



GLOW | WEEK 5 | SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Preschool Lesson

5th Sunday Funday!

Bible Story: The Greatest Verse! • *Jesus Wants to Be My Friend Forever* • **John 3:16**

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Today is the 5th Sunday of the month...let's have a party! Today, we will be emphasizing two of our core values in KidCity: **FUN** and **RELATIONSHIPS**. Whatever your volunteer role, really lean into having fun with the kids...which will then turn into developing a deeper relationship with them. Kids connect through fun! To be at your best, skim through the entire lesson so you know what to expect. **Large group will run longer than normal (approximately 25 minutes) so plan to start exactly on time (9:40 AM/11:25 AM).**

We are going create a glow as we encourage our preschoolers to LOVE like JESUS and SHINE their light! Check with your campus and come themed for the FUN!

Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow

Doors Open 9:15/11:00	Kid Connect 9:35/11:20	Large Group Starts 9:40/11:25	Small Group Starts 10:05/11:50
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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

(“Ollie Around the Room” Activity Page - taped around the room)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your small group together for some intentional connecting before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. **Look around the room and try to spot all the hidden Ollies.**

Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- What things can you think of that produce/make light? Sun, Moon
- How many things that make light can you find in our classroom?
- Are there any living things that make light? Fireflies; Jellyfish
- What would it be like if you didn't have any light?



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, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

LGL: "Hello my friends! How are you on this 5th Sunday! Did anyone bring a friend with them? Yay! Welcome! I'm so glad you're here today! We're going to have a great morning! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance, play a game and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do let's go over our rules and truths.

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

"Let's say our memory verse together!"

'You (point to others)
are the light (twinkle fingers)
of the world,' (make a circle with your arms)
Matthew 5:14. (Open hands like a book.)

"Ok, now it's time to play a game!"

LET IT SHINE

(CG: LET IT SHINE)

(1 Black Posterboard with Flashlight Image Attached; Neon Yellow Dot Stickers - 1-2 per child; Gospel Images Attached to a Black Construction Paper)

What to Do:

Before Large Group Game: Attach black posterboard with flashlight image to the wall or center of your large group environment. Then, attach the Black Construction Paper with the Gospel Images on the wall above the posterboard with the flashlight image so it looks like they (Gospel Images) are in the beam of the flashlight.



During Large Group Game: Give each child 1-2 Neon Yellow Dot Stickers and encourage them to take turns (one at a time) placing their stickers on the *beam* of the flashlight to make it light up.

After Large Group Game: Wrap up your game time and prepare children for worship.

What to Say:

Before Large Group Game: “Who’s excited to play a game? I have a large posterboard here in the front with something on it. Do you know what it is? (Pause for responses). YES, it’s a flashlight! Something is missing. Do you know what is missing? (Pause for responses). The LIGHT is missing! I need your help today. I have lots of bright yellow stickers. I need your help with making this flashlight SHINE. Can you help me? (Pause of responses.) AWESOME!

During Large Group Game: “We’re going to make a line (if you have more than 10 children, make 2 or 3 lines) and take turns placing your yellow stickers on the beam to make it shine. When a friend puts there sticker on the beam, I want everyone to say, ‘LET IT SHINE!’” *Have each child, one at a time, place their yellow dot sticker on the beam of the poster.*

After Large Game: WOW! You did an incredible job making the light SHINE! That was so much FUN! Who is ready for so more FUN! I have a song about letting our light shine. Let’s stand up and get ready to sing and worship!

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE CJ and Friends)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Blacklight Flashlight, Bible, Story Box)

LGL brings the story box with the prop and Bible to the center of the room.

“I have my story box ready. I’m SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let’s see what I have in here…”

Pull out the Bible.

What is this? *(Pause for responses)*. Yes, the Bible! The Bible has God’s words. HIS words are always true. The Bible is one great BIG story, and we are part of the story. Let’s see if there is anything else in our story box.

Pull out a flashlight.

What else do I have? *(Pause for responses)*. Yes, a flashlight! What does a flashlight do? *(Pause for responses)*. Yes, it helps us to see when it is dark. It SHINE’s just like we helped this flashlight SHINE (point to the posterboard that the children placed their yellow stickers on). We have a special story today about a special light but not the kind of light we turn on and off in the



classroom. Are you ready to hear what it is? (Pause for responses).

Let's get our eyes and ears ready! Let's click on our listening ears (tug on each ear, one at a time, as you make a click, click sound), let's put on our looking eyes (bring your hands, one at a time, to your eyes like binoculars as you say shook, shook) and let's put our hands that have been move and praising Jesus quietly in our laps.

Now we are ready. Let's watch today's true Bible story.

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

WOW! God loves us SO much that He gave us Jesus! Did you know that Jesus is called the Light of the World? When we receive Jesus in our heart as our forever friend, we can shine our light like Jesus. This flashlight is going to help us today. It's not just any flashlight, it has a cool blacklight that helps things glow. Let's turn the lights down and see if we can find something that glows (start shining the blacklight flashlight towards the Gospel Images on the wall to reveal them one at a time).

(Heart) Do you see something glowing? *(Pause for responses.)* YES, it's a **heart**. A heart helps us remember that "God Loved" us so much from the very beginning. Can you all say, "God Loved"?

