

c|Life Preschool

Unit 3 Lesson 3: I Learn about God through other people who believe in God

Heartprint: God shows me who He is

Memory Verse: Romans 5:8

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Link to our video large group: https://youtu.be/QGdx_5IKEBM

Song: Shine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnQ3vEHCb08>

Activity: Do I look more like Jesus?

Items Needed:

- Ball

Instructions: Have the children sit in a circle. Whoever has the ball shares a way they have done or can do something to love and serve others. When she is finished, she carefully rolls the ball to another child.

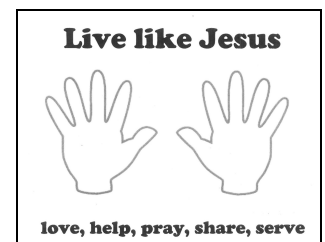
Help them come up with ways they can: Love each other. Serve each other. Share what they have. Pray and be patient. Celebrate with those who are celebrating, mourn with those who mourn. Be friends with everyone. Help those who try to harm you.

Connection Point: When we love others the way Jesus loves us, we look more like Jesus! When we do this we defeat evil!

Craft: Live like Jesus

Items Needed:

- *Live like Jesus* template (at home, you can write the words like the template onto a piece of paper)
- Marker (to trace hands) or Paint (optional for handprints)
- Crayons



Instructions: Give each child a *Live like Jesus* template. Trace the child's hand and allow them to color, if they would like (or you may help them do their handprints).

Connection Point: We are called to live like Jesus; we are to love, help, pray for, share and serve others. When we live like Jesus others will see His love through us. Wouldn't you love for others to see Jesus in you?

Bible Lesson: *I learn about God through other people who believe in God.*

Memory Verse: "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 ESV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEyB0qIPWL8>

This week's story is taken from Romans 12:9-21:

Do you think you could be happy for a friend who is happy or sad with a friend who is sad? What if you and your best friend ran a race at school with everyone watching and your friend won. Do you think you could celebrate and be happy for your friend? What if you had a friend that was sad. Maybe your friend lost their dog, do you think you could be sad with them?

In our story today, Paul is writing to the Romans and telling them how Jesus wants them to live.

Let's open this book, our Bible, to Romans. The Bible is God's Word. The Bible is always true. The Bible is always right.

In the book of Romans, Paul is telling us what it is like to live a life that looks like Jesus. I want you to think as I tell you the story and see if you are good at any of these things. None of us are perfect at any of them, but when we study God's Word, the Holy Spirit helps us live our lives more like Jesus.

Paul says:

1. We should LOVE each other. (raise your hand if you really love each other)
2. We should not be LAZY but SERVE each other. (raise your hand if you are a good helper!)
3. We should SHARE with people in need. (raise your hand if you share your toys and things)
4. We should PRAY to God and be PATIENT even when we are hurting. (raise your hand if you pray)
5. We should be HAPPY with those who are happy, SAD with those who are sad and make FRIENDS with everyone. (who thinks they can do this?)
6. We should NOT punish those who wrong us. Instead we should look for what they need and HELP them! (This one is hard because if someone hurts you then you want to hurt them back, but Paul says not to; instead we are to help them! God will help you be nice, and God makes all things right).

Paul says we defeat evil by doing good! Just like a spiritual super hero we fight all the bad in this world and win when we are living like Jesus. Cartoon superheroes are not real, but Jesus is real and Jesus is alive living in us. Do you want to fight all the bad in this world? Paul tells us we fight all the bad in this world with love, not with fights.

How do you think you could live like Jesus this week? Raise your hand and tell me how you could love someone or serve someone this week. How you could make a friend or not punish someone who has been mean to you? How could you share with someone in need?

When we live and love like Jesus, then other people get to see what Jesus is really like, even if they don't know Him yet. Let's say that "Sarah" (name of a child in large group) loved everyone like this. Then at school, on the playground or at the store, wherever she is, everyone will see that she really loves people. That would help people want to know more about Jesus.

When Paul wrote this letter he wanted christians to know that they should live differently than other people; they should look different. The only way we can do that is to read the Bible and to ask the Holy Spirit to help us.

Let's Pray:

God, thank you for sending your son for us. Help us to really love like He did. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to help us do this. Help us to love, share and help others so that everyone will see that you are a good God. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Questions:

1. Should we really love each other? (Yes!)
2. Should we serve and help each other? (Yes!)
3. Should we share with others in need? (Yes!)
4. Should we make friends with everyone? (Yes!)
5. Who do we look like when we live like this? (Jesus)

Live like Jesus

love, help, pray, share, serve