



LIVE IT OUT | WEEK 2 | JULY 13, 2025

## Preschool Lesson

# Jesus Forgives

**Bible Story:** *Forgive one another. Jesus Forgives Peter* • *Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75; John 21:15-17; Colossians 3:13*

**Memory Verse:** “Be kind and loving to each other.” Ephesians 4:22, NCV

**Key Question:** Who can do what Jesus says?

**Bottom Line:** I can do what Jesus says.

**Basic Truth:** I am loved by God no matter what so I can trust God to guide me.

### LEADER BIBLE STUDY

*This month, we will continue to live it out and discover how to love like Jesus with our preschoolers. Jesus showed us how to love in many ways as He helped people, was kind to them, forgave them, and was patient and gentle toward them. Jesus was consistently showing us what love looks like. There is another way we can learn how to love like Jesus and that is by doing what Jesus says. Jesus gave us very clear instructions on what to do, and then Jesus gave us the gift of His Holy Spirit to guide us and help us do it. That is why we want our preschoolers to learn that I can do what Jesus says . . . because they can! Preschoolers can do what Jesus says and show his love to everyone everywhere!*

#### **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.*

**Be kind and loving** *(cross hands over chest)*  
**to each other,** *(spread arms out)*  
**Ephesians 4:32.”** *(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 Megaphone/Microphone)**

*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 megaphone/microphone*

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 Megaphone (or microphone)! What do we do with a megaphone? That’s right! We speak into it, and it makes our voices louder! Let’s try it out.

*Ask, ‘Who can do what Jesus says?’ into the megaphone. Then have kids answer, ‘I can do what Jesus says!’ If you choose, you can ask the question several times and have different kids speak into the megaphone each time to answer.*

Jesus says to love other people and be kind to them. Let’s hear a story all about a way that we can

do what he says and love people like Jesus! 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! That was an amazing story! Jesus not only says to forgive others, he showed us that we can forgive others just like he forgave his friend. We can learn to forgive like Jesus too! We are learning this month that **[Bottom Line] I can do what Jesus says!**

When I ask, **'Who can do what Jesus says?'** I want you to say, **[Bottom Line] 'I can do what Jesus says.'** Are you ready? *(Pause for responses)*. **'Who can do what Jesus says?'** **[Bottom Line] 'I can do what Jesus says.'** YES! **[Bottom Line] 'I can do what Jesus says.'**

## 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 trust God to guide me.'** **Jesus is God's son, and we can trust God and do what He says!**

## 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 forgive others. Please help us to stop and forgive people the way Jesus stopped to forgive his friend. In Jesus' name. Amen."

## TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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## STORY WALK (2's-5's)

(“Story Walk” Activity Pages – 1 set per group, tape - optional)

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “Story Walk”, one set per Small Group. Tape the story pictures around the room, at child’s height, in order as they happened in the story.

*During the Activity:* Lead the children in a walk around the room. Stop at each picture to review that part of the story with motions. (*Small Space Adaptation- you can also lay the pictures in order on the floor around your small group space, and have the kids walk around the circle to each picture.*)

*After the Activity:* Review the Bottom Line.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Line up behind me! Let’s go on a story walk!”

*During the Activity:* (*Say the words and do the actions below when you stop at each picture.*)  
“Here we go! Follow me to the first picture.

(*Walk to the picture #1—Jesus and Peter smiling. Lead children to hug themselves.*) “Peter and Jesus were good friends and spent a lot of time together. Jesus taught Peter about God. But one day angry soldiers came and took Jesus away!”

(*Walk to the picture #2—Peter and a girl. Lead children to shake their head “no.”*) “A girl asked Peter if he was friends with Jesus. Peter was afraid, so he said no.”

(*Walk to the picture #3—Peter and another girl. Lead children to shake their head “no.”*) “Another person asked Peter if he was friends with Jesus. Peter was still afraid, so he said no.”

(*Walk to the picture #4—Peter and a group of people. Lead children to shake their head “no.”*)  
“More people asked Peter if he was Jesus’ friend. Peter was afraid, so he said no.”

(*Walk to the picture #5—Jesus and Peter talking and smiling. Lead children to hug themselves.*)  
“Later, after Jesus came back, Jesus talked with Peter. Jesus forgave Peter and told Peter to go and tell everyone that Jesus loves them.”



(Walk to the picture #6—Peter talking to people. Lead children to clap and cheer.) “Peter did what Jesus said and told everyone that Jesus loves them! Yay! Peter did what Jesus said!”

“That was a fun way to walk through today’s story!”

*After the Activity:* “Peter did what Jesus said, and now we can too! **[Bottom Line] I can do what Jesus says**, and you can do what Jesus says! **Who can do what Jesus says? [Bottom Line] I can do what Jesus says!**”

## STORY COLORING (2's-5's)

(Coloring Sheet ½ page, Front/Back for each child, crayons, heart stickers/stamps- optional)

### What You Do:

*During the Activity:* This is a story review & bottom line practice coloring activity.

*After the Activity:* Kids Color the Bible Story Image.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Friends, we are going to color and stamp/sticker together!”

*During the Activity:* “Today we heard a story about Jesus and his good friend, Peter. One night some men came and took Jesus away. Three times (hold up three fingers, and count 1, 2, 3) Peter was asked if he was friends with Jesus, and each time he said no, because he was scared. (Pause-show me your scared face.) Peter felt so bad he started to cry. (Pause show me your sad face.) But after Jesus came back, he talked to Peter and forgave him. He gave Peter an important job. He told Peter to go and tell others that Jesus loves them and help them follow Jesus. Peter did what Jesus said! We can follow Jesus and do what Jesus tells us to do, and when we don’t do what Jesus says, Jesus will forgive us and help us try again! **Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!**”

- OK, let’s color our sheet together!
- Do you see Ollie? Everyone color Ollie Orange. (Ask the key question and have the kids answer with the bottom line.) Color in the Bottom Line with your favorite color!
- Do you see the hearts? Hearts mean love! (Instruct kids to color in the hearts or give heart stickers/stamps to put on the hearts.)
- Nice Job! Let’s all put our crayons down and practice our memory verse.
- You guys are doing some great coloring! Flip over to the other side.... wow! This coloring sheet has two sides! I see more hearts! Let’s color the hearts!
- Point out Peter- Everyone color Peter.
  - Jesus forgave Peter! Jesus will forgive us too.
  - Peter did what Jesus told him to do. He went out to teach people about Jesus.

*After the Activity:* “Wow! Peter was friends with Jesus and when he did something he shouldn’t have done, Jesus forgave him. Then Peter went on to tell lots of people about Jesus! We can follow Jesus too! We can do what Jesus says, and we can trust that Jesus will forgive us and help us try again when we don’t. Take your pictures home with you and hang them somewhere you will see them to help you remember- **Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!**”

## 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.

**Be kind and loving** (*cross hands over chest*)  
**to each other,** (*spread arms out*)  
**Ephesians 4:32.** (*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. Help us stop and love one another—like Jesus. 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 a story about Peter (A Net Full of Fish, page #462) 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.