

Preschool | W2

Leader Summary

Connect Time (20 minutes)

Kids Arrive and Free Play
Small Group Connect

Large Group (25 minutes)

Countdown and Welcome
Worship
Memory Verse
Bible Story
Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Activity 1
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Memory Verse with Motions
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Parent Pick Up

Home

First Look Placemat



Bible Story

Coin in the Fish's Mouth • Matthew 17:24-27
Jesus can do things no one else can do.

Key Question

Who is amazing?

Bottom Line

Jesus is amazing.

Memory Verse

"We have seen amazing things today!" • Luke 5:26 NLT

20 min

Connect Time

15 min

Welcome Time

What You Need

 Video: Arival Music

1

5 min

Small Group Connect

What You Need

No supplies needed

11 min

Large Group Time

3 min

Countdown and Welcome

What You Need

 SLIDE: Three Rules

1

 SLIDE: Basic Truths

1

Video- Arrival Music

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.

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...

"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.*)

SLIDE: Three Rules

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!

3 min

Worship

What You Need

-  Amazing
-  He is Amazing

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

"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?"

SLIDE: Basic Truths

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.*)

"Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate Jesus!

SONG: "Amazing"

"Great singing, friends! Let's keep singing about how amazing Jesus is.

SONG: "He is Amazing"

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"Thanks for celebrating Jesus with me! **[Transition]** 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 the story's all about!"

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"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!

VIDEO: Memory Verse Video

"We have seen (*point to self*) **amazing things today!"** (*Hands like binoculars, open and shut.*)
Luke 5:26 (*open hands like a book*).

SLIDE: Memory Verse

"Can you do that with me?"

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

"You guys all did a great job with our memory verse and with our worship songs! 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!"

14 min

Large Group Bible Story

3 min

Bible Story Intro

What You Need

-  Beginner's Bible marked at the correct page 1
-  Amazing Book Mark 1
-  Story Box 1

8 min

Wonder Bible Story (Video)

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Wrap Up and Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

"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)... It's a book! Do any of you know the name of this book? (Pause) Yes! It's the Bible! The Bible is a book full of true stories about God, about Jesus, and about the people God loves, like me and each of you! Wait... there's a cool looking book mark, let's see what page it is on.

Open to that page of the Bible and show the kids the pictures... point out a few things you see that go along with the lesson for today... (This Week page 375- Money in a Fish)

"Hmm, I wonder if this might be the story we are going to hear about from Ollie and his friends. Let's check it out."

SLIDE: Bottom Line

"Today's true story from the Bible came from the book of Matthew. Jesus told Peter he would find a coin inside the mouth of a (Pause) What animal was it? (Pause) Yes! A fish! And that is exactly what happened, just like Jesus said it would. Jesus can do things that no one else can do because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is Amazing! Who is Amazing?** (Kids answer) Jesus is amazing!

SLIDE: Basic Truth

"Let's take a look at our Basic Truth says for today. It says, 'I am made by God to worship Him.' In today's story we saw Jesus do something that only he could do! Jesus is God's son and he is amazing.

"What a fun morning learning about Jesus and praising Him together! You listened so well in Large Group. Now it's time to pray, and after that, we'll keep the fun going in small groups. Let's prepare our hearts—still your body and close your eyes.

"Dear God, Jesus is so amazing! He can do things that no one else can do. Thank You so much for giving us Jesus. God, you are the best! We pray in Jesus' name, Amen."

23 min

Small Group Time

5 min

Activity 1 - Roll and Act

What You Need

-  "Roll and Act" Activity Page 1
-  Cube (Large Dice/Tissue Box) 1

5 min

Activity 2 - Coin in the Fish's Mouth

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Roll and Act" Activity Page, 1 per Small Group. Cut it apart and attach images to a large dice or tissue box.

During the Activity: Kids will take turns rolling the cube and 'acting' out part of the story based on who from the story they land on. (The whole group can act out to keep everyone engaged.)

