



PUZZLE PIECES | WEEK 4 | NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Preschool Lesson

King Hezekiah Prays to God

Bible Story: *King Hezekiah Prays to God* • I can talk to God about anything • *Isaiah 37:14-20, 35; 38:1-6, 20*

Memory Verse: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” Proverbs 3:5, NIV

Key Question: Who’s got it?

Bottom Line: God’s got it.

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

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Puzzles are a lot of fun. Who doesn't love a good peg puzzle? The cow goes in the cow shape. The pig goes in the pig shape. Easy, peasy! But as we get older, puzzles can become a lot more difficult, and it can be hard to know where each piece goes. We all face difficult circumstances that are way bigger than what we can handle. It's in those times that God wants us to trust Him with all our hearts and say, "God's got it!"

We don't have to have all the pieces or know where they all go. All we need to know is that God sees the big picture and God's got it. Our job is to trust God and take it one piece at a time. So, whether it's needing help with a big job, knowing which way to go, not having what we need, or talking to God about anything . . . God can handle it, because God's got it!

Story Focus: I can talk to God about anything. King Hezekiah loves God, and he prays and talks to God. So, when King Hezekiah is worried about the safety of his city, he prays and talks to God about it. God sends the prophet Isaiah to tell Hezekiah that God has heard Hezekiah’s prayer and will keep the city safe. When Hezekiah is very sick, he goes straight to the One true God, the God he trusts, and prays. Isaiah returns to tell Hezekiah that God says Hezekiah will get better. Hezekiah praises God with singing and music. Hezekiah knew he could talk to God about anything because God’s got it.

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.

‘Trust *(tug a pretend rope)*
in the Lord *(point up)*
with all your heart,’ *(tap heart twice)*
Proverbs 3:5.” *(Open hands like a book.)*

“Ok, now let’s sing and worship God!”

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: GOD’S GOT IT, JESUS NO MATTER WHAT)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(2-Piece Puzzle for Current Week (W1 Moses, W2 Israelites, W3 Elijah, W4 King Hezekiah), Plastic Page Protector, Beginner’s Bible and Story Box)

LGL brings the story box with the prop and Bible to the center of the room. You should have a 2-piece puzzle for the current week’s story. Ensure the bottom (feet) half of the puzzle is already inserted in the plastic page protector. Keep the top (head) half of the puzzle in the story box until after the story video.

“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 page protect with the bottom (feet) puzzle piece .

What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* YES, it’s a puzzle or a piece of a puzzle. What do you see on this puzzle piece? *(Pause for responses.)* YES, that’s what I see too. I see feet! I see one, two feet.

How many people do you think are on this puzzle if there are two feet? *(Pause for responses.)* You are right, two feet mean there is just one person. I wonder who it is. Do you think our story will tell us? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, I think it will too. Let's get our eyes and ears ready so we can listen to our story and find out who is on our puzzle.

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! Who do you think is on our puzzle? *(Pause for responses.)* Let's put the top piece on our puzzle *(Pull out the 2nd piece of the puzzle from the story box and match it to the bottom puzzle piece in the page protector.)* It's King Hezekiah! He prayed to God. When we pray, we are just talking to God and telling Him how we feel, how we love Him, and how we need Him. We can talk to God about anything because **[Bottom Line] God's got it!**"

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

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. Just like King Hezekiah trusted God and talked to Him, we can trust God and talk to Him too.'

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 thankful that we can talk to You about anything just like King Hezekiah did. You heard Hezekiah then and You hear us now. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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TALK ABOUT IT

(“Talk About It” Activity Page – 1 per group, Paper Bag – 1 per group)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Talk About It” Activity Pages, cut on dotted lines then fold each card, one set per Small Group. Place folded cards in a paper bag for kids to select from.

During the Activity: Invite children to take turns selecting one card from the bag. Each time a child selects and opens a card, say what is on the card and then say this sentence together: “I can talk to God about [picture on card].” Then encourage kids to fold their hands and say, “Thank you God for [picture on card].” Place each selected card in the center of your group face-up until all the cards have been selected.

After the Activity: Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Come join me in a circle. Let’s play a game!”

During the Activity: “Our Bible Story today was about a king named Hezekiah. King Hezekiah was worried about his city, so he talked to God about his city. Later, King Hezekiah was very sick, so he talked to God about being sick. King Hezekiah talked to God about how much he loved God too! King Hezekiah knew he could talk to God about anything, and we can talk to God about anything too!”

“In this bag are cards with pictures of things we can talk to God about. When I say your name, you get to choose a card from the bag. Ready to play? [Child’s name], choose a card. (Pause.) Look! It’s a [flower]! Say this with me: ‘I can talk to God about [flowers].’ (Say with child.) That’s right, we can talk to God about [flowers]. Let’s fold our hands and say, ‘Thank you, God, for [flowers].’ (Pause.) ‘Thank you, God, for [flowers].’ (Continue with each child. Reset and repeat as desired.) I’m so glad that we can talk to God about flowers, animals, friends, and even bulldozers! We can talk to God about anything!”

After the Activity: “King Hezekiah knew he could talk to God about anything because [Bottom Line] God’s got it. We can talk to God about anything too because [Bottom Line] God’s got it. Who’s got it? [Bottom Line] God’s got it!”

PASS THE MESSAGE

(“God Loves You!” Sticker - 1 per child)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Ask children to stand with you in the activity area.

During the Activity: Ask one child to walk with you to one side of the room and quietly share the following message: “God loves you!” Then, give the child a God loves you! Sticker. Encourage the child to run to a friend, share the same message and give their friend a sticker. Then encourage that friend to go and share the message with the next friend and give them a sticker and so on, until everyone has heard the message and received a sticker! If time allows, repeat, but this time share [Bottom Line] God’s got it!

After the Activity: Review the Bottom Line and Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come stand with me.”

During the Activity: “[Child’s name], come with me. (Walk to one side of the room.) I want to share a special message with you. (Quietly say to the child:) God loves you! I have a sticker for you to put on that says this special message. Did you hear the message? Great! Run and share that special message quietly with a friend and give them a sticker. (Pause.) Did you hear the message? Great! Now go share that message with the next friend and give them a sticker. Let’s keep sharing the message! (Continue until each child has heard the message and received a sticker.) Hooray! Everyone heard the message! (If time allows, repeat with this message: [Bottom Line] God’s got it!).”

After the Activity: “Friends! God loves you and God loves me! We can trust Him with everything because [Bottom Line] God’s got it! Who’s got it? [Bottom Line] God’s got it!”

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.

‘Trust (tug a pretend rope)
in the Lord (point up)
with all your heart,’ (tap heart twice)
Proverbs 3:5.” (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, we are so grateful that we can pray to You just like Hezekiah and that You hear us. Help us remember we can always talk to You about anything. We love You. 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.