah was very happy. She named the baby, Samuel.

Hannah took good care of Samuel. She fed him and washed him and put clean clothes on him.

When Samuel was a little boy, his mother dressed him in his best clothes and took him to the temple. Hannah wanted to keep her promise to God. She said to Eli, the priest at the temple, This is the boy God gave me. This is the boy I prayed for. I want you to teach him how to please God.

Hannah prayed and thanked God.

Read 1 Samuel 2:1-2 from a kid friendly translation.

Hannah said, My heart rejoices. There is no one like God. God is strong and I can trust Him.

Samuel grew up and became a good helper for God.

Craft Corner: Tea-riffic Mom Card

Sing a Song: I Love My Mom by Yancy

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sbYoPF\\_3bs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sbYoPF_3bs)

*I thank God for a tea-riffic Mom like you!*



Cut this section off



Cut slit in middle of tea cup  
using Exacto knife.  
Slip in a tea bag.  
Secure with tape on the back.

**PROVERBS 31:26, "SHE OPENS HER MOUTH WITH WISDOM,  
AND THE TEACHING OF KINDNESS IS ON HER TONGUE."**

# Jesus Came to be the Sacrifice for Sin

## Create Curiosity:

Give every child a paper dollar (from a board game). Say, You must "pay" to get a lollipop. Have each child pay/receive a lollipop.

## Teaching Time:

The Bible tells us that we must pay for our sins. The wage/payment for sins is death.

Long ago, an animal would be sacrificed for sins. Over and over animals would die to pay for the sins of people.

Jesus died on the cross to pay for all sins; once and for all time!

## Craft Corner:

Sing a Song: Tune - Mary Had a Little Lamb

Jesus paid for all my sins, all my sins, all my sins.

Jesus paid for all my sins,

When He died on the cross.

# Jesus Called His Disciples

## Create Curiosity:

Drop Everything and Follow SKIT: Gather stuffed animals into your arms until they are full. Say, I don't think I can hold another thing! If I keep holding onto these things, I won't be able to add anything else.

## Teaching Time:

Andrew and Simon were among the first disciples Jesus called. They were fishermen. (Be sure you still have the stuffed animals in your arms.) They had a lot of things in their lives that they loved: a boat, fishing nets, job, family, house... Jesus said, Follow Me. They dropped everything. (Dramatically drop all the stuffed animals.) They left their fish, their boat, and their family to follow Jesus.

Later, Jesus found a man named Philip. (Begin picking up the stuffed animals as you continue.) Philip had a lot of things he loved: family, house, job... Jesus said, Follow Me. Philip also dropped everything to follow Jesus. He told his friend about Jesus too.

Philip went to get his friend, Nathanael, to bring him to Jesus. Earlier Nathanael had been sitting under a fig tree. Maybe he was watching a bird soar up in the sky or a butterfly flutter by. Maybe he was eating figs from the tree. Maybe he was praying. No one was around. He was all by himself.

Philip found him and said, We've found the Savior the Bible talks about! Come and see!

As they were going to see Jesus, Jesus recognized Nathanael. Nathanael said, How do you know me?

Read John 1:48-49 (Read from your own Bible to show the kids this story is from the Bible)

*48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"* John 1:47-49, ESV

(Pick up the stuffed animals again.) Say, all these men had a lot of things they loved in their lives. But, if they held onto all those things, they would have missed the one thing that was much better!

(Drop all the smaller stuffed animals and replace it with one giant stuffed animal you had hidden.) This is so much better than all the rest, but I wouldn't have been able to hold it if I'd kept on holding onto all those other things. I would have missed the BEST!

Jesus is better than anything else!

# Jesus Called His Disciples

## Craft Corner:

### Shoe Craft

Print out the shoe template onto cardstock or print and glue to cereal box cardboard and cut out. An alternative would be to have the children trace their own shoe.

Punch holes where indicated. Color.

Use yarn to lace the shoe.

## Sing a Song:

Sing, I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus.

I have decided to follow Jesus.

