



LUAU | WEEK 5 | JUNE 27, 2025

Preschool Lesson

5th Sunday Funday!

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

Today is the 5th 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

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 – 1 per classroom, precut and taped around the room)

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:

- What’s your favorite part about summer?
- Do you have a favorite ice cream flavor?
- Would you rather play in the water at the pool or at the beach?
- Can you show me how to hula dance?

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 Dressed in a Grass Skirt and Hawaiian Lei with 'Gospel Lei' Pictures - 1 set per environment and 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 Dressed in a Grass Skirt and Hawaiian Lei and Heart

Who is in our story box today? *(Pause for responses.)* YES! It's Ollie! What is Ollie wearing today? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! A grass skirt and Hawaiian Lei. Ollies dressed to hula. Have you ever danced hula before? *(Pause for responses.)* Let's try it. Everyone stand up. Let's hula! *(Demonstrate how to hula dance and encourage the children to do so as well.)* That was so FUN! Ollie brought something else today *(hold up the heart)*. What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's 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 the GREATEST VERSE in the Bible and God's great love for you and me.

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! God loves us SO much that He gave us Jesus! Do you see the Hawaiian Lei that Ollie is wearing? (*Pause for responses.*) It has pictures on it. The pictures go along with our story today.

(Point to the Heart) A heart helps us remember that "God Loved" us so much from the very beginning. Can you all say, "God Loved"?

(Point to the Cross) This is 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"?

(Point to 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"?

(Point to the Gift) This is 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."

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!

BEACH BALL BALANCE (2's-5's)

(Small Beach Ball – 1 per group, Beach Pail and Shovel – 1 per group, 'Jesus Wants to Be My Friend Forever' Sticker – 1 per child)

What You Do:

Before the activity: Place the beach ball and shovel at one end of your space and a beach pail at the opposite end of your space.

During the Activity: Line children up in a London Bridge Style (two lines across from each other with hands connected over heads). Have one child at a time balance the beach ball on the shovel and slowly walk under the bridge to the other side and put the beach ball in the pail. Once they finish, have a leader ready to meet them and place a *Jesus Wants to Be Your Friend Forever* sticker on their shirt to remind them that Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever. Have the children in your small group help you by saying, "Jesus loves [child's name] and wants to be his/her friend forever!" Have that child join back with the other children in a London Bridge and continue with the next child until everyone has had a turn.

After the Activity: Review the gospel bottom line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: We are going to play a fun game with this beach ball, shovel and pail today. Our group is going to create a bridge by connecting our hands over our heads like this. Each friend is going to take a turn to balance the beach ball on the shovel, go under the bridge and put the beach ball in the pail. After each friend goes under the bridge we are going to say "Jesus loves you (using their name) and wants to be your friend forever. Are we ready?"

During the Activity: Let's make our bridge. [Child's name] it's your turn to balance the beach ball. Great balancing! Give [child's name] a *Jesus Wants to Be Your Friend Forever* sticker, then say Jesus loves [child's name] and wants to be his/her friend forever!

After the Activity: "That was so much FUN! Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"

POOL NOODLE LIMBO (2's-5's)

(Pool Noodle – 1 per group, Hawaiian Lei – 1 per child, Music from Playlist)

Each child will get to keep their Hawaiian Lei to take home.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather the Hawaiian Lei's, one for each child in your group. Have (2) leaders

hold a pool noodle at each end leaving the space in the middle for children to move underneath.

During the Activity: One at a time call each child's name, give them a Hawaiian Lei to put on, then encourage them to take a turn moving underneath the pool noodle. After each child has had their first turn, lower the noodle closer to the floor and have each child go again.

After the Activity: Celebrate how much fun you had.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I have another fun game to play with this pool noodle. When I call your name, I will give you a fun Hawaiian Lei to put on. This is yours to keep and take home today! Once you put on your Hawaiian Lei, it will be your turn to limbo and move under the pool noodle without touching the noodle (have a leader hold the pool noodle and another leader demonstrate what this looks like.)

During the Activity: "Is everyone ready? *(Pause for responses.)* Here we go! That was so fun! You did an amazing job moving under the pool noodle without touching it. Let's see if we can do it again. This time, we are going to lower the pool noodle closer to the floor. Can we do it! Yes, we can! *(Have each child take their 2nd turn moving under the pool noodle.)*

After Activity: "WOW! That was so much FUN! God made us to move! God made you and me! He loves each and every one of us so much!

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 loving us so much that you sent Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus is the best gift! We love you, Amen."

PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY – COLORING

(‘Let’s Celebrate’ Activity Page – 1 per child, crayons)

What You Do:

- Give each child a Let's Celebrate 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 Let’s Celebrate coloring page and their Hawaiian Lei.

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.