



RAIN OR SHINE | WEEK 2 | JANUARY 12, 2025

## Preschool Lesson

# Jesus Heals Ten Men

**Bible Story:** *Jesus Heals Ten Men* • Jesus is a good friend when I am excited • *Luke 17:11-16*

**Memory Verse:** “A friend loves you all the time.” Proverbs 17:17, NCV

**Key Question:** Who is always a good friend?

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is always a good friend.

**Basic Truth:** I am loved by God no matter what so I can be confident that God knows who I am.

### LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever seen a bunch of preschoolers jumping in rain puddles? So many giggles! So much excitement! And do you know that feeling you get when you step outside and feel the sunshine on your face for the first time in a week? Pure happiness! Our preschoolers experience a wide range of emotions every day. They feel sad, happy, afraid, nervous, excited—sometimes all in the same hour!

Our preschoolers will grow up and experience a lot of different situations and emotions. We want children to know that Jesus is a friend that loves them at ALL times. A friend that will never leave them. That’s why, this month, we are talking about THE best friend—the One who is ALWAYS a good friend. Rain or shine, Jesus is always a good friend of mine!

**Story Focus:** Jesus is a good friend when I am excited. As Jesus and the disciples walk into a village, they hear some men shouting. There are ten men who have a skin disease that only Jesus can make go away. The men cry out and ask Jesus to help them. Jesus tells them to go and let the priests look at their skin. The men quickly do what Jesus told them to do, and on their way, one of them looks at his skin and sees that ALL of his boo-boos are already gone! He is so excited that he quickly goes back to Jesus, praising God in a loud voice. The man throws himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Jesus. Jesus is a good friend to the man when he needed help and when he came back excited, because Jesus is always a good friend.

### 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.*

‘A friend *(hook index fingers twice)*  
loves you *(cross arms over chest)*  
all the time,’ *(tap wrist)*  
Proverbs 17:17.” *(Open hands like a book.)*

“Ok, now let’s sing and worship God!”

## WORSHIP

**(VIDEO: MY FRIEND FOREVER (2025), MY FOREVER FRIEND)**

Sing the worship songs together.

## INTRO SKETCH

**(Stuffed Ollie, Feeling Emoji Picture for Current Week (W1 Afraid, W2 Excited, W3 Sad, W4 Happy), 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 feeling emoji picture for 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 Stuffed Ollie and the feeling emoji picture for the current week.*

“What does Ollie have today? *(Pause for responses.)* YES, it’s a face/emoji picture. How is the emoji feeling? *(Pause for responses.)* YES, it’s excited. Can you make an excited face? *(Pause for responses.)* Wow, you made great excited faces! In our story today we are going to hear about someone who is always with us and is a good friend when we are excited.

“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 todays true Bible story.”

## WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

**(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)**

“Wow! That was an amazing story! Who is with us and a good friend when we are excited? *(Pause for responses.)* YES, Jesus! Jesus was a good friend to the men when they needed help and when one of the men went back to thank Jesus because he was so excited the boo-boos were gone. Jesus is a good friend to you and me when we are excited because *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is always a good friend.”

“When I ask, ‘Who is always a good friend?’ I want you to say, *[Bottom Line]* ‘Jesus is always a good friend’ Are you ready? *(Pause for responses)*. ‘Who is always a good friend?’ *[Bottom Line]* ‘Jesus is always a good friend!’ 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 be confident that God knows who I am.’ God knows when we need help and when we are excited, and He is always with 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.*

“Dear God, thank You for the Bible and the stories we read about Jesus! He was a good, good friend! Jesus healed the men and was a good friend to them when they were SO excited! We know that Jesus is a good friend to us too. We love You, God. Thanks for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever! In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.”

## TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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## ROLL THE STORY

(“Roll the Story” Activity Page, 1 Large Dice, dot/heart/smiley face stickers- 2-3 per child)

What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “Roll the Story”, one set per Small Group.

*During the Activity:* Gather the children around you. Show the children the Roll the Story Pages and briefly review each story picture and corresponding dice number, reading the words below each picture. Allow the kids to take turns rolling the Large Dice. After each roll, allow that child to put a sticker on the image they rolled, and help the group say what the image is.

