



LET'S FLY | WEEK 2 | OCTOBER 13, 2024

Preschool Lesson

Hagar and Ishmael

Bible Story: *Hagar and Ishmael* • God always hears me • *Genesis 21:14-20*

Memory Verse: "God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9, NLT

Key Question: Who is always with you?

Bottom Line: God is always with me.

Basic Truth: I am loved by God no matter what so I can trust God to guide me.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

If you've ever been near a playground when an airplane flies by, you know the sound of the airplane is quickly followed by the sound of kids shouting with excitement! Their innate sense of wonder is immediately turned up as they ask questions like: Where do you think that plane is going? How big is that plane? How can it fly so high in the sky?

Today, our preschoolers will go to places like school, daycare, church, and grandparents' houses. We know God has plans for each of them, and as they grow, they will go to even more places that might be even further away. We want to make sure that wherever they go, they can look to God with a trusting heart and say, "Let's fly!" because they know God is always with me.

Story Focus: God always hears me. Hagar and her son Ishmael were in a desert, and they ran out of water to drink. They were very thirsty. Hagar began to cry, and her son began to cry too. An angel of God told Hagar, "God has heard the boy crying." God was with Hagar and Ishmael! God helped Hagar see a well of water. Hagar quickly gave Ishmael some water to drink. God heard Hagar and Ishmael because God was always with them.

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



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

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your small group together for some intentional connecting time 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. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

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 today? Come and sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance 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 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.)*

“It’s time for our memory verse. Let’s watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!”

Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.

‘God *(flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down)*
is with you *(bring two fists together)*
wherever you go,’ *(march in place)*
Joshua 1:9. *(Open hands like a book.)*

“Ok, now let’s sing and worship God!”

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: ALWAYS WITH ME, YOU ARE WITH ME)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Paper Airplane with Words that Highlight Current Week’s Story, Bible and Story Box)

*LGL brings the story box with the prop and Bible to the center of the room.
You should have a paper airplane with words that highlight the current week’s story.*

“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, it’s the Bible! The Bible is God’s word and God’s word is always true. The Bible has many stories that make one BIG story, and we (you and me) are part of that story. Let’s see what else is in our story box today.

Pull out the paper airplane.

What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* YES, it’s an airplane! So cool! Has anyone seen or been on an airplane? Airplanes fly high in the sky and have wings. Let’s stretch our arms out like this *(raise both arms out to the side)* and pretend to be an airplane. Ready? *(Make airplane sound.)*
Nneeaooow! Nneeaooow! That was so FUN! This airplane has a special message. Let me read it to

you. It says, **God always hears me.** This message has something to do with our story today. Are you ready for a story? *(Pause for responses.)* Great!

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! That was an amazing story! God heard Hagar and Ishmael cry, and he provided what they needed. God hears us too because he is always with us.

When I ask, 'Who is always with you' I want you to say, *[Bottom Line]* 'God is always with me!' Are you ready? *(Pause for responses)*. 'Who is always with you?' *[Bottom Line]* 'God is always with me.' YES! *[Bottom Line]* God is always with me."

SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

Let's look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, 'I am loved by God no matter what so I can trust God to guide me. We can talk to God anytime. God hears us because he is always with us, and he will guide us.

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.*

God, we are so grateful that you hear us—just like you heard Hagar and Ishmael. You hear us when we're sad, you hear us when we're happy, and you hear us when we're angry. We know we can always talk to you anytime, anywhere, and about anything. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

(CG with MUSIC: FLIGHT OF BUMBLEBEE)

"We're going to do something FUN before we go to small group. We're going to pretend to be airplanes flying through the sky. In just a moment I'm going to play some fun music. When you hear the music, I want you to fly all around the room. But when the music stops, you all need to freeze! Are you ready? Flying arms out! Get your tip toe feet ready! Okay, let's fly! *(Start music.)* Fly all over the room. *(Pause the music.)* Everyone, freeze! *(Start the music.)* Let's fly again. This time we're going to fly to our small groups! *(Pause the music.)* Did everyone land in their small groups? Great flying friends! On a plane, in a car, and even on a bus, God is always with us!"

SMALL GROUP

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PICK A PICTURE

(“Pick a Picture” Activity Page – one set per group)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Pick a Picture”, one set per Small Group.

During the Activity: Review the Bible Story using the story pictures. Each time you get to a set of pictures, hold them up and let the children choose which picture goes with the story, then instruct them to do the motion that goes along with the story picture. Lay the pictures in front of the children.

After the Activity: Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hey, everyone! Come and sit with me. I have some pictures that will help us review today’s Bible Story, but I need your help picking the right ones.”

During the Activity: “Today, we heard a true story from the Bible about a woman named Hagar and her son Ishmael.

Picture #1 (Hagar and Ishmael): Were Hagar and Ishmael happy (*point to the picture with the happy Hagar and Ishmael*) or were they sad (*point to the picture with the sad Hagar and Ishmael*) in our story? (*Pause.*) You’re right. Hagar and Ishmael were very sad because they had been walking in a desert and they had run out of water to drink. Let’s stand up. **Can you make a sad face?** (*Pause.*) They were so hot and thirsty that they both began to cry. **Can you pretend to cry like Hagar and Ishmael?** (*Pause.*) Let’s sit back down.

Picture #2 (Angel and Mail Carrier): Someone told Hagar, ‘God has heard the boy crying’ (Genesis 21:17, NLT). Did a mail carrier (*point to the picture of the mail carrier*) or an angel (*point to the picture of the angel*) speak the message to Hagar? (*Pause.*) Yes! An angel told Hagar that God had heard the boy crying! **Do you remember what the angel said?** Yes! ‘God has heard the boy crying’. Let’s stand up and say it all together. ‘God has heard the boy crying.’ Excellent! Let’s sit back down.

Picture #3 (Well and Juice Box): And then God helped Hagar see something wonderful! Did God show Hagar a juice box (*point to the picture of the juice box*) or did God show Hagar a well of water (*point to the picture of the well*)? (*Pause.*) Yes! God helped Hagar see a well of water! Hagar quickly got some water and gave it to Ishmael! Yay! Hagar and Ishmael weren’t thirsty anymore.

Let's stand up and pretend to drink water just like Hagar and Ishmael. Umm. That was refreshing!"

After the Activity: "God heard Hagar and Ishmael even though they were in a desert because God was always with them. Friends, God is always with us! Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me. Again! Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me."

HAGAR AND ISHMAEL

("Hagar & Ishmael" Activity Page - 1 per child, Crayons)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Hagar and Ishmael", one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their paper as you review the Bible story.

After the Activity: Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We're going to make a story picture for you to take home today!"

During the Activity: "Your paper has a picture of Hagar and Ishmael from our Bible Story today. Use the crayons to color your picture. (Pause.) Where were Hagar and Ishmael? (Pause.) Yes! They were in the desert! This desert was covered in sand. Now, when Hagar and Ishmael were in the sandy desert, it was really hot and dry. They didn't have water to drink and were really tired, hot, and thirsty. Hagar and her son began to cry, and God heard them! God helped Hagar see a well of water. Hagar filled a container with water, gave Ishmael some water, and he wasn't thirsty anymore! God heard Hagar and Ishmael because God was always with them."

After the Activity: "Friends, I am so glad that God heard Hagar and Ishmael. God hears you too because God is always with us. Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me!"

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 their efforts.

'God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down)
is with you (bring two fists together)
wherever you go,' (march in place)
Joshua 1:9. (Open hands like a book.)

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.")

God, you heard Hagar and Ishmael and gave them what they needed. We know you hear us because you are always with us. Thank you for loving us, God. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.”

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats and encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.