



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

4s-5s 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, NlrV

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.

KID CONNECT

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; BIBLE)

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 holds up Bible in front of him/her.

LGL: Do you know what this is? *It's a Bible!* *(hugging the Bible)* Oh, I love the Bible! It's so special. 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.

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: PERFECT, HE IS AMAZING)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Jump Rope)

LGL brings the jump rope out with him/her.

"I'm SO excited to be here with you today! How is everyone feeling? *(Pause.)* Excellent!

"I'm feeling great! I just hopped all the way over here with my new jump rope. Have you ever seen one of these? *(Hold jump rope up proudly.)* It's pretty awesome!

If you have the space and are comfortable, do some jumps with the jump rope.

"And along the way, as I jumped along, I noticed so many beautiful things! I jumped to see all the gorgeous colorful flowers. I jumped to see the tall green trees! I jumped past bushes and big blue sky. It was a lovely trip here today.

As I was jumping, I remembered something. God made everything that I saw along my way. He even made me! God must have had a great plan when He made everything. As a matter of fact, I

think God had a *perfect* plan. Friends, let's watch our true story from the Bible today and see what God's perfect plan is.

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, BOTTOM LINE)

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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CLAY GARDEN

(**"Allergy Alert Poster"**, **Model Magic or Salt Dough**, **Small Pasta Dyed in Various Colors [Or Colorful, Sturdy Straws Cut Into Small Pieces]**, **Dessert-sized Plates**, **Wet Wipes**)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock and hang on the door. Prepare pasta or if using straws, cut into small pieces. Place a small disc of clay on each plate. Write child's name on the edge of their plate.

During the Activity: Encourage children to make a garden using the pasta or straw pieces. Have children take turns telling about their garden.

After the Activity: Talk about how God's way is perfect.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come over and plant a garden!"

During the Activity: "Use the [pasta/straw pieces] to make the plants, flowers, and trees that you want in your garden. (Pause.) Tell us about your garden. (Repeat with each child.) These look amazing! Nice job!"

After the Activity: "In our story today, we heard about the very first garden God made. He filled it with plants, trees, flowers, and animals. It was perfect, and God made it all! **[Bottom Line]** God's way is perfect! Whose way is perfect? **[Bottom Line]** God's way is perfect!"



SIMON SAYS: JUMP, JUMP!

(**No Supplies**)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather the children to spread out in your activity area.

During the Activity: Lead the children in a game of "Simon Says." Remind them that you will call out different movements for them to complete. Make sure they listen for the words "Simon Says" first, before they copy you. If they don't hear "Simon Says," don't have them sit out, just remind them to listen carefully and keep playing.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come gather here with me! Everyone put your arms out to your sides like this so you can spread out. (*Demonstrate.*) Make sure you can’t touch another friend when your arms are spread out wide. (*Pause.*) Great job! You can put your arms down.”

During the Activity: “Today, we’ll play a game called ‘Simon Says.’ Raise your hand if you’ve ever played it. (*Pause.*) Great. You can put your hands down. I will lead us in a series of movements. I want you to do what I do but ONLY if I say, ‘Simon Says’ first. Ready? Okay, Simon says Jog in place. Great. Simon says Stop! Now, march. (*Pause.*) Uh-oh! Simon didn’t say to march. Let’s try that again. Simon says March!”

MOVEMENT IDEAS:

Jog in place

March

Circle your arms

Stomp your feet

Touch your toes

Pat your shoulders, head, tummy etc.

Clap your hands

Spin in a circle two times

Say, “Hello” as you wave to a friend

Play air guitar (you will need to demonstrate this)

After the Activity: “That was so fun! You did an awesome job of listening! In our Bible story today, we learned that **[Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect!** That’s why it’s super important that we listen to God and go God’s way. Tell me, **whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect!**”

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.

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is perfect,’ (two thumbs up)

2 Samuel 22:31.” (Open hands like a book.)

PRAYER

Let’s pray together. (*Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap”*)

“Dear God, thank You for making this amazing world and everything in it. Please help us trust that Your way is perfect and to go Your way. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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.