



## Preschool – April 28, 2024

**Today's Bible Story:** I shine when I do what Jesus says.

Shine like the Stars • *Philippians 2:14-16*

**Memory Verse:** "Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16, NIV

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

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

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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## SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (10 - 15 Minutes)

### Big Star

*Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn*

**What You Need:** Painter's tape

#### What You Do:

**Before the Activity:** Make a large outline of a star on the floor using tape.

**During the Activity:** Encourage children to find a spot on the tape. Spread children out if needed. Ask children to complete a movement when you say, "Shine." Repeat as desired.

**After the Activity:** Introduce the Bible Story.

#### What You Say:

**Before the Activity:** "Hey, friends, come join me over here. Come stand inside this big tape shape."

**During the Activity:** "When I say, 'Shine', go find a spot to stand on the tape. Ready? Shine! *(Pause.)* Spread out a little. Fantastic! We worked together and made a great big star! This time, when I say, 'Shine,' I want you to turn around and face the other way. Ready? Shine! *(Pause.)* Awesome! This time when I say, 'Shine,' I want you to turn back around. Shine! *(Pause.)* This time, jump up and down. Shine! *(Continue with different movements.)* Great job! Now, last one: When I say, 'Shine,' everyone can sit down on the tape where you are. Shine!"

**After the Activity:** "That was fun making a star with you. And you did a great job doing what I said. In today's Bible Story, we'll learn that when we do what Jesus says, we shine like the stars in the sky!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by singing,

"One little, two little, three little stars;

Four little, five little, six little stars;

Seven little, eight little, nine little stars;

Ten little stars shining bright today!"



## Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

### Show Weekly Preschool Video (Worship / Bible Story)

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

## PRAY

**Snack** Fish crackers can be found in the Sunday school bin. Each child gets a glass of water and fish crackers (un- less otherwise specified because of allergies) at the table."

**LEADER:** "Let's tell God thank you for our good food. Dear God, thank you for our good snack. We love You, God! Amen."

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## GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (20 - 25 Minutes)

### Foil Painting

Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

*Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible Story, Bottom Line, or Memory Verse by creating a craft*

**What You Need:** "Foil Painting" Activity Page, cardstock, aluminum foil, washable paint in a variety of colors, scissors, glue sticks, paper plates, paintbrushes, cotton swabs, dish soap, tablecloth, baby wipes, and a permanent marker; *Optional: smocks*

### What You Do:

**Before the Activity:** Copy "Foil Painting" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Cut aluminum foil in 5"x7" pieces, one per child. Glue one piece of foil, shiny side up, in the center of each child's paper. Lay the tablecloth on the table. Put a few different colors of paint on several plates, adding a drop or two of dish soap to each color and mixing well.

**During the Activity:** Encourage children to paint their paper. Explore how the paint looks on both the shiny paper and the regular paper.

**After the Activity:** Review the Bible Story.

### What You Say:

**Before the Activity:** "Friends! Come sit at the table with me. I have a special shiny paper for you to paint on today!"

**During the Activity:** "Look at your paper. The paper is so shiny, you can almost see yourself! I thought it would be fun to paint on shiny paper since we have been learning that we shine when we do what Jesus says! You can use any of the paints to create your picture. *(Pause.)* Wow! Your paintings look really neat! Did you like painting on shiny paper? *(Pause.)* Great!"

*Leading people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ*



**After the Activity:** “When we do what Jesus says—like when we don’t argue or complain—we will shine like stars! When your mom asks you to clean up and you do it with a happy heart without complaining, you shine like the stars. When your brother asks you to share and you do it with a happy heart and you don’t argue, you shine like the stars. When you say thank you for the snack you are given—even if it’s not your favorite—you shine like the stars. Sometimes, there will be people around you who complain or argue, but YOU can choose to do what Jesus says. Who can do what Jesus says? *[Bottom Line]* I can do what Jesus says!”

## Get Ready to Dismiss

Set any take-home creations where you or parents can get them easily. Greet parents at the door and tell them this month Preschoolers are learning that **Who does Jesus love?** *[Bottom Line]* Jesus wants to be my friend forever

Connect with parents as they arrive to pick up their children and send home any activities along with the memory verse card.