



LIVE IT OUT | WEEK 2 | JUNE 8, 2025

Preschool Lesson

Barnabas Makes Peace

Bible Story: *Barnabas Makes Peace* • Live in peace with one another • *Matthew 5:9; Acts 9:26-28, 31; Romans 12:18*

Memory Verse: “Think and act as Jesus did.” *Philippians 2:5, NIV*

Key Question: Who shows you how to love others?

Bottom Line: Jesus shows me how to love others.

Basic Truth: I am loved by God no matter what so I can love God, love others and love life.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

What do you do when you don't know how to do something? Do you pick up your phone and do a quick search? Or do you find someone who knows how to do it and just ask them, “Hey, can you show me how to do this?”

We all need people to show us how to do things, and when it comes to how to love others, well, there's only One who can truly show us how—Jesus! This month, we are going to discover how to live it out and love like Jesus. No matter how young or old you are, we all need Jesus to show us how to love others. Together, let's point preschoolers to the One who came to show them how to do the most important thing: loving others the way Jesus loves 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

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

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.

‘Think *(point to head)*
and act *(walk in place)*
as Jesus did,’ *(tap finger to middle of each palm)*
Philippians 2:5. *(Open hands like a book.)*

“Ok, now let’s sing and worship God!”

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: FULLY ALIVE, LOVE LIKE JESUS)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Story Box with Beginner’s Bible, Stuffed Ollie and a Large Foam/Felt Heart)

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.

Pull out the Stuffed Ollie and Heart.

“Who is in our story box today? *(Pause for responses.)* YES! It’s Ollie! What does Ollie have with him today? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! A HEART! What does a heart remind us of? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! A heart reminds us of love. Today we are going to hear a story about how we love like Jesus when we make peace.

“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 moving 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! Barnabas loved like Jesus and helped make peace with everyone. We can love like Jesus too and make peace because *[Bottom Line]* Jesus shows me how to love others!

“When I ask, ‘Who shows you how to love others?’ I want you to say, *[Bottom Line]* ‘Jesus shows me how to love others.’ Are you ready? *(Pause for responses)*. ‘Who shows you how to love others?’ *[Bottom Line]* ‘Jesus shows me how to love others.’ YES! *[Bottom Line]* Jesus shows me how to love others.”

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 love God, love others and love life.’ Jesus loves you and Jesus loves me. We love like Jesus when we love others and make peace.”

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 sending Jesus to show us how to love others and make peace with others. Please help us love like Jesus and be a good friend. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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MAKE THAT FACE(2's-5's)

(‘Make that Face’ Activity Page – 1 set per group, cut apart. Dice/Tissue Box- 1per SG)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Make That Face” Activity Page, one set per small group and cut apart the 6 images. Attach one image to each side of a dice/tissue box.

During the Activity: Kids take turns rolling the dice and doing the corresponding action.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Everyone, come sit with me! We’re going to take turns rolling this dice and doing what it says.” (Show the kids the 6 different images and the corresponding action.)

During the Activity: “In our Bible Story today, Barnabas helped Paul and the disciples become friends. Does anyone remember how many disciples there were? (pause....) That’s right, there were 12 disciples! Let’s count to 12- count slowly while tapping your foot on the ground (or some other movement.) 1, 2, 12.

“OK, now we are ready to start rolling the dice.” Take turns having each child roll the dice and lead all of the kids in the corresponding action.

- **Happy Face-** Show me your Happy Face! Barnabas loved like Jesus and helped make peace with everyone.
- **Sad Face-** Show me your Sad Face. It’s sad when we aren’t getting along with our friends.
- **Surprised Face-** Show me your Surprised Face. Paul met Jesus and that changed him. The disciples were surprised to hear Paul had changed.
- **Afraid Face-** Show me your Afraid Face. At first, the disciples were afraid of Paul because they thought he was going to be mean to them.
- **Jesus-** Jesus shows me how to love others!
- **Bible-** Think and Act as Jesus did. *Philippians 2:5*

After the Activity: “You guys did a great job making all of those faces! Barnabas loved like Jesus and helped make peace with everyone. WE can make peace just like Barnabas and when we do, we are loving others the way Jesus shows us to love. **Who shows you how to love others?**

[Bottom Line] Jesus shows me how to love others!"

LOVE BOOKMARK (2's-5's)

(‘Love Book Mark’ Activity Page- 1 bookmark per child, heart stamps, and crayons, The Beginner’s Bible – marked at p480, OPTIONAL- yarn or string for tassel, holepunch - optional)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy ‘Love Book Mark’ Activity page on cardstock and punch a hole in the center top. Cut yarn or string in 4 inch pieces to make tassels.

During the Activity: Kids are decorating a Book Mark. Pass out materials and lead kids through coloring and decorating their book marks.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, who knows what this is (hold up the bookmark that is in the Beginner Bible in your SG Bin marking page #480) PAUSE... yes, it’s a bookmark. Today you are each going to make your own bookmark and it has some fun reminders about the things we learned today!”

During the Activity: “Today we heard a story about a guy named... it starts with a B, does anyone remember who it was?” PAUSE. “Yes, Barnabas! And Barnabas loved like Jesus by helping bring peace between the Disciples and Paul.” Your grownups can use this QR Code to watch today’s Bible Story with you! Point out other parts of the bookmark as the kids are coloring.

- Who is that cool looking owl? Yes! That’s Ollie!!
- Look at that book with a cross on it, that’s a Bible! And right above it is this month’s memory verse!
- Let’s practice our Bottom Line. Who shows you how to love others? Jesus shows me how to love others!

After the Activity: “Wow! Your bookmarks look awesome!! Be sure to show it to your grown-up when they pick you up today! Maybe you can put your bookmark in a book at home or stick it on your refrigerator. Barnabas loved like Jesus and helped make peace with everyone. Jesus shows us how to love others so we can make peace and love others too! Tell me- **Who helps you do big things?** *[Bottom Line]* God helps me do big things!”

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.

‘Think (*point to head*)
and act (*walk in place*)
as Jesus did,’ (*tap finger to middle of each palm*)
Philippians 2:5. (*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.”)*

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to love others. Please help us love like Jesus and make peace. You’re the best, God! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY – READ THE STORY

(The Beginner’s Bible)

What You Do:

- Open up the Beginner’s Bible to today’s story (The First Church, page #480) and read it to your small group.

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.