

c|Life Preschool

Unit 3 Lesson 1: I Learn About God Through Jesus

Heartprint: God shows me who He is

Memory Verse: Romans 5:8

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Link to our video large group: we are having technical difficulties this morning. If we are able to get the video working, it will be on the website.

Song: Shine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnQ3vEHCb08>
We Can Praise Him (after the story and just for this week):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8kqCJTbu4M>

Activity: Working with my friend game

Items Needed:

- List of things a friend would/would not do

Instructions: Have children pair up and stand together against opposite walls. The pairs will answer one at a time. As you read each situation, the children decide as a pair if this is something a friend would do or would not do. If it is something a friend would do, they take one step forward. If it is not, they take one step back. The first pair to meet in the middle wins.

Connection Point: We are doing this together as friends. Friends are people who are nice and kind. When we were not nice to God, He still gave His only Son for us, so that we could be a friend of God. Friendship with God brings us happiness! God did this even though we were His enemies. God is love!

Craft: I am a friend of God headband

Items Needed:

- Sentence strip
- Crayons/Markers/Stickers (optional)
- Stapler

Instructions: Write “_____ (child’s name) is a friend of God” on the sentence strip. Allow children to color and decorate his/her own strip. When the child is finished, wrap the sentence strip around his head and use the stapler to attach it end-to-end to make a headband.

Connection Point: Since God sent Jesus to save us from our sins, we can become friends of God. God loves us and wants to be our friend.

Bible Lesson: *I Learn About God Through Jesus*

Memory Verse: "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 ESV

This week's story is taken from Romans 5:6-11:

Raise your hand if you have a friend. Do you like your friends? Yes! Have you ever had someone be mean to you? Let me see your sad face! If someone is mean to you do you want to be friends with them? No. In our story today, we are going to learn about someone who did everything for their enemy, just to be friends. We are going to learn from this book (hold up Bible). The Bible is God's Word. The Bible is always true; the Bible is always right.

Let's open our Bibles to Romans 5.

Raise your hand if you think that you have always done EVERYTHING right. Well, let's think about it. There probably has been a time when you did not do the right thing. Have you ever been mean to your brother or sister? Have you hit your friend? In the book of Romans in the Bible, we learn that all of us have lived in a way that made us enemies to God. Oh no! Do we want to be enemies of God? NO! Let's keep going in our story.

All of us have sinned - sins are the bad things we do. When we sin, we make God sad because we choose what we want instead of what God wants. When we live in sin, God is far away from us because He is holy and cannot live with sin. God wants to live near us, though! Even though we are not perfect and do bad things sometimes, God still had a plan all along for us to live with Him. God sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us EVEN when we were bad - when we did everything God said not to do! God sent Jesus because God loves us!

When God sent Jesus for us, we became friends with God. Because we are friends with God, He saves us! When we are friends with God, He sends us the Holy Spirit to live with us so that we have the power to obey. When we obey, we are happy! I am glad that God loved us SO much that He sent His Son to die so that we could live. Remember, though, Jesus died, He is ALIVE today! We learn who God is through Jesus; we learn how much God loves us because He sent Jesus.

How do we thank God? We sing songs of praise to let Him know that we love Him too! Let's sing right now! (Sing "We can Praise Him"):

Motions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8kqCJTbu4M> Good recording: <https://youtu.be/clJCI5i2ADg>

Let's pray:

God, you are love. Thank you for loving us even when we aren't nice. Thank you for sending your Son to save us and help us obey. We love being your friend; you make us happy! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Questions:

1. God sent His Son while we were still ? (enemies)
2. Why did God send His Son to save us? (Because He loves us)
3. Does God want us to be friends? (Yes)
4. Who did God send to die for us? (Jesus)
5. Is Jesus still dead? NO! Jesus is ALIVE!



Would a friend act this way?

1. Make cookies and bring some to share with you.
2. Bring you a present for your birthday.
3. Kick you when you are playing.
4. Sing a song for you.
5. Eat all their candy without sharing.
6. Push you off your bicycle.
7. Help you stand up if you fall.
8. Give you a hug if you are sad.
9. Watch a funny movie with you.
10. Tell you they don't like your clothes.
11. Scream at you.
12. Buy ice cream for you.
13. Cut in line in front of you.
14. Always make you go last.
15. Give you a flower.
16. Draw a picture for you.
17. Invite you over to play.
18. Let you go down the slide first.
19. Take turns.
20. Help you make good choices.