



WEEK
FIVE
MARCH 2025

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus can do anything.

**JESUS HEALS PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW
MATTHEW 8:14-15**

MEMORY VERSE

"And the power of the Lord was with Jesus."

LUKE 5:17, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can do anything?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus can do anything.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

Knock, Knock. Is Jesus There?
Would a Doctor Use This?
Color Change

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Nothing You Can't Do" and "Come On with Me"
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Pass It On!
Acting Up
Hot and Cold
Move and Review
Book of Amazing Things
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Memory Verse Card
Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)
Parent Cue App



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



1. KNOCK, KNOCK. IS JESUS THERE?

WHAT YOU NEED: "Knock, Knock" Activity Page, cardstock, construction paper in a variety of colors, foam heart stickers, and painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Knock, Knock" on cardstock, one per Small Group. Tape the picture of Jesus to the wall at child's height. Cover the picture of Jesus with a piece of construction paper, taping to the wall down one side to make a door. Add a heart sticker "doorknob" to the construction paper. Tape the other pieces of construction paper to the wall in the same manner, and add a heart sticker to each piece of construction paper for the doorknob.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Lead the children around the room to each "door." As you approach the door, lead the children to say, "Knock, knock. Is Jesus there?" Lead them to open each door until you find the picture of Jesus. When you find Him, celebrate together.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand here with me! Do you see the doors around the room? Let's knock on each door to see if we can find Jesus. When we knock on the door, let's say, 'Knock, knock. Is Jesus there?'"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "'Follow me. (Encourage children to knock on the piece of construction paper. Leave the piece of construction paper that Jesus is behind for last.) 'Knock, knock. Is Jesus there?' Let's see. (Open the door.) No. He's not there. (Shut the door.) Let's try another door. (Walk to the other doors.) What about this one? (Encourage children to knock on the piece of construction paper.) 'Knock, knock. Is Jesus there?' There's Jesus! We found Him. Everyone, say: 'Hello! Hello, Jesus!' Great job!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we're going to hear a story about Jesus going to someone's house. Come with me to hear all about it!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by stopping periodically along the way to "knock" on an imaginary door three times and say, "Knock, Knock. Is Jesus there?"

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1. PASS IT ON!

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Sticker" Activity Page, Avery® Labels #22830 or equivalent, scissors, gift box, music player, and this month's music

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Memory Verse Stickers" on label paper and cut, one sticker per child. Place the stickers inside the gift box. Say the Memory Verse with the motions together several times.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children to sit in a circle in your activity area. Lead them to pass the gift box around the circle as the music plays. Stop the music periodically and call for the child holding the box to open it and take a Memory Verse sticker. Repeat until every child has a sticker.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's say our Memory Verse together. Ready? 'And the power (*muscle arms*) of the Lord (*point up*) was with Jesus,' (*tap finger to middle of each palm*) Luke 5:17. (*Open hands like a book*). Good job!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit here in a circle with me. I have this gift box, and inside there's something for everyone! We'll pass this box around the circle as the music plays. When the music stops, if you're holding the box, you can open it and see what's inside! Ready? (*Start the music.*) Pass the box from friend to friend. (*Pause the music.*) Our friend, [*child's name*], has the box. Open it up and look inside. (*Pause.*) Take one sticker and close the box. (*Pause.*) When the music starts, let's start passing it again. (*Start the music.*) Here we go! (*Continue until each child has a turn to open the box and get a sticker.*) That was fun! Look at your sticker. It says, 'And the power of the Lord was with Jesus,' Luke 5:17. That's our Memory Verse! Let's stand up and say it together with the motions. 'And the power (*muscle arms*) of the Lord (*point up*) was with Jesus,' (*tap finger to middle of each palm*) Luke 5:17. (*Open hands like a book*). Fantastic!"

KEY QUESTION

Who can do anything?

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God gave Jesus the power to do anything. Only Jesus could stop a storm, or make someone see, feed 5,000 with just two fish and five loaves of bread, and make sick people better because **Jesus can do anything! Who can do anything? Jesus can do anything!**"

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MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



3. HOT AND COLD

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Butcher paper and washable markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Set the butcher paper on the table and write "HOT" in large block letters on the top left of the paper and "COLD" on the right.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to name things that are "hot." Write or draw simple pictures to depict their answers. If they're stumped, give them some ideas, like the sun, an oven, soup, a bonfire, a desert, fireworks, a hair dryer, beaches, a barbeque, a candle, a griddle, a hot cup of coffee. After you've brainstormed several answers, lead the children to name things that are cold. Write or draw simple pictures to depict their answers. If they're stumped, give them a few ideas, like ice cream, snow, a frozen lake, air conditioning or a fan, iced tea, a snow cone, a refrigerator, a swimming pool.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit with me at the table."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's name some things that are hot and some things that are cold. I'll write down your answers under each side. (Pause for answers.) Wow! This is a great list!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today we learned about how Jesus helped Peter's mother-in-law. She had a fever, which means she was very hot and sick. Jesus touched her hand and the fever went away! She was all better. Jesus helped her because **Jesus can do anything! Who can do anything? Jesus can do anything!**"

