



WEEK 3

PRESCHOOL LESSON OVERVIEW

BLAST



BIG IDEA

We can share God's story.

THE BIBLE

Peter and John Share the Gospel

Acts 4:1-20

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

WELCOME TIME

- **ACTIVITY** | Hot and Cold
- **ACTIVITY** | The Story of You

TEACHING TIME

- **MUSIC** | Worship time
- **BIBLE STORY** | Mark 2:1-12
- **ACTIVITY** | Telephone
- **PRAYER**

DISCUSSION TIME

- **DISCUSSION** | Snack and Discussion
- **ACTIVITY** | Circle Time
- **ACTIVITY** | Color Story
- **MEMORY VERSE** | Philippians 4:13

PLAY TIME

- **ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page of the Week
- **ACTIVITY** | Dress-Up Storytelling
- **ACTIVITY** | Paper Rocket Races



HOW TO PREP FOR THIS WEEK

WHAT TO GET

ACTIVITY | Rocket Ship Hot and Cold

- Hot and Cold* printable

ACTIVITY | Snack Time

- A yummy snack

MUSIC | Worship Time

- "Free As a Bee," by Hillsong Kids Jr.
- "This Little Light of Mine"

WHAT TO DO IN ADVANCE

- Print your *Hot and Cold* printable and cut.
- Prepare your snack.
- Print your Coloring Page.
- Set out supplies for Play Time.



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PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

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WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Hot and Cold

- Good morning! Are you ready to play a fun game?
- **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.
- It's easy to talk to each other when we're in the same room, but **how do you think astronauts share messages with each other when they're in outer space?** They talk through special radios.
- In our Bible story today, we are going to learn about some people who had an important message to share with others. 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.

TEACHING TIME

MUSIC | Worship Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Spend some time singing with your preschoolers. You can sing any songs you'd like, but for this lesson we like, "Free as a Bee," by Hillsong Kids Jr. and, "This Little Light of Mine."

THE 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, like:
 - Ask the kids to give you a drum-roll by stomping their feet or patting their laps.
 - Shout the Big Idea, then point to the kids and have them shout it back. (Change it up by using funny voices, different volumes, or inflections.)
 - Have a character (either recurring or rotating) come out every week to reveal the Big Idea.
 - Write it on a piece of paper and hide it somewhere in the room. Have the kids go on a "hunt" for it. When it's found, read it out loud.
- This week's Big Idea: **we can share God's story.**

BIBLE STORY | Acts 4:1-20

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look up the story in your Bible and read it to your preschoolers.
- In this Bible story, Peter and John were two people who traveled around telling others about Jesus.
- They loved Jesus, and they knew that Jesus loves and forgives all people.
- They knew they had to share that story with others, so they told everyone all about Jesus and how amazing He was.
- 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.
- **Do you think Peter and John were scared? Do you think they wanted to stop?**
- Peter and John said they couldn't stop talking about Jesus. They kept telling everyone how amazing Jesus was, even though it might have gotten them in trouble.
- Like Peter and John, God wants us to share about His love with others too.
- We can tell people how wonderful God is and about the great things He has done.
 - You can share about the things you learn in church or the things you hear about in the Bible.
 - You can share your memory verses.
 - You can share what you are thankful for.
 - You can share God's story with others.

- Sometimes it might be hard, but Peter and John had courage because they knew God was helping them. You can have courage too.

ACTIVITY | Space Telephone

- Let's play a game to help us remember that we can share our story with others – and that sharing our story can help our faith grow as well as theirs.
- **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.*
 - *The astronauts inside the spaceship.*
 - *Asteroids hit the planet.*
 - *Planets orbit the sun.*
 - *There is no gravity in space.*
- 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.

PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you that Jesus loves us and forgives us. Help us to share our story about you with others. In Jesus' name, amen.
- Would you like to pray? Is there anything I can pray for you about or thank God for?

DISCUSSION TIME

DISCUSSION | Snack and Discussion

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pass out a snack to all of your preschoolers and ask them to sit and listen while they eat. Your discussion will be more effective when they're busy sitting and snacking!*
- **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:** *After their snack, 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.**

ACTIVITY | Color Story

- **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.

MEMORY VERSE | Philippians 4:13

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Check out the Memory Verse Guide in your Programming Folder for ideas on how to help your preschoolers memorize Bible verses. Here are the hand motions for this month's memory verse . . .

I CAN (make a fist on an open hand)
DO ALL THINGS (open both hands facing upward)
THROUGH CHRIST (point up with both hands)
WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH (flex those muscles).

PLAY TIME

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

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page of the Week

- **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 parents.