



WEEK 5

PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE

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WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Play-Doh Cakes

- This month, we're talking about going to Jesus' party! We're going to make party theme pictures with Play-Doh.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids Play-Doh, rolling pins, plastic knives, and toy plates.
- Let's pretend to make cakes and cupcakes for a party.
- Who do you think is invited to the party? We're all invited!

ACTIVITY | Seats at the Table

- We're having a party! Everyone has a seat this party table. Let's play a game.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Tell everyone to sit at a seat at the table (or use spots on a rug on the floor). Then set a cup or bowl at each place setting. When you say, "Pass," they will pass their cup or bowl around the table to the next person. When you say, "Switch," they will all get up and switch seats with someone and leave their cups on the table. Play a few rounds.
- What a fun game! **If this were Jesus' part, who do you think He'd invite?** Everyone!

TEACHING TIME

MUSIC | Worship Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Spend some time singing with your preschoolers. You can select any songs you'd like, but for this lesson we like, "I Came to Party" by The Lads and, "My Best Friend," by Hillsong Kids.

THE BIG IDEA | We're invited to Jesus' party.

- **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 to the kids.*
- This week's Big Idea: **We're invited to Jesus' party.**

BIBLE STORY | Luke 14:7-24

- All month, we've been talking about parties, but today let's make up a dream party. If you could have anything you wanted there, what would it be? Don't be afraid to dream big and over the top.
 - **Who would you invite?**
 - **What would you eat?**
 - **What would you do?**
 - **What games would you play?**
 - **Would you bring in a famous singer to sing songs?**
 - **Would you bring in a circus to perform?**
 - **Would you have horses to ride? Or unicorns?**
 - **Maybe real super heroes?**
- That sounds like an amazing party, but I'm not sure any party can top Jesus' party. Let's listen to a Bible story about some people who were invited to a great party.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the story in your Bible and read it to your preschoolers.*
- In today's Bible story, Jesus used a story to teach us something. This story is about a man who was throwing an amazing party. The man in this story invited a lot of people, **but did the first people who were invited come to the party?** No, they all had excuses!
- **What did the master do after the first guests didn't come to the party?** He sent his servant out into the streets to invite people who were in need. They got to enjoy the amazing food and wonderful party.
- Remember, Jesus used stories to teach us. So, let's look at the people in our story again to see what we can learn.
- The first set of people that were invited to the party, the ones that didn't come are people who don't follow Jesus and don't think they need him. The second set of people, the ones that got to enjoy the food and party, are the people who want to follow God.
- **We are all invited to live for God and have a relationship with Him, and when we do, we get to be special guests at His party!**

ACTIVITY | Invitation Matching

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print two copies of the Invitation Matching printable from your Week 5 folder on card stock and cut the cards apart. Turn them over and mix them up. Let the kids take turns turning two cards over at a time to try and find a match.*

- We're going to play a game that involves different things you see or do at a party. **What are some of your favorite things to do at parties?**

PRAYER

- Let's spend time with God in prayer. Today, we're going to thank God that we are all invited to His party.
- Dear God, thank you for loving us and giving us a chance to be your best friend and be at your party. Thank you that we can live with you forever in heaven one day. We love you. Amen.

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! **This week make snack a little more special, because this is the time for our party!** Serve a special party snack (check for food allergies first). Use fun party plates and decorate the table.*
- **Who is invited to Jesus' party?** *(Everyone.)*
- **Did everyone in the story accept the invitation? (No.)**
- **Who got to come to the party in the Bible story?** *(People who were in need.)*
- **What do you think you would do at a party with Jesus?**

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have the kids sit in a circle and close their eyes. Tap one child on the shoulder and help them leave the room or hide so the rest of the kids can't see them. Once the kid is out of view, ask the rest of the kids to open their eyes and look around and guess who is missing. You can play several rounds.*
- **Who's missing?**
- **How does it feel when someone is missing?**
- **Do we want anyone to miss out on Jesus' awesome party?**
- **How can we make sure no one misses His party?**

ACTIVITY | Church Invitations

- We don't want anyone to miss out on Jesus' awesome party! **How can we help make sure people don't miss it?** One thing we can do is to invite them to church! Today we are going to make an invitation for you to give to someone and invite them to church.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print the Invitation printable (from your Week 5 folder) on card stock. You can give each child at least one. They can have more if they want to make more. Give them stickers, markers and crayons to use to decorate their invitations.*
- Take your invitations home with you and use them to invite people to church.

MEMORY VERSE | John 1:1

- **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 . . .

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD (*make a book with your hands in front of you*),

AND THE WORD (*spread your hands apart like an open book*)

WAS WITH GOD (*point both arms up*)

AND THE WORD (*bring hands back down like an open book*)

WAS GOD (*bring arms back up and point up again*).

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 that they are invited to the party with Jesus.

ACTIVITY | Party Games

- Let's have some fun together and celebrate a fun time at church learning that **we can go to the party with Jesus**. Let's play a classic party game of Grandma's Footsteps.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** One child is the grandma (or grandpa) who stands at the far end of the room, with their back to the rest of the group. The rest of the group stands at the opposite end of the room in a line. The other kids have to try and sneak up on Grandma. But at any point, the grandma can turn around, when they do, everyone has to freeze! Anyone seen moving by grandma is either 'out' or sent back to the starting line. The first one to Grandma wins and gets to play Grandma next.

ACTIVITY | Tissue Dance

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give every child a piece of tissue paper or a crepe paper streamer and have them put it on their heads before the music starts. Then start the music and tell the kids to dance, but try not to let the tissue paper hit the ground. If it starts to fall, they can catch the tissue and put it back on their head, but if they miss and it lands on the floor, they are out. The last one with a tissue on their head wins.

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