(Cross) Do you see something else glowing? *(Pause for responses.)* YES, it's a **cross**. When Jesus came to Earth, he died on the cross for our sins. Three days later, he came back to life! "God gave" us Jesus. Can you say, "God Gave"?

(Praying hands) What is this that's glowing? *(Pause for responses.)* YES, it's **praying hands**. They help us remember how important it is to believe that we needed Jesus to come and die on the cross and come back to life to save us from our sins. We believe! Can you say, "We Believe"?

(Gift) I bet you know what this is that's glowing? *(Pause for responses.)* YES, it's a **present**. Just like what we get at Christmastime. We receive gifts from family, but the best gift we've EVER received is God's gift of Jesus! When we believe in Jesus and what He did for us, Jesus will be our friend forever! Can you say, "We Receive"?

"Who wants to be your friend forever? I want you to say, Jesus wants to be my friend forever! Ready? Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"

PRAY

"Let's get our hands ready to pray. *Open them close them, open them close them, give a little clap. Open them, close them, open them, close them, fold them in your lap.*

"Dear God, thank You for loving us so much and giving us the best gift ever! Thank you for giving us your son, Jesus. Jesus wants to be our friend forever! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."



PRAY AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

Bible Story: The Greatest Verse! • Jesus Wants to Be My Friend Forever • John 3:16

Today, your small group activities will focus on having FUN and building relationships!

LIGHT BRIGHT BUILD (2's-5's)

(1 Clear Plastic Shoebox Container or Larger with Clear Lid - 1 per small group, (1) 100 Set of Clear White Christmas or Fairy Lights -1 per small group, Colored Translucent Pattern Blocks or 2" Vellum Squares/2" Colored Transparency Squares/2" Tissue Paper Squares - 20 pieces per group, Washable Black Marker - 1 per group, Wet Wipe -per group)

What You Do:

Before the activity: Place clear lights inside clear plastic container and close lid. If lights need to be plugged in, ensure you are near an outlet. Gather colored translucent/transparent items.

During the Activity: Start by drawing a heart on the container (depending on your container, you may need to turn it over and use the clear bottom side to give you enough space). Give each child (1) colored translucent piece and guide them to place it on the line (to create an outline) or in the center of the heart (to fill it in). Remove all the pieces, then erase the heart and draw a cross. Repeat by having each child place (1) colored translucent piece on the container to create a cross.

After the Activity: Review Gospel Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I have something SUPER COOL today! We are going to use this container with lights and these colored pieces to have fun making shapes and seeing how they glow. In just a moment I am going to draw a shape with this marker, then I'm going to give you one colored piece to work together to make the shape with the pieces."

During the Activity: Draw a heart with the marker. "What shape did I make? YES, a HEART! [Child's name] here is your colored piece, can you place it on the heart. Excellent! Next, [Child's name] it's your turn. Can you place your colored piece on the heart? Continue until each child has had a turn and the heart is full. Look at how the light shining through makes the heart glow! God loves you so much! Give yourself a BIG HUG and say I am loved by God. God LOVED us so much that he GAVE us the best gift, He gave us Jesus. *Erase the heart.* Now I'm going to make a different shape. *Draw a cross.* What did I make this time? YES, it's a CROSS! Let's take turns making the cross with our colored pieces. So COOL! The light shining through makes the cross glow! The cross reminds us of Jesus. When we BELIEVE in Jesus and what he did for us, we RECEIVE Jesus as our friend forever.

After the Activity: "That was so much FUN! Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"



FIND THE LIGHT (2's-5's)

(1 Shoebox Sized Bin or Larger Filled with Black Pom-Poms/Black Shredded Paper - 1 per small group, "Light Images" Activity Page Cut and Folded in Quarters - 1 set per group)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Fill bin with black pom-poms/shredded paper and mix folded "light images" among the pom-poms/shredded paper.

During the Activity: Have each child take a turn to find a "light image" from the bin and share it.

After the Activity: Review monthly bottom line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I have another fun game to play with these pom-poms. I need your help to find pictures of 'light'. Jesus is the Light of the World and we, you and me, can be lights when we love like Jesus. Each person will have a turn to find one picture, open it and share ways we can love like Jesus and be a light."

During the Activity: "Is everyone ready? (Pause for responses.) Here we go! [Child's name] it's your turn to find one picture. Awesome! It says I can be a light by..."

- Helping a friend up when they've fallen down
- Spending time with friends
- Setting the table for dinner
- Giving toys or clothes to someone that doesn't have any
- Helping Wash Dishes
- Sharing a Book or a Toy
- Giving a Hug to say, "I Love You!"
- Making someone smile by giving them flowers, making a card or picture
- Sitting with someone when they are sad or hurt and saying, "I care about you".
- Showing kindness by opening a door and saying "hello".
- Being responsible by taking care of my clothes or toys and putting them away
- Helping clean up by putting trash in the trash can

After Activity: "WOW! There are so many ways we can love like Jesus and shine our light! Tell me, Who can love like Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus! YES! We can love like Jesus and be a shining light!"

PRAY

"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 loving us so much that you sent Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus is the best gift! We love you, Amen."



PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY - COLORING SHEET (2's-5's)

(“Shine” Activity Page - 1 half page per child, Neon Crayons and/or Markers)

What You Do:

- Give each child a coloring page.
- As parents are picking up, encourage children to color their page as you read the words.

Send each child home with their SHINE coloring page and a GLOW STICK! Say, “I can love like Jesus and shine my light!”

