



CHRISTMAS | WEEK 5 | NOVEMBER 30, 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! We're celebrating **CHRISTMAS!** 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).**



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:

- Who is Christmas all about? A. Santa or B. Jesus
- Where was Jesus born? A. A stable or B. A castle
- Who was Jesus' mother? A. Mary or B. Sarah
- Who was Jesus' earthly father? A. Joseph or B. Noah
- Who came to see baby Jesus? A. Shepherds or B. Pirates
- What did the angels say when Jesus was born? A. "Glory to God!" or B. "Time for lunch!"

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.

‘I will give thanks *(move flat hand forward from chin)*
to the LORD *(point up)*
with my whole heart,’ *(tap heart twice)*
Psalm 111:1.” *(Open hands like a book.)*

“Ok, now let’s sing and worship God!”

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: SILENT NIGHT, WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Story Box with Beginner’s Bible, Stuffed Ollie the Owl with Christmas Hat, “Gospel Ornaments” - 1 cut set per environment, (4) Christmas Gifts Bags - 1 for each ornament)

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.

There is something else in our story box today. Let’s see what it is!

Pull out Ollie with Christmas Hat and Gift Bags

Hello Ollie! Can everyone say, “Hello Ollie!” *(Pause for responses.)* What is Ollie wearing? *(Pause for responses.)* YES, Ollie is wearing a Christmas hat! It’s almost CHRISTMAS! I’m so excited! Are you excited for Christmas? *(Pause for responses.)* What did Ollie bring with him today? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, presents! Do you give presents at Christmas? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! Do you also get presents at Christmas? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! In our story today, we are going to hear about the BEST GIFT ever received! Let’s get ready to watch our Bible story video and find

out!

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! God loves us SO much that He gave us Jesus! Let's open these gift bags and see what is inside.

GIFT BAG #1 (Heart) A heart helps us remember that "God Loved" us so much from the very beginning. Can you all say, "**God Loved**"?

GIFT BAG #2 (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**"?

GIFT BAG #3 (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 BAG #4 (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!

PIN THE ORNAMENT ON THE TREE (2's-5's)

(“Christmas Tree” Activity Page – 1 per group on 11x17, “Gospel Ornaments” Activity Page – 1 cut set (4 sets on each page) per group, Blindfold – 1 per group)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Christmas Tree” activity page on 11x17 paper, 1 per group and “Gospel Ornaments” activity page, 1 set per group, cut apart.

During the Activity: Gather the kids in a circle. Show each Gospel Ornament and review what each one means, then have the kids take turns ‘pinning’ their ornament to the tree.

After the Activity: Review the bottom line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello friends! Join me in a circle.”

During the Activity: “I have ornaments in my hand with different pictures on them. Let’s look at each picture and review what it means.”

- **(Heart)** A heart! This is to help 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? 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)** 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)** Finally, 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**”?

“You are good listeners! You remembered what each picture means. Now we going to take turns being blindfolded and decorating our Christmas Tree with the Gospel ornaments. Are you ready? (Pause for responses.)”

Tape the picture of the Christmas Tree to the wall at preschooler height.

- Have kids line up. Blindfold the first kid and give them an ornament with a tape loop on the back.
- Guide kids to where the picture is and have them place their ornament where they think it should go!

After the Activity: “Excellent work decorating our Christmas tree. We learned about the BEST GIFT EVER today! What is the BEST GIFT? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, Jesus is the BEST GIFT! Tell me...**Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**”

CHRISTMAS TREE STACK (2's-5's)

(3 oz. Sized Green Dixie Cups – 10-12 per group, Yellow Pom-Poms – 10-12 per group)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather cups and pom-poms for each group.

During the Activity: Children will take turns stacking trees (green cup) and stars (yellow pom-pom) until all the ‘Christmas Trees’ are stacked or they topple over.

After the Activity: Connect to Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, I have a fun game for us to play. We’re going to pretend these green cups are trees and these yellow pom-poms are stars. Each of you will get a tree and a star, then we are going to take turns stacking them one at a time and see how many we can stack. Are you ready? *(Pause for responses, then give one green cup and one yellow pom-pom to each child).*”

During the Activity: [First child’s name] it’s your turn to start. Place your cup in the center of the group and then place your star on top. *(Pause to allow time.)* Excellent, we have ONE Christmas tree! Now [next child’s name] it’s your turn. *(Pause to allow time for the second child to add his/her tree.)* Yay! We have TWO Christmas trees!” Build the excitement as each child stacks their Christmas tree. Continue until everyone has stacked their Christmas tree or the trees topple over. If the trees fall before everyone gets a turn, unstack them and begin with the next child in line/circle so that everyone gets a turn. Repeat as interest allows. You can even speed it up to see how quickly they can stack the trees.

After the Activity: “That was so much FUN! I love Christmas trees, and I love Christmas! Tell me, who is the BEST GIFT? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, Jesus is the BEST GIFT! Jesus wants to be your friend forever! **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**”

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.

‘I will give thanks *(move flat hand forward from chin)*
to the LORD *(point up)*
with my whole heart,’ *(tap heart twice)*
Psalm 111:1.” *(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, You are SO special, and You are so good. Thank you for loving us so much that you gave us the best gift. Thank you for giving us your son, Jesus! We love You, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."

PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY - COLORING PAGE

("Best Gift" Activity Page - 1 per child, Crayons)

What You Do:

- Give each child a "Best Gift" activity page to color while waiting for parents to pick them up. Read the words on the page as the children are coloring.

PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY - READ THE STORY

(The Beginner's Bible)

What You Do:

- Open up the Beginner's Bible to the Christmas Story (Baby Jesus Is Born, page #271) 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.