*After the Activity:* Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Let’s play a game with this Large Die! (Hold up the die.) Come sit with me and I’ll show you how to play.”

*During the Activity:* “First, let’s take a look at these pictures. (Show the pictures and read the words below each picture.) This is Jesus. [Bottom Line] Jesus is always a good friend. These are the ten men who had lots of boo-boos and asked Jesus for help. These are the men after Jesus made their boo-boos go away! This man was so excited that he ran back to tell Jesus, ‘Thank You!’ This heart is for our Bible verse that says, ‘A friend loves you all the time,’ Proverbs 17:17. And this is Jesus, with children like you, because Jesus wants to be your friend forever and Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

“Now that we’ve looked at all of the story pictures, let’s play! We are going to take turns rolling the big die. When you roll, you get to go put a sticker on the image your die lands on. Let’s see which picture we land on the most! (Pause, to play the game.) \*After each child has a turn, give them a sticker to wear also. Wow! We got lots of stickers on \_\_\_\_\_.”

*After the Activity:* “I love learning that Jesus was a good friend to the men who had lots of boo-boos. And Jesus was a good friend to the man who was so excited he ran back to tell Jesus: ‘thank You!’ [Bottom Line] Jesus is always a good friend! Who is always a good friend? [Bottom Line] Jesus is always a good friend!”



# WALK, WALK, WALK, and FREEZE.

(“Emoji Toss\*\*” Activity Pages - 1 set per SG, “Jesus” Activity Page - 1 per SG , 1 brown lunch bag per SG)

## What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “Emoji Toss” Activity Page and “Jesus” Activity Page. Cut apart the emojis. Fold emojis and Jesus page then place images in Brown lunch bag 1 set per Small Group.

*During the Activity:* Have the kids play a freeze-style game. They will walk in their small group area until the leader says freeze. At that time the leader will select an emoji image from the bag, have the children make that face then say, “Jesus is a good friend when I am [emoji]. Continue until all the emoji’s have been selected, then take the Jesus image out of the bag and say, “Jesus is always a good friend of mine.”

*After Activity:* Review Bottom Line.

## What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Friends, come sit over here with me.”

*During the Activity:* “Let’s see what I have in this bag! (Pull out one emoji face at a time and show the kids how to make that face.) I see a happy face, a sad face, a mad face, an afraid face, a sleepy face, and an excited face. Now that we know what’s in the bag, we are going to play a game! (Don’t pull out the Jesus page, save that one for last after all of the emojis.) When I say “Walk, Walk, Walk...” you are all going to stand up and walk in our Small Group Space, but when I say “FREEZE” everyone has to stop and look at me. I will hold up one of our Emoji faces and we are all going to make that face. Lead the kids to say, “Jesus is a good friend when I am \_\_\_\_\_.” Repeat until you have done all of the emoji faces. Use different movements to change it up and add to the fun.

- Walk-
- TipToe
- Jump In Place
- Dance in Place

After all of the emoji faces, do one last movement, and pull out the Jesus picture. “Look! It’s Jesus! Jesus is always a good friend.”

*After the Activity:* “Jesus is a good friend, so He stopped and helped the ten sick men. Jesus told them to go and let the priests look at their skin, and they quickly did what Jesus told them to do. While the men were going to the priests, one of them looked at his skin and saw that ALL of his boo-boos were gone! The men were SO EXCITED, and one man quickly went back to thank Jesus. Jesus was a good friend to the sick men, and Jesus is a good friend to you and me too! Who is always a good friend? [Bottom Line] Jesus is always a good friend.”

## 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.

'A friend *(hook index fingers twice)*  
loves you *(cross arms over chest)*  
all the time,' *(tap wrist)*  
Proverbs 17:17." *(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.")*

"Dear God, we know that Jesus is a good, good friend! Help us to remember that Jesus is always a good friend—rain or shine! We love You. Thank You for sending Jesus to show us how much You love us. In Jesus' name. 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.