



Preschool Lesson



Lesson 3: In God We Trust



Whatchagaddaknow:

"I Can Always Trust My God!"



Power Verse:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

- Proverbs 3:5-6

Before the Lesson

- * Collect the items for the activities you plan to use, referring to the Classroom Supplies and Lesson Manual Supplies listed in the chart.
- * Pray for your students and for God's direction in teaching the class.

This Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Classroom Supplies	Lesson Manual Supplies
Bible Story – This week, the kids will learn from the story of Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:22-33).		Bible Story Pictures (pg. 7-10)
Hands-On-Learning – The kids will learn that they can trust God!	Masking or painter's tape, blindfold	
Craft Option #1 – Bible Story Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 11)
Craft Option #2 - T Is For Trust Craft	Crayons or markers, heart stickers	T Is For Trust Craft Print Piece (pg. 12)
Craft Option #3 – Kids And Hearts Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Kids And Hearts Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 13)



Bible Story

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Pictures (provided on pg. 7-10)

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

Say- Jesus had just finished teaching a large group of people and wanted to be alone for a while and pray.

Say- Jesus sent the disciples out in a boat to cross the sea. *(show pic)* Suddenly, in the middle of the night, a HUGE storm came. Make storm noises with me! *(Make storm noises along with the kids)*

Say- The disciples were very afraid!

Say- Then, just when they thought it couldn't get any worse, they looked up and saw the figure of a person coming toward them. *(show pic)* The disciples thought it was a ghost. They were very scared. First, there was a big storm, and now a ghost was coming after them.

Ask- It was NOT a ghost, of course! Do you know who it was?

-Allow time for response-

Say- That's right! It was Jesus! He was walking on the water to be with them in the storm.

Say- Peter yelled out to Jesus, "Lord, if it is really You, let me come out and walk on the water to you." Jesus said, "Come on."

Say- Peter did something that most of us would think was CRAZY. *(show pic)* He stepped out of the boat in the middle of the storm and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.

Say- Peter kept walking on the water toward Jesus. Then, Peter did something that really messed him up.

Say- He began to look around at all the waves, the storm, and the rain. He was scared! When Peter stopped looking at Jesus and started focusing on the storm, he began to sink into the water. Oh No!

Say- Peter thought he was going to drown. He cried out to Jesus to save him. Say "HELP ME" with me! *(Say the phrase along with the kids)*

Say- Jesus reached out His hand to Peter, *(show pic)* pulled him out of the water, and placed him on the boat. Peter was saved!

Say- Jesus looked at Peter and said, "You have such little faith. Why did you doubt?"

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Bible Story *(Continued)*

Say- Peter felt ashamed because he didn't keep his eyes on Jesus.

Say- Today, you are going to learn the important lesson Peter learned: we must always keep our eyes on Jesus and trust Him!

Pray



Hands-On Learning

Supplies Needed: Masking or painter's tape; blindfold

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, gather classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.

Ask- I need a volunteer for an activity! Who would like to help me?

-Choose one volunteer-

Say- Great! I placed a piece of tape on the ground. I am going to stand at one end, and I want you to stand at the other. When I say “Go,” I want you to walk in a straight line along the tape to me.

-Let the volunteer walk the line-

Say- That was way too easy! Let's make it a little harder. This time, I'm going to put a blindfold over your eyes, and I want you to try again.

-Blindfold the volunteer and let them try to walk the line again-

Say- Wow! That was tricky, wasn't it? You did a great job trying! You may have a seat.

Ask- Was it easier for (volunteer's name) to walk the line when they could see or when they were blindfolded?

-Allow kids to respond-

Say- Yes! It was much easier when they could see where they were going. They could stay on the right path because their eyes were open, and they could focus on the tape and me.

Say- This reminds me of our Bible story today. Peter was able to walk on water when he was focused on Jesus. But when he looked at the big waves around him, he got scared and started to sink!

Say- (Walk along the tape as you talk, looking ahead) Life is kind of like this tape line. Sometimes, everything is easy, like walking in a straight line with our eyes open.

Say- But other times, we face big troubles—kind of like big storms in life. We might feel scared, confused, or not know what to do.

Say- That's why we need to trust God and keep our focus on Him!

Say- (Cover your eyes like you're struggling to walk the tape line) When we stop trusting God and only focus on our problems, it's like putting on a blindfold. We can get lost and afraid.

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Hands-On Learning

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Say- But when we keep our eyes on God and trust Him, He leads us safely through every storm.

