



WEEK 1

PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



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THE BIBLE

Jesus at the Temple as a Boy:

Luke 2:41-52

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WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Fingerprints

- Welcome! We're starting a new series called Not Normal, and we're learning how Jesus is not normal!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide washable ink pads, paper, and plastic magnifying glasses. Help the kids push their fingers into the ink and then make fingerprints on the paper. Give the kids magnifying glasses to look closely at their fingerprints. Show them how each fingerprint looks a little different.
- Everyone has different and special fingerprints. You are not the same as other people. Jesus is not the same as other people, either.

ACTIVITY | Marching Together

- We are going to hear about a traveling family in our story today. Let's pretend to travel together.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Walk and dance around the room to an upbeat song. You can march from one end of the room to the other and call out different places or walls in the room for the kids to run to.
- Now, let's learn about people in the Bible who traveled together.

TEACHING TIME

MUSIC | Worship Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Spend time singing with your preschoolers. You can sing any songs you'd like, but for this lesson we like, "This is the Day" by Wonder Kids and, "Better is One Day" by Worship Jamz.

THE BIG IDEA | Jesus is not normal

- **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 inside a Bible. Have one of the kids find it in the Bible. When it's found, read it to the kids.
- This week's Big Idea: **Jesus is not normal.**

BIBLE STORY | Luke 2:41-52

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the story in your Bible and read it to your preschoolers.*
- In our story, Jesus was twelve years old. He was just a boy and was traveling with His family. They traveled with a lot of other people in their family and friends.
- **Where was their family going?** They were going to Jerusalem to celebrate a holiday called Passover.
- After staying in Jerusalem for Passover, Jesus' parents, Joseph and Mary left and started traveling home with the big group of people they were traveling with.
- **How many days did they travel before they realized Jesus was not traveling with them?** They traveled for a day before they realized Jesus was not with them.
- **Have you ever been left somewhere accidentally?** That's what happened to Jesus! His parents thought Jesus was with someone else in the group, but He wasn't.
- **When they got back to Jerusalem, where did they find Jesus?** They found Him in the temple.
- Jesus was talking with the smart Bible teachers in the Temple. Jesus was not like a normal boy. Jesus could understand the teachers and ask them questions and teach them things. Jesus had wisdom.
- In this story, we learned Jesus is not normal. Jesus is special.

ACTIVITY | Backwards Races

- Jesus is not normal because He is special and amazing! Let's play a game where we race in ways that are not normal and backwards.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Assign each kid a buddy or spotter, and have the kids line up on one side of the room. Tell them when you say "Go," they have to get to the other side of the room in whatever way you call out. For younger kids, have an adult watching each kid to make sure they don't fall or run into anything.*
- Call out the following backwards racing styles:
 - Walk backwards
 - Hop backwards
 - Crawl backwards
 - March backwards

PRAYER

- Let's spend time talking with God in prayer.
- Dear God, we thank You that Jesus is not normal. Help us remember how special He is and worship Him this week. Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

DISCUSSION | Snack and Discussion

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a snack. As the kids eat their snack, ask them these questions about the Bible story.
- **Who was Jesus traveling with?** (His parents and a large group.)
- **When it was time to go home, did Jesus leave Jerusalem with his parents?** (No, He stayed in Jerusalem.)
- **Where did Joseph and Mary find Jesus?** (In the Temple.)
- **What was Jesus doing in the Temple?** (Teaching and talking with Bible teachers.)

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have the kids join you in a circle on the floor. Put three small jingle bells or a bell with a ringer in your hand and pass them around the circle. Tell the kids to pass the bells around the circle without letting the bells make any noise. To make it harder, have them pass it over their heads or behind their backs. When you say "Stop," whoever is holding the bells will answer a question.
- **How is our game a not normal way to use jingle bells?**
- **What is one thing that is not normal about Jesus?**
- **What is one thing you can do this week to be not normal, like Jesus?**

ACTIVITY | Find the Hidden Card

- Let's play a game where everyone will help look for a card with Jesus' name on it.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the service, write the name "Jesus" on a five index cards. Hide the cards in the room. See how many cards the kids can find in two minutes.
- The card has the letters J-E-S-U-S, and that spells, Jesus. You found the Jesus cards just like Joseph and Mary found Jesus at the Temple.

MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 118:24a

- **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 . . .

THIS (point to the ground) **IS THE DAY** (hold both arms over your head in a circle) **THAT THE LORD** (point up) **HAS MADE** (clap your hands once).

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 Jesus was special because He was filled with wisdom.

ACTIVITY | Traveling in Cars

- How did you get here today? Did you come in a car, a truck, or a train? When Jesus and His family traveled, they didn't use cars or trucks. They walked or rode on animals, such as horses or donkeys. Let's play with cars and pretend to make them travel, like Jesus' family traveled.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Help the kids use masking tape or road tape to make roads on the floor. You could also use road mats. Give the kids toy vehicles to drive around the roads. You can make a "Temple" out of blocks and make one of the roads lead to the Temple.

ACTIVITY | Play-Foam or Play-Doh Creations

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids Playfoam or Play-Doh and tell them to use it to make something unique and not-normal. You can give them molds, and other creative supplies, such as craft sticks, pipe cleaners, and googly eyes.

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