



LIVE IT OUT | WEEK 4 | JUNE 22, 2025

Preschool Lesson

Paul Encourages the Church

Bible Story: *Paul Encourages the Church* • Encourage one another • *John 16:33; Galatians 1:1-3, 5:13; Hebrews 10:24-25*

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



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 to love like Jesus by encouraging.

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! Paul encouraged lots of people. He encouraged people to keep loving the way Jesus loves.

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 each one of us. We can love like Jesus by encouraging and cheering others on.

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 encourage us and show us how to love. Please help us love like Jesus and encourage others. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

NOTE TO TECH: Please be prepared to start and stop one of the worship songs for the first small group activity. Small group leaders will encourage children to wiggle and dance to the music. When the music stops, the leader will open an envelope, read the words and guide the children to do the motion on the letter. After small groups have done the motion, you can start and stop the music again until all four envelopes have been opened.

SMALL GROUP

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WIGGLE AND DANCE (2's-5's)

(‘Wiggle and Dance’ Activity Page – 1 set per group, Letter Sized Envelopes – 4 per group, Worship Music from Playlist [preferred] or phone)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Wiggle and Dance” Activity Pages, one set per Small Group. Fold each page and place each page in a separate envelope. You will have four envelopes.

During the Activity: Play worship music (either on playlist [preferred] or on your phone) and encourage the children to wiggle and dance. When the music stops, encourage children to freeze while you open one of the envelopes. Show everyone the “letter” inside the envelope for them to “read” and do what it says. (Clap hands, fist bump, high five, or hug.) Repeat until all the envelopes have been opened. Continue playing and hold up one of the “letters” each time the music stops.

After the Activity: Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Everyone, come over here with me! Today we’re going to wiggle and dance!”

During the Activity: “In our Bible Story today, Paul wrote letters to encourage people to keep loving others the way Jesus shows us how to love others. We are going to read some letters and encourage one another, too! When you hear music, I want you to wiggle and dance. When the music stops, I want you to freeze while I open one of these letters (hold up four letters) for us to read. Each time we read a letter; we’ll do what the letter says. Okay, get ready to wiggle and dance!”

Say these words each time you read a letter:

Clap: “Yay! [**Bottom Line**] Jesus shows me how to love others!”

Fist bump: “You can do this! [**Bottom Line**] Jesus shows me how to love others!”

High five: “Way to go! [**Bottom Line**] Jesus shows me how to love others!”

Hug: “Jesus loves you! [**Bottom Line**] Jesus shows me how to love others!”

“That was so much fun dancing and encouraging each other with you.” (Repeat the activity as long as time and interest allow.)

After the Activity: “Encouraging one another can be fun! I like cheering for my friends like Paul did so they can keep loving others the way Jesus shows us how to love others. **Who shows you how to love others?** [*Bottom Line*] **Jesus shows me how to love others!**”

ENCOURAGING WORDS (2's-5's)

(‘Encouraging Words’ Activity Page – 1 per child, Crayons)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Encouraging Words” Activity Page, one per child. Write each child’s name on their paper.

During the Activity: Read the words at the top of the paper. Encourage the children to color their megaphone as you read the different words of encouragement and then have them say the encouraging words too!

After the Activity: Review the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Everyone, come over and join me in our circle. I have a paper for each of you to color. It has lots of encouraging words on it!”

During the Activity: “The top of your paper says Jesus shows me how to love others by encouraging. Paul encourages the Church. Our story today was about Paul. He encouraged others with his words. Do you see what’s on your paper? Do you know what this is? (*Point to the megaphone and pause for responses.*) It’s a megaphone. When you talk into a megaphone it makes your voice louder. Can you put your hands around your mouth like a megaphone? (*Pause and cup your hands around your mouth.*) The megaphone on your paper has lots of wording coming out of it. The first one says, ‘Way to go!’ Let’s use our hands to make our megaphone again and say, ‘Way to go!’ Are you ready? (*Pause for responses.*) ‘Way to go!’ Awesome encouraging! Go ahead and choose what color you would like to make your megaphone, and you can start coloring. As you color, I’m going to read the rest of these encouraging words, and you can say them too! (*Continue reading the remaining encouraging words on the paper and have your group repeat them.*)

After the Activity: “Today we learned about one of Jesus’ friends named Paul. Paul wanted to love others the way Jesus showed us how to love. One way Jesus loved others was by encouraging them. Encouraging words can be things like, ‘Way to go!’ ‘You can do it!’ or ‘You’ve got this!’ just like on your picture! Paul wrote letters to lots of people and lots of churches to encourage them. Some of Paul’s letters are in the Bible, and now we can read them! Paul wrote letters to encourage people to keep loving others the way Jesus showed us to love others. Encouraging others is one way Jesus showed us how to love others. **Who shows you how to love others?** [*Bottom Line*] **Jesus shows me how to love others.**”

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 encourage one another. Please help us be a good friend and cheer for each other. 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 (Paul's Journeys, page #494) 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.