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4. MOVE AND REVIEW

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Move and Review" Activity Page, cardstock, and painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Move and Review" on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Tape the pictures around

the classroom at child's height.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Walk the children over to the Bible Story picture from week one—Jesus calms the storm. Talk about how Jesus calmed a storm. Lead the children to wiggle as if in a storm, and then freeze, to show that the storm has stopped. Make this silly and over-the-top, not like a scary storm. Repeat the Bottom Line together. **"Jesus can do anything!"**

Then walk the children to the picture from week two—Jesus heals the man born blind. Talk about how Jesus healed the man who could not see. Lead the children to cover and uncover their eyes. Repeat the Bottom Line together. **"Jesus can do anything!"**

Walk the children over to the Bible Story picture from week four—Jesus feeds the 5,000. Talk about how Jesus fed a crowd of over 5,000 people with one small meal of fish and bread. Lead the children to pretend to catch a fish and then eat it! Repeat the Bottom Line together: **"Jesus can do anything!"**

Walk the children over to the Bible Story picture from week five—Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law. Lead the children to lay down on the floor and get back up. Repeat the Bottom Line together: **"Jesus can do anything!"**

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, we've been learning that **Jesus can do anything**. Let's talk about all the things we've learned!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Walk with me! (*Walk to the picture of the storm.*) Look at this picture. What do you see? (*Pause.*) Yes! Jesus calmed the storm. Let's wiggle, wiggle, wiggle . . . and FREEZE! Jesus calmed the storm because **Jesus can do anything**. That was fun!

"Come with me to the next picture. (*Walk to the picture of the man born blind.*) Look at this picture. What do you see? (*Pause.*) Yes! Jesus healed the man born blind. Let's open and close our eyes! Jesus healed the blind man because **Jesus can do anything**. Let's keep going! (*Walk to the picture of Andrew and Peter with lots of fish.*)

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“Look at this picture, and tell me what you see. *(Pause.)* Lots and lots of fish! Let’s pretend to swim around like fish. Jesus filled Peter and Andrew’s nets with tons and tons of fish because **Jesus can do anything.** *(Walk to the picture of the huge crowd.)*”

“Look at this picture. What do you see? *(Pause.)* Yes! Jesus fed a HUGE crowd with just two fish and five loaves of bread. Let’s pretend to bite into a piece of bread! Yummy! Good job! Jesus fed over 5,000 people with one small meal of bread and fish because **Jesus can do anything.** *(Walk to the picture of Peter’s mother-in-law.)*”

“Okay, let’s look at the last picture. What do you see? *(Pause.)* Jesus healed Peter’s mother-in-law. Let’s lay on the floor and get back up! Good job. Jesus healed Peter’s mother-in-law because **Jesus can do anything.**”

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “Wow! Only Jesus can do these amazing things because **Jesus can do anything. Who can do anything? Jesus can do anything!**”



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, a fun-shaped pen, and rewards stickers or a handstamp

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Luke 5:17.

Encourage the children to skip as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

MEMORY VERSE

"And the power of the Lord was with Jesus."

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and Memory Verse Hand Motions. Then, encourage the children to help you make a list in the journal of people who are sick or have a boo-boo.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

KEY QUESTION

Who can do anything?

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to skip to our spot, like this! (*Demonstrate.*) Just do your best and skip with me! (*Skip as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) That was fun! Now we can sit down and talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus can do anything.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) "In our Bible Story today, Jesus made a sick woman's fever go away just by touching her hand! Wow! **Jesus can do anything! Who can do anything? Jesus can do anything!** I wonder if the woman felt like skipping when she got out of bed. I would be so happy, I think I would skip!"

BASIC TRUTH

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"We've been learning a Bible verse that tells us how **Jesus can do anything.** It says: 'And the power (*muscle arms*) of the Lord (*point up*) was with Jesus,' (*tap finger to middle of each palm*) Luke 5:17. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do! 'And the power (*muscle arms*) of the Lord (*point up*) was with Jesus,' (*tap finger to middle of each palm*) Luke 5:17. (*Open hands like a book.*)"



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"Fantastic! You sound like you're ready to try and say that verse by yourself! I want everyone to sit down, and we'll take turns saying that Bible verse. Who wants to go first? I have my stickers/handstamp ready! Way to go, [child's name]! (Give two thumbs-up.) Here is a sticker/stamp for you! (Say and do this with each child as they try and say the Bible verse.) I'm very proud of you for trying to say that Bible verse. When I count to three, I want everyone to stand up and show me your sticker/stamp. One, two, three! (Pause to look.) Yay! (Clap.)

"Now let's sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Open journal.) We know people who are sick or have a boo-boo. Sometimes we're the ones who are sick and have a boo-boo! Let's make a list of people we know who are sick or have a boo-boo in our journal, and then we can use the list when we pray. When I say your name, tell me one person who is sick or has a boo-boo and I will write it in our journal. (Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "It was very kind of you to make this list with me. (Hold up journal.) Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.) Dear God, we have some friends and family who are sick or have a boo-boo. We know You can do anything, so we are praying for them today. Will You please help (read the names on the list) get better? We also pray that they will love You and follow You. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."