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, we're going to pretend to be the people in our Bible Story today. On this cube, I have pictures of people from our story. Hold up the cube and show the kids each picture.

During the Activity: "[Child's name], it's your turn! Come roll the cube, and let's see who/what you land on.

- **Jesus**- Say: Peter, go fishing! Look in the fish's mouth. (*Do: Point and then act out fishing*)
- **Tax Collectors**- Say: Pay the temple tax, pay the money. (*Do: Stomp foot and hold out hand for money*)
- **Fish**- Say: I like to Swim. (*Do: Make a fishy face*)
- **Peter**- Say: Ooo, I caught a fish! (*Pretend to find a coin in its mouth, and jump up and down.*)
- **Bible**- Say the Memory Verse: We have seen amazing things today!
- **Amazing**- Leader Say: Who is Amazing? Kids Say: Jesus is Amazing!

(Repeat letting each child have a turn to roll the cube.)

After the Activity: "Great job acting out the story, friends! Peter found the coin inside the fish, just like Jesus said he would. Jesus is God's Son, and He can do things no one else can do. That's because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "What's in the Fish", one per child. And gather coin and eyeball stickers, one of each per child.

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their fish and put the coin and eyeball sticker on their picture.

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

What You Need

	"What's in the Fish" Activity Page	1
	Coin Sticker	1
	Eye ball Sticker	1
	Crayons	Several

3 min

Memory Verse with Motions**What You Need**

	Memory Verse with Motions	1
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5 min

Prayer**What You Need**

No supplies needed

5 min

Parent Pick Up Activity**What You Say:**

Before the Activity: "You guys did a great job just now acting out today's story. Now we are going to create a fun picture that you can take home to help you remember the story too!"

During the Activity: "In our story, Peter knew that Jesus was the Son of God. One day, some men asked Peter if Jesus paid the temple tax. That's money that helps take care of the temple, the building where God's people worship. Peter went to Jesus, and Jesus told Peter exactly what to do. Jesus told Peter to go to the lake and catch a fish. Open the mouth of the first fish, and a large silver coin will be inside. Take that coin and pay the taxes for both of us. Peter did exactly what Jesus said.

"So, I have this picture for you. *(Pass it out to the kids.)* But it is missing something, something very important to today's story. What is it missing? *(Pause)* Yes! It is missing a coin! Go ahead and start coloring your fish picture, and while you do that, we are going to come around with a Coin Sticker and and Eye Ball sticker for you to put on your fish."

After the Activity: "Everything happened just like Jesus said it would. Jesus is God's Son, and Jesus can do things that no one else can do because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

What You Do:

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

What You Say:

"Today we have had fun playing, singing, dancing, and coloring while we learned about one of the amazing things Jesus did! Let's take a minute and talk to God, we are going to Pray. *(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 amazing friend forever. Thank you for the true stories we get to read about in Your word, the Bible. Jesus really is amazing! We love you. Amen."

What You Do:

Open up the Beginner's Bible to today's story (Money in a Fish, page #375) and read it to your small group. ****You can also use the Roll and Act cube while reading from the Bible.**

What You Need

 Beginner's Bible

1

Supplies

Welcome Time	Quantity
1. Video: Arivial Music	1

Countdown and Welcome	Quantity
1. SLIDE: Three Rules	1
2. SLIDE: Basic Truths	1

Worship	Quantity
1. Amazing	0
2. He is Amazing	1

Bible Story Intro	Quantity
1. Beginner's Bible marked at the correct page	1
2. Amazing Book Mark	1
3. Story Box	1

Activity 1 - Roll and Act	Quantity
1. "Roll and Act" Activity Page	1
2. Cube (Large Dice/Tissue Box)	1

Activity 2 - Coin in the Fish's Mouth	Quantity
1. "What's in the Fish" Activity Page	1
2. Coin Sticker	1
3. Eye ball Sticker	1
4. Crayons	Several

Memory Verse with Motions	Quantity
1. Memory Verse with Motions	1

Parent Pick Up Activity	Quantity
1. Beginner's Bible	1