



JUMP JUMP | WEEK 1 | MAY 1-2, 2021

2s-3s Lesson

In the Garden

Bible Story: *God's way is perfect. In the Garden • Genesis 1:31, 2:8-3:24*

Memory Verse: "God's way is perfect." 2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

Key Question: Whose way is perfect?

Bottom Line: God's way is perfect.

Basic Truth: I am made by God to be unique.

**KID CONNECT:
30 MINUTES**

**LARGE GROUP:
15 MINUTES**

**SMALL GROUP:
15 MINUTES**

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever thought about how many decisions you make in a day? According to some reports, the average adult makes up to 35,000 choices per day. Wow! Some choices are easy—wearing the red shirt or eating the apple instead of the banana. Then, there are the not-so-easy decisions. What do we do when the decision is hard and we are struggling to know which way to go? We believe the first step to making wise choices is trusting that God's way is perfect. Our prayer is that we can help make many of the 35,000 choices a day our preschoolers will be making one day a whole lot easier. They will know to jump, jump and go God's way, because God's way is perfect!

Story Focus: God's way is perfect. We will begin in the Garden of Eden. This is when God introduces us to Himself and His perfect plan. We will explore how perfect everything was from the flowers and the food that grew to the amazing animals that Adam was tasked to name. God has a way of doing things, and it works out best for us when we choose to trust that God's way is perfect.

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

OPENING ACTIVITY

(Egg Carton, Popsicle Sticks, Construction Paper [Or Fake Flowers with Stems], Glue)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Draw flowers on construction paper and cut out. Then, hot glue one flower to one end of each popsicle stick. Turn egg cartons upside down and cut slits in the bottom of each cup. Place the cartons on the table upside down.

During the Activity: Encourage children to “plant” a garden by sticking the flowers into the slots in the egg cartons.

After the Activity: Tell the children that we’ll learn about a very special garden today.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello, friends! I’m so glad you’re here today! Have you ever planted a flower? *(Pause.)* Well today, we’ll pretend to plant flowers in a garden. A garden is a place with lots of plants, flowers, or trees.”

During the Activity: “I have a lot of flowers here for you to plant, and these egg cartons will be our garden. Just slide the flowers into the holes. *(Pause.)* Pick your flowers and plant another garden. *(Repeat as long as desired.)* You planted such lovely gardens!”

After the Activity: “Today, we’ll hear a Bible story about a special garden. It was the very first garden God made!”

Transition to Large Group...

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE: BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE)

LARGE GROUP LEADER (LGL) enters, carrying the treasure box. Inside is a Bible and scarves for Worship.

LGL: Hello my friends! How are you today? Come sit with me. I am so glad to see you here. I love being here with you!

Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*kids respond*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (List rules while counting on fingers)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders' directions.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

Can everybody follow those rules today? (*kids respond*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? (*kids repeat*)
2. **I am loved by God no matter what.** What is it? (*kids repeat*)
3. **I am made for a purpose!** What is it? (*kids repeat*)

LGL sits with the treasure box in front of him/her.

NOTE: You can choose to put any large group props that fit inside the box and pull them out for a dramatic reveal.

LGL: Do you see this box? This is a beautiful box, isn't it? It looks special. I wonder what's inside. Do you want to see what's inside? Let's see. *LGL opens the box and pulls out a Bible. It's a Bible!* (hugging the Bible) Oh, I love the Bible! It's so special. Everybody pretend to hug your Bible. Go ahead! (pause) Very good! I wonder...what's in the Bible? The Bible is God's Big Story, and it tells us all about God! We are going to hear a true story from the Bible today. I wonder what else is in this special box? *Pull out scarves for worship time and pass them out to the children.*

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: PERFECT, HE IS AMAZING, WORSHIP SCARVES)

Pass out the scarves to the kids and sing the worship songs.

INTRO SKETCH

(Apple [Real or Fake], Fake Flowers, Animals, Story Box)

LGL brings the story box with the props inside to the middle.

“Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and I’m so happy to see you! Everyone have a seat here with me. It’s time to hear our true story, straight from the Bible. But before we do, let’s see what I have inside my story box today!

Reveal the items one at a time.

Wow! It looks like we are going to have an amazing story today. Did you know that God made all of these things? God made everything in the whole world! Let’s watch our Bible story today.

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

“God loves us so much! Even when we mess up like Adam and Eve did, God still loves us. But you know what friends? When we mess up and do things that aren’t right, things become A LOT harder for us. It’s much better if we follow God’s way because **[Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect.** When I ask, ‘**Whose way is perfect?**’, you say, **[Bottom Line] ‘God’s way is perfect.’** Ready? Here we go. **Whose way is perfect?**”

WRAP UP AND BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

Our Basic Truth today reminds me of our story today. It reminds us, “**I am made by God to be unique.**” God made us special and He loves us very much!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

(CG: MEMORY VERSE)

Let’s say our memory verse together. I will say it first and then you will say it with me.

*‘God’s way (point up)
is perfect,’ (two thumbs up)
2 Samuel 22:31.” (Open hands like a book.)*

Say it once while doing the motions and then invite the kids to do it with you.

PRAY AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster - 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying.

*'God's way (point up)
is perfect,' (two thumbs up)
2 Samuel 22:31." (Open hands like a book.)*

ARROW POINTS THE WAY

(“Arrow Points the Way” Activity Page on Cardstock - 1 per kid, Dot Markers or Crayons, Stickers, Marker)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Arrow Points the Way” on cardstock and cut out, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their arrows with dot markers and stickers.

After the Activity: Review the Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello, friends! Come this way and sit down at the table.”

During the Activity: “This is an arrow. Arrows help us know which way to go. This arrow says I can go God's way! Use the dot markers (or crayons) and stickers to decorate your arrow. *(Pause.)* Friends, these are amazing! You did a really nice job on your arrows. Hold your arrows up as high as you can and tell me, 'I can go God's way.' *(Repeat.)* Great job!”

After the Activity: “In our Bible story, we heard about the very first garden. God filled it with plants, flowers, animals, and people! God made Adam and Eve. God told Adam to name all the animals and take care of them. Adam and Eve lived in God's wonderful garden and knew that **[Bottom Line]** God's way is perfect. They could eat fruit from any of the trees except one. That was the only rule God had for Adam and Eve. They could never, ever eat the fruit from one tree.

“But . . . Eve ate the fruit then gave it to Adam to eat. They didn’t do things God’s way, so God had to send them away from His beautiful garden. God still loved Adam and Eve, but everything they did was sooo much harder. It would have been easier if they had done things God’s way because **[Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect.** When God wants you to do something, remember that God’s way is perfect. **Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect.**”

OPTIONAL: JUMP

(No Supplies)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Call out an animal and ask the children to jump like that animal. Examples of animals are kangaroo, frog, and bunny. Continue the activity until the children are tired of jumping.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “God’s way is perfect!”

During the Activity: “We can go God’s way in many different ways. Let’s jump God’s way! First, let’s jump like a kangaroo! (*Do activity.*) Nice job! Now let’s jump like frogs! (*Continue the activity.*) Way to go! We are all jumping God’s way! Let’s jump God’s way like bunnies! (*Finish activity.*) Awesome! We can all jump God’s way! God’s way is perfect.

After the Activity: “Whew! I am super tired! It’s so much fun to jump God’s way! God’s way is PERFECT! **Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect!**”

BOTTOM LINE SONG

Sing the following words to the tune of “Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush”.

“This is the way we clap our hands,
“Clap our hands,
“Clap our hands.
“This is the way we clap our hands.
“God’s way is perfect.”

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats to parents as they arrive. Encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.