



BOOK FAIR | WEEK 4 | JANUARY 25, 2026

## Preschool Lesson

# I can live for God

**Bible Story:** Timothy and Tabitha • I can live for God. • Acts 9:36-39; 1 Timothy 4:12

**Memory Verse:** “Your word is truth.” John 17:17, NIV

**Key Question:** What does the Bible teach you?

**Bottom Line:** The Bible teaches me the best things!

**Basic Truth:** I am made by God to reflect His image (act like Him).

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Books are a gift because of what they can teach us, but there is one book that surpasses them all—the Bible! Jesus said, “Your word is truth” (John 17:17 NIV). That’s what the Bible is. It’s truth! The Bible is filled with God’s words, and all the best things God wants to teach us. **[Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things!** Join us this month as we pray for our preschoolers to fall in love with the Bible and that they will see God’s Word as truth. That they will see the Bible as the place they can go to learn the best things in life, things like God made me, God loves me, and Jesus wants to be my friend forever. And that by the end of this month, they will know they can talk about God, hear from God, pray to God, and live for God, because those truly are the best things!

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### **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

**Story Focus: Timothy & Tabitha - I can live for God.** The Bible teaches us that we can live for God. It doesn’t matter if you’re young or old, God wants you to live for Him. Tabitha loved Jesus. She was always doing good and making clothes for people who needed them. Timothy was a young man who loved Jesus, too. He didn’t let his age keep him from living for God. Timothy taught others about God and showed others how to love like Jesus. Timothy lived for God and helped a lot of people follow Jesus. Tabitha and Timothy lived for God, and we can live for God, too.

## 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.*

**'Your** *(point up)*

**word** *(open hands like a book)*

**is truth,'** *(touch index finger to lips and then move forward away from mouth)*

**John 17:17."** *(Open hands like a book.)*

"Ok, now let's sing and worship God!"

## WORSHIP

**(VIDEO: I'm Gonna Tell, Important Things)**

Sing the worship songs together.

## INTRO SKETCH

**(Stuffed Ollie, Well Known Children's Book (different book each week- Images provided if easier to have a print out), Beginner's Bible and Story Box)**

*LGL brings the story box with the book, Bible and Ollie 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 Ollie the Owl*

Who is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's Ollie!! Everyone say 'Hi Ollie!' *(Pause)*

*Pull out the Children's Book.*

Oh wow, this is the Book Ollie was just reading! Show the kids the cover, have any of you ever read this book? *(Pause)*

Yeah, I have too. Its a pretty good book! I really like (talk about something you enjoyed). Ollie has another book in here he's been reading....

*Pull out the Bible*

What book is this? *(pause for responses)* Yes, it's the Bible! The Bible is God's word and God's word is always true. And while this other book *(hold up children's book)* is good, and I do like reading it, I think the Bible is the BEST Book! Let's get ready to watch our Bible Story Video.

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)

"What a great story! We can live for God--every day and everywhere we go! Raise your hand if you think you can live for God. *(Pause.)* Everyone's hand should be up because we can all live for God—just like Tabitha and Timothy! These Bible stories about Tabitha and Timothy show us that we can do what God says and be like Jesus. This month we are learning that the Bible teaches us the best things."

When I ask, **'What does the Bible teach you?'** I want you to say, **[Bottom Line] 'The Bible teaches me the BEST things!'** Are you ready? *(Pause for responses)*. **'What does the Bible teach you?'** **[Bottom Line] 'The Bible teaches me the BEST things!'**

## SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

Let's look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, 'I am made by God to reflect His image (act like Him)'. We can do what God says and be like Jesus.

## 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 giving us the Bible. We can read about people like Tabitha and Timothy and how they helped people. You're the best God! We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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### Bible Stickers(2's-5's)

(“Big Bible” Activity Pages – 1/child, Big Bible stickers – 1 set/child, crayons)

#### What You Do:

Before the Activity: Write each child’s name on their paper.