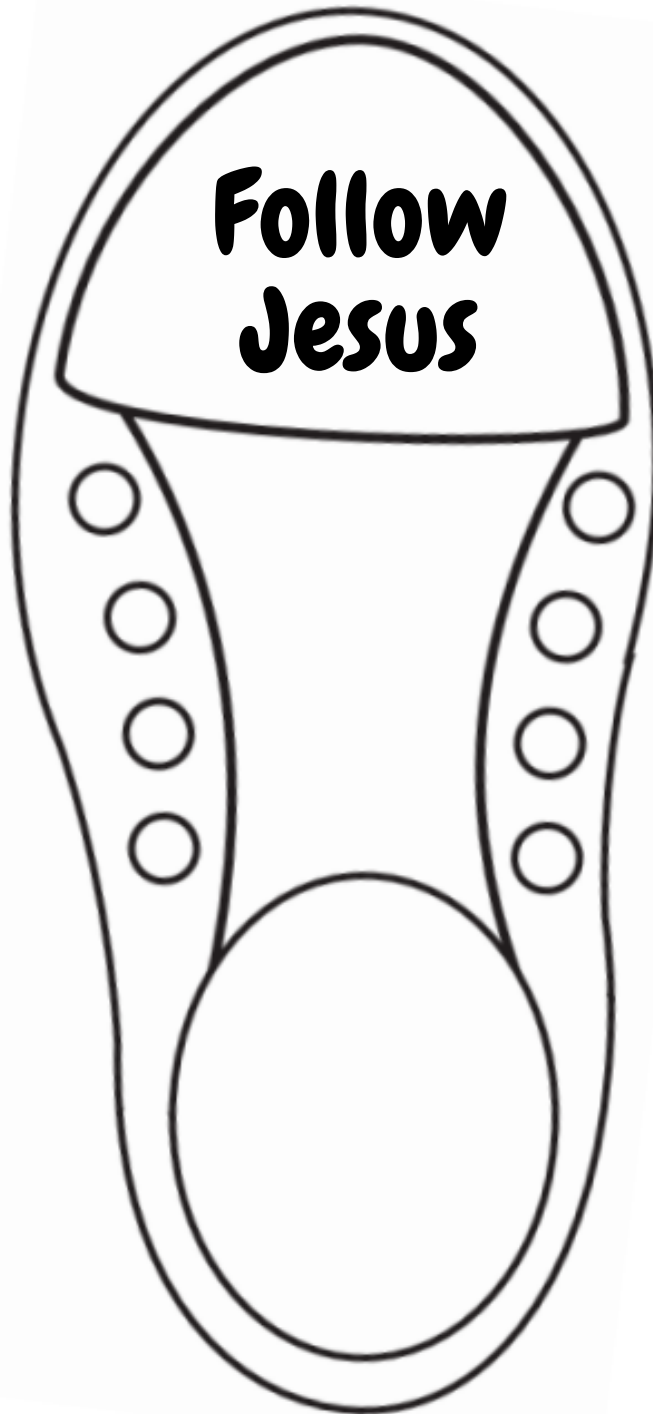
I have decided to follow Jesus.

No turning back. No turning back.

## Group Game:

Play *Follow the Leader* while lively music plays.

Say, Jesus Disciples Followed Him





# Watch Me Teach the Lesson...



## Video Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xdDjn2UmHlw&list=PLln1hd3XXjUF33Gv7Yuhg45fdylsx\\_aU5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xdDjn2UmHlw&list=PLln1hd3XXjUF33Gv7Yuhg45fdylsx_aU5)

# Jesus Was Tempted - Sunday School Lesson

Create Curiosity: Show a vegetable (such as broccoli) and a lollipop Ask, Which would you rather have? The vegetable is so good and healthy for us, but we want what tastes good - even if it's not good for our body or teeth and will make us sticky. That colorful, sweet lollipop is so tempting! Jesus was tempted too.

Teaching Time:

Jesus went off by Himself for 40 days to pray. He didn't eat anything during this time and He was hungry. The devil said, If You are God's Son, turn these stones into bread.

Jesus used the Bible like a weapon against the devil. Did he bonk him on the head with it? No! But, He used a Bible verse to shut the devil up.

Jesus said, The Bible says man shall not live by bread alone. Jesus knew God would take care of His needs. (Deuteronomy 8:3)

Then the devil took Jesus up to the top of the temple roof. He said, If You are God's Son, jump down and see if God sends angels to catch You!

Jesus used the Bible like a weapon against the devil. Did he bonk him on the head? No, but He used a Bible verse to shut the devil up.

Jesus said, The Bible says, Do not test God!" (Deuteronomy 6:16)

The devil took Jesus to a high mountain where they could see kingdoms far and wide. The devil said, I will give You all the money and power of these kingdoms. All You have to do is worship me!

Jesus used the Bible like a weapon against the devil. Did he bonk him on the head? No, but He used a Bible verse to shut the devil up.

Jesus said, The Bible says, Worship only God. Go away! (Deuteronomy 6:13-14)

And the devil went away. The Bible says if we resist the devil, he will flee. (James 4:7)

Ask, Do you ever get tempted?

Does the devil tempt you to yell at mom and say, No! when she tells you to do something?

If you get tempted to disobey your parents, you can use the Bible against the devil. Say, The Bible says to honor your father and mother. (Exodus 20:12)

If you get tempted to push your brother, sister, or friend, you can use the Bible against the devil. Say, The Bible says we should be kind to one another. (Ephesians 4:32)

If you get tempted to take something that doesn't belong to you, you can use the Bible against the devil. Say, The Bible says, You should not steal. (Exodus 20:15)

Craft: Make a simple bookmark using construction paper and stickers or duct tape with sticky sides together.

Sing a Song: Sing, The B.I.B.L.E.



# John Baptised Jesus - Sunday School lesson

## Attention Grabber:

Show a plastic baby doll. "Feed" the baby doll some baby food or similar. Be sure the baby food makes a mess on the baby doll. Put the baby doll into a baby bathtub and show the children that you are washing the baby clean.

