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Birds and Flowers

Jesus gives you the power to have peace, Week 3 | June 15-16

THE BIG PICTURE

When Jesus is your friend, He gives you the power to have peace.

KEY VERSE

“I can do everything by the power of Christ.”
Philippians 4:13

GOD STORY

Birds and Flowers
John 14:27;
Matthew 6:25-34

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus (point up) gives me (thumbs to chest) the power to do everything (flex arms).



What you need:

- **OPENING ACTIVITIES** (Busy Bodies)
 - Busy body laminated cards
 - Animal faces
- **APPLY** (Birds in a Nest)
- For each Child:
 - “Bird Cutout” Activity Page copied onto blue cardstock and cut on dotted lines
 - “Bible Story Week 3 Labels” Activity Pages printed on labels
 - Cupcake liner
 - Clear plastic cup
 - Pinch of brown paper shreds
- **RELATE** (Verse Activity)
 - No supplies needed
- **READ**
 - The Jesus Story Book Bible – The Singer pg. 228
- **TAKE HOME**
 - Bird in a Nest craft

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Opening Activity

Welcome the children to KidCity! **Don't forget to greet each child by name** (learn their name if you don't know it). This time sets the pace for how the rest of KidCity will go for each child.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

These are some fun ways for you to engage kids as they enter, making them feel safe by immersing themselves in play. For some, starting with an activity rather than a conversation is way less intimidating.

Busy Bodies

What You Need: Busy body laminated cards, animal faces

What You Do:

Set out the busy body cards around the room and guide children to do the activity shown on the card.

LARGE GROUP

Sit with your few during Large Group and help them participate. Model for them what they should do: sing and dance with them, encourage them to stay by (or on) your Small Group blanket, and respond to the HOST, STORYTELLER, and video to encourage your few to do the same.

For the details of Large Group, see the **4-5s LARGE GROUP** Lesson.



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APPLY

Bird in a Nest

Preschoolers will place a few brown paper shreds in the bottom of their cupcake liners to mimic a nest. Then give each child a bird cutout to place in the center. Pass out a label to each child to adhere to the outside of the cup. Encourage the children to carefully place their cupcake liner “nest” into the cup, and then set them aside for pick-up.

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What You Say:

During the Activity: “In our Bible story today, we learned about how God takes care of the birds and the flowers. If God takes care of those, will He take care of us, too? *(Pause.)* Yes, He will! We can have peace when we remember that God will always take care of us. To help us remember that, let’s make some bird nests to take home.”

After the Activity: “Your bird nests are beautiful! Do you see the label here on the side? It says, **[Bottom Line] ‘Jesus gives me the power to do everything.’** God takes care of us, and He gave us Jesus to be our friend forever! We can have peace when we remember that Jesus is with us and will help us! When Jesus is our friend, we have the power to have peace. **Who gives you the power to do everything? [Bottom Line] Jesus gives me the power to do everything.”**

Read

The Jesus Story Book Bible – The Singer pg. 229

RELATE

Verse Activity

SGL will read Key Verse with children and discuss the Bible story. They will pray together and repeat bottom line.

Key Verse: “I can do everything by the power of Christ.” Philippians 4:13.



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What to Say: “Jesus told a story about some birds and flowers. Hmm. Why did Jesus tell us a story about birds and flowers?”

(Pretend you are thinking.)

“Did Jesus tell a story about some birds who were worried about not having food? *(Pause.)*”

“No! Birds don’t worry about food. Jesus told that story because He wants us to NOT worry about food. Jesus wants us to have PEACE. And we can have peace because Jesus gives us the power to do everything! **Who gives you the power to do everything?**”

CHILDREN and SGL: *[Bottom Line]* “Jesus gives me the power to do everything!”

SGL: “That’s right! Because Jesus is alive, when we follow Jesus, He gives us the power to have peace instead of worrying about things.

“We have been practicing a new Bible verse that will help us remember that Jesus gives us the power to do everything.

“The Bible verse says: *I can do everything by the power of Christ, Philippians 4:13.*”

SGL: “Stand up with me and let’s say this verse together with the motions. It can help us remember that *[Bottom Line]* **Jesus gives me the power to do everything. Who gives you the power to do everything?**”

CHILDREN and SGL: *[Bottom Line]* “Jesus gives me the power to do everything!”

SGL: “Just say what I say and do what I do.”

CHILDREN and SGL: “*I can do (both thumbs to chest) everything (spread arms wide) by the power (make arm muscles) of Christ (point both hands up), Philippians 4:13.*” *(Open hands like a book.) (Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)*

SGL: “You are so smart! *(Clap.)* Let’s sit back down and pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

Prayer

SGL: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to give us the power to have PEACE instead of worrying about things. I pray will we will trust You when we begin to worry. We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”