During the Activity: Give each child one set of stickers and one “Big Bible” Activity Page. Encourage children to add their stickers as you review the story.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

#### What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Let’s have everyone sit down with me so we can talk about our story and make something really cool!”

During the Activity: “Today we heard two true stories from the Bible! We heard about Tabitha and Timothy. Tabitha and Timothy lived for God! Does anyone remember what Tabitha did? (Pause for responses.) That’s right! Tabitha helped people by making them clothes. Does anyone remember what Timothy did? (Pause for responses.) Yes! Timothy taught people about God! Now, who remembers, was Timothy old or young? (Pause for responses.) Yes! Timothy was young! And you’re young too! That means you can do big things just like Timothy. Even though you are young, the Bible teaches you the best things! Let’s use these stickers to remember what the Bible teaches us.

“Everyone, pick up the sticker that looks like this. (Show sticker of mouth.) This mouth reminds us that **we can talk about God** to others. Put this sticker on your picture. (Pause.)

Now, everyone find the sticker that looks like this. (Show sticker of ear.) This ear reminds us that **we can hear from God**. Go ahead and put the ear sticker on your picture. (Pause.) Now, who can find the sticker that looks like this? (Show sticker of prayer hands.) This sticker reminds us that **we can pray and talk to God** anytime and anywhere. Put that sticker on your picture. Now let’s find the sticker of people helping. (Show sticker of people helping.) Add that to your picture of the Bible. Now, if you want, you can color the rest of your picture. (Pause.) Look at your masterpieces! They all look beautiful and wonderful.”

After the Activity: “When you get home, hang this up so everyone can see! You have four stickers to remind us that, “The Bible teaches me the best things. What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things.”

### Here, There, and Everywhere (2's-5's)

( Parachute and inflatable globe beach ball – 1per group)

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Spread out the parachute in an open area.

*During the Activity:* Explain to the children that they are going to make the globe beach ball go here, there, and everywhere! Place the globe ball in the middle of the parachute. Say ready, set, move, and have children start with small motions and get bigger until the globe flies off the parachute. Then, ask a different child each time to get the ball and return it to you. Ask that child to point to a place in the world. Name the place the child points out and ask if we can live for God there. Everyone then shouts, “Yes!” Toss the beach ball back onto the parachute. Repeat as long as desired.



*After the Activity:* Introduce the Bible Story.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “Hey, friends! Come join me over here around this super fun parachute! Let’s all grab a side. Keep it super still until I say move.”

*During the Activity:* “Look at this super cool beach ball. It looks like the world! Look, this is *(point to a place and name it)*, and here is *(point to a place and name it)*, and we live here *(point to where you live)*. Let’s add the world to our parachute. *(Pause.)* Ready, set, move! Bounce the parachute until the world goes here, there, and everywhere! *(Pause.)* Awesome! Everyone freeze. [Child’s name], will you please go get the ball and bring it back to me? *(Pause.)* Point to a place in the world. You pointed to [place]. Can we live for God like Timothy and Tabitha in [place]? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! We can live for God everywhere! *(Toss the ball back onto the parachute and play again.)* That was so much fun!”

*After the Activity:* “In today’s Bible Story, we learned that Tabitha loved God and lived for God by helping others. Tabitha made clothes for people and that helped a lot of people. And Timothy lived for God and taught others about God and showed others how to love like Jesus. We can live for God too, every day and everywhere we go! The Bible has God’s words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things! **What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best 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.

**“Your** *(point up)*  
**word** *(open hands like a book)*  
**is truth,”** *(move index finger forward from mouth)*  
**John 17:17.** *(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 giving us the Bible so we can learn the best things. Please help us to live for You by helping others! Please help us be big helpers. We want to live for You God! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

## PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY –

*(“Tabitha and Timothy” Coloring Page)*

**What You Do:**

- Guide your group through the coloring page as you talk about the story.

## 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.