

Preschool | W1

Leader Summary

People bring children to see Jesus, but the disciples try to stop them, thinking Jesus doesn't want to spend time with children. But Jesus corrects them and says, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them!" Jesus takes the children in His arms and blesses them. He shows the disciples and everyone—that children are important to Him. They are important to God's kingdom! And Jesus loves them.

Small Group Connect Time (20 minutes)

Large Group(25minutes)

Countdown and Welcome
Worship
Story
Prayer

Small Group(25 minutes)

Activity 1
Activity 2
Memory Verse with Motions
Prayer
Parent Pick Up Activity

Home:

First Look Placemats



Bible Story

Jesus loves children.

Jesus and the Children • Mark 10:13-16

Key Question

Who loves you?

Bottom Line

Jesus loves me.

Memory Verse

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me"
(Matthew 19:14 NLT).

20 min

Connect Time

15 min

Welcome Time

What You Need

Video: Arrival Music

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What You Do:

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

5 min

Opening Activity

What You Need

No supplies needed

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...

11 min

Large Group

3 min

Countdown and Welcome

What You Need

No supplies needed

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 basic 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.)

"Let's stand up and worship! We worship because God loves us. Singing and dancing are just a couple of ways we can worship God and let him know we love Him too!"

5 min

Worship

What You Need

 Jesus loves Me Remix 0

 Whole Lotta Bit 0

LGL: "Our first song is a fun song about how much God loves us."
SONG 1: Jesus Loves me Remix

LGL: "Great job, friends! Let's sing one more song about how much God loves us!"

SONG2:Whole Lotta Bit

2 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

LGL: "Great singing, friends! Now, let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!"

Memory Verse Video

Jesus said, *Tap finger to middle of each palm.*

"Let the children, *Point to self.*

come to me" *Move hands toward self.*

Matthew 19:14. *Open hands like a book.*

Memory Verse Slide

LGL: "Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

1 min

Worship Closer

What You Need

No supplies needed

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what today's Bible Story is all about!"

12 min

Bible Story - Intro

2 min

Intro Sketch

What You Need

Story Box	1
Stuffed Ollie	1
Chef's Hat (optional)	1
Recipe Card Activity Page (1 document, 4 cards, 1/week) on Cardstock	1
Beginner's Bible	1

LGL - "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 Ollie, w/ a chefs hat- optional) Who is this? (Pause) Yes, It's Ollie! Everyone say hi Ollie!"

Pull out prop that goes along with the lesson/theme.

LGL - "Look at this recipe card (hold up recipe card) chef Ollie is making a sweet treat. Let's see what he is making.(pause) Wow! That looks like a yummy ____! Can you tell what the decorations are? (Pause) Yes, I see _____ too. I wonder if that might have something to do with our Bible Story today."

LGL - "Ollie has one more thing in our Story Box." Pull out the Bible. "What's this? (Pause.) Yes, it's the Bible! The Bible is God's word and God's word is always true. Let's get ready to watch our Bible Story Video."

8 min

Wonder Bible Story (Video)

What You Need

No supplies needed

2 min

Wrap Up

What You Need

No supplies needed

LGL: "Wow! Jesus wanted the children to come right up to Him! His friends thought He was too busy and important, but Jesus said, 'No! I love them!' That means Jesus loves you and **Bottom Line** Jesus loves me! I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?"

CHILDREN: "Got it!"

Basic Truth Slide

LGL: "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.' Today's story showed us that God loves the children!"

Prayer

LGL: "Ok friends, we have shown God that we love Him through worship and we have heard about how much He loves us in our Bible Story today, now we are going to Pray. Praying is how we get to talk to God. Let's get ready to pray....calm your body, close your eyes..."

"Dear God, thank You for Jesus! Thank You that He told His friends to let the children come to Him because He loved them so much. We know that Jesus loves every single one of us, too! Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. It's in His name we pray. Amen."

"Friends, you were wonderful listeners for Large Group. We are going to head to Small Groups now where you will get to keep learning and having fun!"

17 min

Small Group

5 min

Stop and Go to Jesus | Made to Move

What You Need

1: "Stop and Go to Jesus" Activity Page 2



EveryChild Tips

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Hold up the stop sign or heart sign as you say the words "Stop" or "Go" for children who process better visually.
- Pair children who need extra help with a buddy.

LGL dismisses kids to their Small Group Leaders.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Stop and Go to Jesus" Activity Page on cardstock, two sets per Small Group.

During the Activity: Show children both signs and explain what they mean. Encourage children to walk, march, skip, crawl, or roll toward the signs to answer the question. Hold up the heart or stop sign to direct their movements and ask children to continue to that side. Repeat as desired.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "In our Bible Story, the disciples told the children to stop and not go to Jesus. But Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me!' Come stand with me. Today we're going to play a game to remember that Jesus always wants us to come to Him!"

During the Activity: "Everybody look. We have a stop sign over here. (Point.) And a heart over here. [Try to separate the two images as much as possible in your Small Group Space.] Hearts make us think of love. Our game has three questions, one answer will lead you to the heart, one answer will lead you to the stop sign and the other question will have you jump up and down. Ready to play?"

