



WATCH THIS! | WEEK 5 | MARCH 30, 2025

# Preschool Lesson 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Funday!

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

Today is the 5<sup>th</sup> 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).**

**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:

- Do you like animals?
- Do you have a favorite animal?
- What sound does it make?
- How does it move?
- Can you make your body move like it?

*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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!



“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?”

I am made by God. What is it? (Kids repeat.)  
I am loved by God no matter what. What is it? (Kids repeat.)  
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.

‘And the power (muscle arms)  
of the Lord (point up)  
was with Jesus,’ (tap finger to middle of each palm)  
Luke 5:17.’ (Open hands like a book.)

“Ok, now let’s sing and worship God!”

## WORSHIP

**(VIDEO: ANYTHING AT ALL)**

Sing the worship song together.

## INTRO SKETCH

**(Story Box with Beginner’s Bible, Stuffed Ollie the Owl, Safety Goggles and Envelope with “Note” and “Gospel Images” - 1 per Large Group)**

*LGL brings the story box with the 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, 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.

*Stuffed Ollie the Owl, Safety Goggles and Envelope with Note and Gospel Images*  
**NOTE: Keep Gospel Images in Envelope until After the Bible Story Video**

Who is this? *(Pause for responses.)* YES! It’s Ollie! Ollie brought a couple things with him today.



Let's see what they are. (Pull out the goggles and put them on). Do you know what these are? (Pause for responses). Yes, they are goggles. They help protect your eyes. I wonder what we are doing with goggles. Oh wait! There is a note in our story box. (Pull out the note). Let's read it. It has some questions. Have you ever seen an elephant? (Pause for responses.) Is an elephant BIG or small? (Pause for responses.) Yes, it's BIG! Do you think an elephant brushes its teeth? (Pause for responses.) Do you brush your teeth? (Pause for responses.) Elephants do keep their teeth clean just like you and me. Ollie is going to help us make something really cool today. We are going to make elephant toothpaste. Do you think elephant toothpaste is small or BIG? (Pause for responses.) Well, let's see. Are you ready? Let's go to the table and follow directions.

## ELEPHANT TOOTHPASTE

**(CG: WATCH THIS!)**

**((1) Large Flat Disposable Baking Pan, (1) Empty Two Liter Bottle with Label Removed, ½ Cup of Hydrogen Peroxide, ¼ Cup Dish Soap, One Package of Dry Yeast, Warm Water, Food Coloring, Funnel, Small Liquid Measuring Cup, Spoon, Plastic Tablecloth)**

### What to Do:

*Before the Activity:* Cover the table with the tablecloth. Place the disposable baking pan on the table with the empty two-liter bottle in the center of the box. Place all of the ingredients and the funnel near the box.

*During the Activity:* Make sure the bottle sits in the center of the baking pan. In the liquid measuring cup, mix a packet of yeast with a little warm water. Give the yeast about five minutes to incorporate. Use the funnel to pour the hydrogen peroxide, dish soap, and a few drops of food coloring into the bottle. Swish it around a bit to mix the ingredients. Set the funnel aside. Quickly pour the yeast mixture into your bottle. (Do not use a funnel.) Watch as the elephant toothpaste quickly forms and oozes out of the bottle!

*After the Activity:* Move the baking pan and all of the ingredients out of reach of children for clean-up.

### What to Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Raise your hand if you'd like to do a little science experiment? (Pause.) Awesome! I want you to stay seated right where you are so everyone can WATCH THIS! We are going to see what happens when we mix all of these ingredients together."

*During the Activity:* (Hold up the yeast packet, then open and pour into the cup of water and mix) "This is yeast. You use this when you make bread. But you have to add water. Let's add yeast to this cup of water. (Add the following ingredients into the bottle with the funnel.) "Next, let's pour in our hydrogen peroxide. You have to use a funnel so you can get it all in the bottle! Now, let's add some dish soap and food coloring. "What do you think might happen if you pour this (hold up the yeast mixture) into the bottle? (Pause.) Let's find out! Are YOU READY? WATCH THIS! (Pour the yeast mixture directly into the top of the 2-liter bottle).

WOW! That was so cool! It really does look like toothpaste an elephant would use. Today we are going to hear a story about someone that did something for you and me that was even more



AMAZING than elephant toothpaste!