## Bible Lesson:

The Bible tells us that a man named John the Baptist was baptizing people by the Jordan River. Jesus came to him and asked him to baptize Him..

Read Matthew 3:13-17

## What is baptism?

Remember when we washed the baby doll because she was dirty? Did you know people can also get dirty on the inside? When we disobey God, that is called sin. When we sin, it's like our insides get dirty. Yucky sin lives inside our hearts and lives. Jesus is the only one who can wash us on the inside. When we choose to follow Jesus and make Him the Lord of our lives by becoming a Christian, He washed all our sins away! We are clean and fresh on the inside! Baptism is a symbol that shows everyone that we are clean on the inside.

## Why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus wasn't dirty on the inside! He never sinned. So why did He want to be baptized? He wanted to show us an example to follow. God wants us to be baptized once we become a Christian. It shows everyone we're a Christian.

## Game:

Parachute fun (Use a sheet if you don't have a parachute.)

Have the children grab hold of the parachute and make it go up and down like a river as you sing.

John baptized Jesus in the river.

John baptized Jesus in the river.

John baptized Jesus in the river,

to show us what to do.

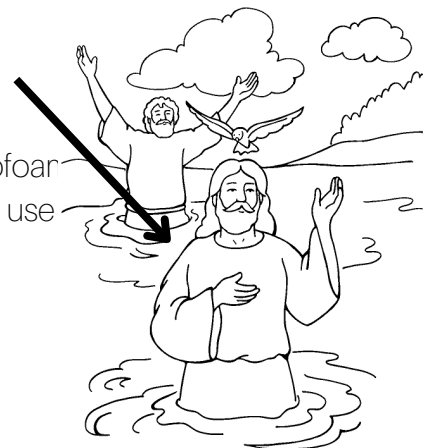
## Craft: Paper Cup River/John Baptizes Jesus

Provide a paper cup, popsicle stick, and Jesus coloring page for each child.

Cut out and tape the Jesus figure to the popsicle stick. Poke it through the bottom of the cup, so that Jesus is inside. Color the cup blue (if using a styrofoam cup.) Make the cup go up and down to show Jesus getting baptized. If you use coloring page, fold the dove back and when Jesus comes up, unfold it.

Get the coloring page here:

<https://www.bestcoloringpagesforkids.com/baptism-coloring-pages.html>





# Simeon and Anna - Sunday School lesson

## Attention Grabber:

Waiting Game - Set a timer for 1 minutes and tell the kids they have to "wait" before you can begin the lesson. Ask, Is it hard to wait sometimes? Like when you wait all year for your birthday to come or for Christmas. In today's story, we're going to hear about two people who had to wait.

## Bible Lesson:

The Bible tells us that there was a man named Simeon. He was in Jerusalem. God had promised him that he would get to see Jesus before he died. But, he had to wait. Day after day, he worked, went home, went to bed, worked, went home, went to bed, worked...and day after day he waited.

One day, the Holy Spirit told him to go into the temple. He went in and there saw Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus. They had come to the temple to dedicate him to the Lord. Maybe you had were a part of a baby dedication service when you were a baby.

Well when Simeon came into the temple and saw baby Jesus, he knew exactly who He was! He took Him up into his arms and blessed God and said:

Read Luke 2:28-32.

Anna, an old widow woman, also came into the temple. She was 84 years old. She did not depart from the temple, but lived near there. Maybe she helped clean up around the temple or helped take care of the plants or flowers around the property. We don't know what all she did there, but we do know the Bible says she served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

Anna came into the temple that instant and listen to what she said and did...

Read Luke 2:38.

Anna spoke to others and told them who she had seen at the temple.

Simeon and Anna had to wait to see Jesus, but He is always worth the wait!

## Game: Joy/Wait Game

Tell the kids that when you say, "Joy," they should jump for joy. When you say, "Wait," they should stop. Continue calling out either Joy or Wait and allow the kids to jump/stop.

## Craft: Toilet roll watch

Trace the bottom of an empty toilet roll onto white paper. Draw numbers and hands like a watch face. Cut the side of the toilet tube, so it slips onto the child's wrist like a slap bracelet. Glue the watch face to the side.

# Hall of Faith - Sunday School lesson

Attention Grabber:

Tell about my dog

Bible Lesson:

Believing God is who He says He is and that He will do what He says He will do.

Watch video

[crosswayfellowship.org](http://crosswayfellowship.org)

Even though we can't see God, we can look around and see all that He does. We know/faith that He exists and that He will reward those who believe Him.

In God's Word, we can read about people who had faith and believed God.

Game: Wall of Faith Walk

Song:

Without faith it's impossible to please God, He will do everything that He says He will do.

Craft: Toilet roll watch

Trace the bottom of an empty toilet roll onto white paper. Draw numbers and hands like a watch face. Cut the side of the toilet tube, so it slips onto the child's wrist like a slap bracelet. Glue the watch face to the side.



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