Say- Let's say this together: "I can always trust my God!" *(Say the phrase with the kids)*



Craft #1: Bible Story Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 11); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



Craft #2: T Is For Trust Craft

Supplies Needed: T Is For Trust Craft Print Piece (provided on pg. 12); Crayons or Markers; Heart Stickers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the T Is For Trust Craft Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough craft pages for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for crafting.

How To Do Craft - Allow the kids to cut out and decorate one craft using heart stickers. As you help the kids with the craft, talk about how we should trust God with our whole hearts!



Craft #3: Kids And Hearts Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Kids And Hearts Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 13); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Kids And Hearts Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.





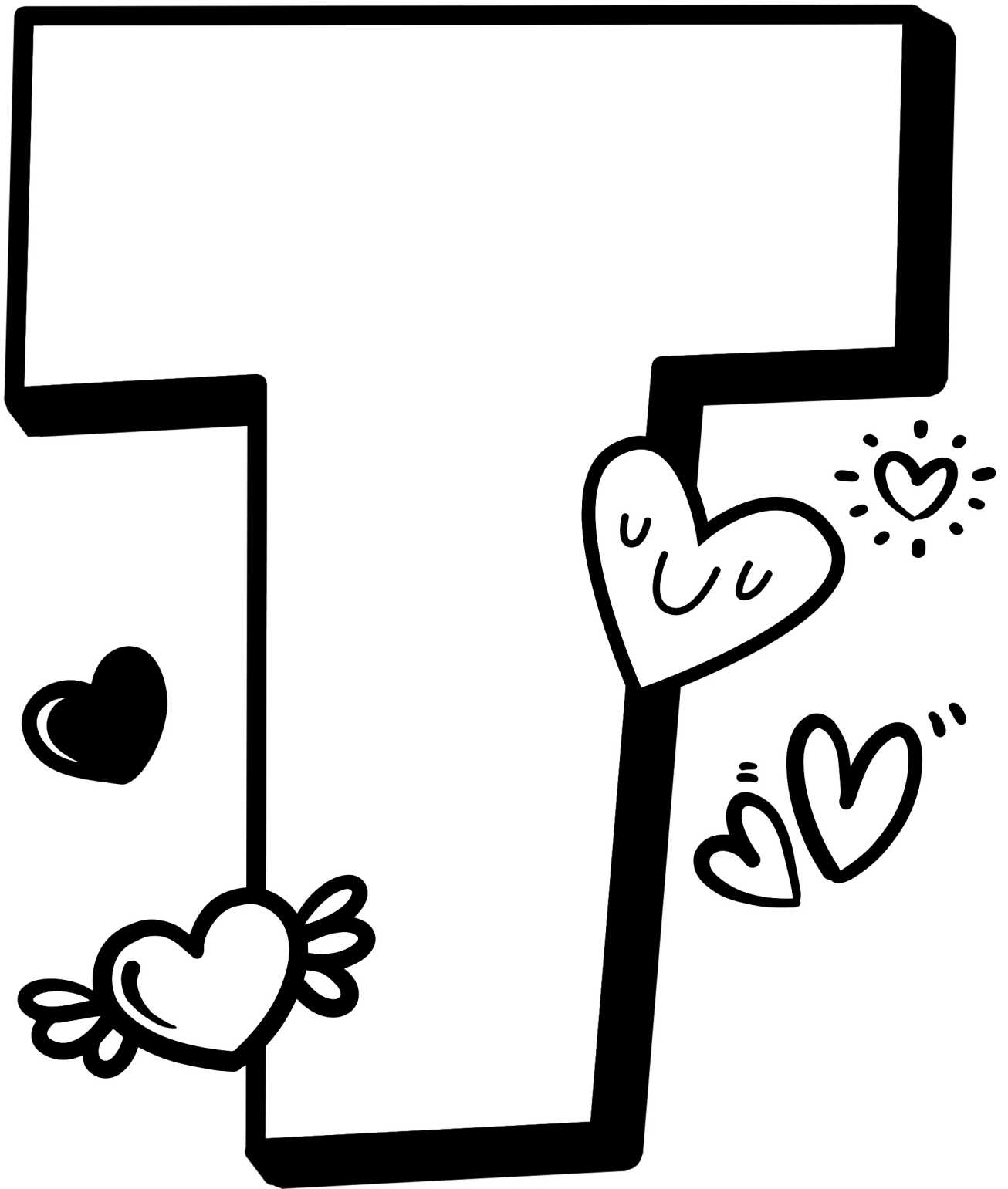






PETER STARTED SINKING WHEN HE STOPPED TRUSTING JESUS!

T IS FOR TRUST!



I WILL TRUST GOD WITH ALL MY HEART!



**I WILL ALWAYS TRUST GOD
WITH MY WHOLE HEART!**