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, SLIDE: GOD..., BOTTOM LINE)**

WOW! God loves us SO much that He gave us Jesus! I think our envelope has a few more things in it. Yes! I have pictures that go along with our story today.

*(Heart)* What is this? (Hold up the 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 know what this is? (Hold up the cross.) 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 are these hands doing? (Hold up the praying hands.) These are 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)* What is this picture of? (Hold up the gift.) A gift! 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"?

Do you know who wants to be your friend forever? (Pause for responses.) Jesus does! When I say, "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!)*

It's time for us to pray and then we have some fun activities to do in our small group.

## 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!*

## GOSPEL ROLL (2's-5's)

(Gospel Beach Ball)

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Inflate the Gospel beach ball so it is ready to roll. Have children sit in a circle with their legs spread wide and feet touching the feet of the child next to them.

*During the Activity:* The small group leader will say each part of the Gospel message (one at a time) as he/she rolls the Gospel beach ball back and forth to each child in the circle and they repeat the message.

*After the Activity:* Review the Gospel Bottom Line.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* I have a fun game, we are going to play with this special beach ball as we say the Gospel message. Let's sit in a circle with our legs spread wide and our feet touching the feet of the friend next to us. Do you see what's on this beach ball? The world, a heart, the word 'John' and the numbers 3:16. John 3:16 are true words from the Bible. It says, "For God so loved the world



that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16, NIV. God Loved, God Gave, We Believe, We Receive.

*During the Activity:* Let’s say those words as I roll the ball to each of you, you catch it and roll it back to me. Everyone will get a turn. Are you ready [first child’s name]?

- **God Loved** (Roll the ball to the first child). Everyone say, **God Loved** (Pause for responses as the child rolls the ball back to you). Are you ready [second child’s name]?
- **God Gave** (Roll the ball to the second child). Everyone say, **God Gave** (Pause for responses as the child rolls the ball back to you). It’s your turn [third child’s name].
- **We Believe** (Roll the ball the third child). Everyone say, **We Believe** (Pause for responses as the child rolls the ball back to you). Now it’s your turn [fourth child’s name].
- **We Receive** (Roll the ball the fourth child). Everyone say, **We Receive** (Pause for responses as the child rolls the ball back to you).
- Repeat one or two more times until each child has had an opportunity to catch and roll the ball.

Then ask the following questions:

- *Who Loves You So Much?* Say, God loves me so much!
- *Who did God give us?* Say, God gave us Jesus!
- *Who can believe in Jesus?* Say, I can believe in Jesus!
- *Who can receive the gift of Jesus?* Say, I can receive the gift of Jesus! Jesus is the greatest gift!

*After the Activity:* “That was so much FUN! Tell me, Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”

## ANIMAL LIMBO (2’s-5’s)

(Pool Noodle – 1 per group)

What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Have (2) leaders hold a pool noodle at each end leaving the space in the middle for children to ‘move’ underneath.

*During the Activity:* Call out the name of an animal and have each child take a turn ‘moving’ underneath the pool noodle as that animal.

*After the Activity:* Celebrate how much fun you had moving like different animals together.

What You Say:

*Before the Activity:*” I have another fun game to play with this pool noodle. I am going to say the name of an animal. After I do you each get to take a turn ‘moving’ like that animal under the pool noodle.

*During the Activity:*” Is everyone ready? (Pause for responses.) Here we go!

- Waddle Like a Duck
- Crawl Like a Cat



- Jump Like a Kangaroo
- Slither Like a Snake on Your Tummy
- Hop Like a Bunny
- Walk Like a Crab
- Tip Toe Like a Mouse
- Crawl Like a Bear
- Jump Like a Frog
- Crouch Like a Tiger
- Swing Like an Elephant

*After Activity:* “WOW! That was so much FUN! God made so many different animals and God made us! He loves each and every one of us so much!”

## 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.”

## ANIMAL ACTION

**(VIDEO: ANIMAL ACTION WITH JACK HARTMANN)**

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

**(“Gospel Coloring Page” Activity Page - 1 per child, Crayons)**

What You Do:

- Give each child a Gospel coloring page.
- As parents are picking up, encourage children to color their page as you review the Gospel message (God Loved, God Gave, We Believe, We Receive).
- **Color the heart.** A heart helps us remember that “God Loved” us so much from the very beginning.
- **Color the 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.
- **Color the 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!
- **Color the gift.** 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!

Send each child home with their Gospel coloring page.