- What shape makes us think of Love? (Pause, indicate the heart and have kids move that way.)
- What do we have to do before we cross the road? (Pause, indicate the stop sign and have kids move that way.)
- I'm a grown up, and you are? (Pause for answers) Yes, you are children.. I don't have a picture for children, so if the answer is children, I want you to jump up and down!

"Ok... those were warm up questions, now to questions from our story today."

- Who did the grown-ups bring to Jesus? (Pause for answers.) The children! (Pause, remind kids to jump up and down if the answer is children.) Good job!
- What did the disciples say? (Pause for answers.) Stop! That's right! (Hold up the stop sign and have children move to the stop sign.)
- What did Jesus say? (Pause for responses.) That's right! Jesus said 'Let the little children come to me!' (Hold up the heart.) Everyone move to the heart.(Pause.) Super job everyone!

- Who did Jesus say to let come to Him? (*Pause, indicate the Children, and have them jump up and down.*)
(Repeat as desired.)
"Great job, friends! That was a fun way to remember our story!"

After the Activity: "Grown-ups brought their children to be near Jesus, to hear Him teach but the disciples said to stop! But Jesus loves all the children and wants them near, so Jesus called the children to Him because He loves them. Jesus loves you, and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me! Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!"**

5 min

Run to Jesus

What You Need

- Run to Jesus Activity Page (on Cardstock) 1
- Heart Sticker/Heart Post I Note 0

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Run to Jesus" on cardstock, one per Small Group. Tape to the wall on other side of the room. Write each child's name on a heart sticky-note. During the Activity: Call out children one at a time and give them their name heart to hold. Ask child to run to the picture of Jesus and stick their heart on Jesus. As they run back, give the next child in line their name heart and have them run. Continue with each child. *After the Activity:* Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come line up over here with me. (Pause.) Look over there, do you see the picture of Jesus? His arms are wide open, and he wants you to come to Him."

During the Activity: "I have a special sticky heart for you. (Might be a sticker or a post it note.) Hearts make us think of love and we know that Jesus loves us! You are each going to put your very own heart sticker on our Jesus Picture!"

- Call a child one at a time and let them run, skip, hop, or crawl to the picture to put their sticker on.
- If time and numbers allow, you can write each child's name on their sticker before they put it on the picture. (Optional)
- Celebrate each child as they put their sticker on the picture. "Yay! Jesus loves _____!" OR "Hooray, Jesus loves _____!" OR "Jesus loves _____, how awesome!"

"Wow friends! Let's go look at all the love around Jesus. (Walk to the picture of Jesus.) Jesus loves...(point to each heart and read the name.) Jesus loves everyone!"

After the Activity: "In our Bible Story today, we learned that when the children came to be near Jesus and hear Him teach, the disciples tried to send the children away. But Jesus loves children and told the children to come to Him! Jesus loves everyone, Jesus loves you and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me."**

5 min

Memory Verse with Motions | Made to Move

Say the Memory Verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions Poster. Repeat Several times and encourage children for their efforts.

What You Need

- "Memory Verse Hand Motions" Several PDF (on cardstock)



EveryChild Tips

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Invite children to say it with you or repeat words after you.
- Set out the picture cutouts made from the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF for children to hold up or point to as an alternative to saying or repeating the verse out loud.

2 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

SGL: "We have had so much fun today! I love that I got to be your Small Group Leader today while we learned how much Jesus loves you! 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 our time today in Small Group. You made each person in our group in a special way and you love each of them so very very much. I am so thankful that I get to be their Small Group leader and that we get to learn about you. I pray that this week they remember how much they are loved by you! In Jesus name I pray, Amen."

Parent Pick Up Activity - Read the Story

What You Need

- The Beginner's Bible

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What You Do:

While waiting for parents show children the Bible, point out the Front Cover. Remind them the Bible is God's word to us. Find the story from today and read through it with the children.

Open up the Beginner's Bible to today's story (Jesus and the Children page #409) and read it to your small group."

Supplies

Welcome Time

Quantity

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| 1. Video: Arrival Music | 0 |
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Worship

Quantity

- | | |
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| 1. Jesus loves Me Remix | 0 |
| 2. Whole Lotta Bit | 0 |

Intro Sketch

Quantity

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| 1. Story Box | 1 |
| 2. Stuffed Ollie | 1 |
| 3. Chef's Hat (optional) | 1 |
| 4. Recipe Card Activity Page (1 document, 4 cards, 1/week) on Cardstock | 1 |
| 5. Beginner's Bible | 1 |

Stop and Go to Jesus | Made to Move

Quantity

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. "Stop and Go to Jesus" Activity Page | 2 |
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Run to Jesus

Quantity

- | | |
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| 1. Run to Jesus Activity Page (on Cardstock) | 1 |
| 2. Heart Sticker/Heart Post I Note | 0 |

Memory Verse with Motions | Made to Move

Quantity

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| 1. "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF (on cardstock) | Several |
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Parent Pick Up Activity - Read the Story

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| 1. The Beginner's Bible | 0 |
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