



# WEEK 5

## PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

**BREAKING**  
**NEWS**

### THE BIG IDEA

I can be faithful like  
God is faithful.

### THE BIBLE

**Isaiah:** Isaiah 64:1-9

## WELCOME TIME

#### MUSIC | Eyewitness Praise

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play the song, "[You Are my God](#)," by KidSpring Children's Ministry. Have the kids sing and dance along.

#### ACTIVITY | Keep the Balloon Up - Part 1

- Today, we are going to hear about being faithful, or in others words, being someone people and God can count on.
- Let's all try to be someone our team can count on by keeping the balloon up in the air for as long as possible. Remember, you can only hit the balloon once.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Divide the kids into small groups. Give each group a balloon and encourage them to do their best to keep the balloon up. They can't hit the balloon two times in a row, so they need to rely on their team for help.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Allow the kids to hit the ballon more than twice in a row, but make sure they are working together.

#### ACTIVITY | Faithful Presents

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Pair the kids and tell them to put one hand behind their back, giving each kid one free hand. Then, give each pair a wrapped box and tell them to work together to unwrap the box.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Wrap a large box and have kids work together to unwrap it. You might want to put a toy inside that they can play with together.

- When we are faithful, we work together.
- Now, working together, try to unwrap the box!

## TEACHING TIME

### SCRIPTURE | Isaiah 64:1-9

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Recruit an adult helper to play the part of Isaiah. Provide a handheld microphone – real or pretend – for the interview portion.
- All month long, we have talked about prophets sharing breaking news with the people around them. The news was usually about people turning from their selfish ways and turning back to God.
- Today, we will hear some news from the prophet, Isaiah.
- We don't know much about Isaiah, but he did have a lot to say. Let's talk to him now!
  - **You:** Well, Isaiah, thank you for being with us today. What message has God given you to share with us?
  - **Isaiah:** God comes to help those who do right and follow God's way. But it doesn't make God happy when we continue to do what we want and make unwise choices.
  - **You:** I see. So God doesn't like it when we sin. What should we do?
  - **Isaiah:** Ask for forgiveness and begin to do what is right.
  - **You:** Ah, we need to ask God for forgiveness. We need to be faithful to God as God has been faithful to us.
  - **Isaiah:** That's right. God wants us to be people who can be counted on.
  - **You:** Thank you, Isaiah, for reminding us to be faithful to God, even when it is hard.
- God didn't think the actions of the people of Israel were all that great, according to Isaiah's message, but we see that Isaiah also reminds everyone of the good things God has done.
- Sometimes, when things are difficult, we have to remember the good things God has done for us and other people. They remind us that God is faithful.

### THE BIG IDEA | I can be faithful like God is faithful.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask two kids to run across the front carrying a banner that says, "Breaking News" while you play the sound effects from this [video](#).
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Ask an adult volunteer to read the Big Idea and then ask the kids to repeat it.
- We interrupt these activities to bring you some breaking news. This is [Name of volunteer] with today's Big Idea: **I can be faithful like God is faithful.**
- Now, back to your original program.

### VIDEO | Breaking News, Episode 5

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#).

**ACTIVITY | Remember the Good**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask an adult volunteer to lead this activity. Place three identical buckets upside down in the front of the room. Prepare two blue or green balls (representing the “bad” things) and a red ball (representing the “good” things). Put one ball under each bucket, and show the kids what color is under each bucket. Tell the kids to watch the buckets carefully as the volunteers slides the buckets around multiple times. Then, encourage the kids to try to remember and guess where the good ball ended up. Feel free to repeat this activity a couple times.

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Only use two buckets instead of three buckets so the younger kids have a better chance of following the buckets.

- God wants us to remember the good so we stay faithful just like God is faithful to us.
- **Who thinks they can remember the good even when things get crazy?**
- Watch the buckets and follow along!

**PRAYER**

- Dear God, thank you for always being there for us. Today, help us to remember that we can be faithful just like you are faithful to us. Amen.

**DISCUSSION TIME****SNACK | Sound Bites**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** As the kids are eating their snack, use a microphone to ask the kids the questions below.
- **Have you broken a promise?**
- **Did you have to ask for forgiveness?**
- **Has someone done anything nice for you?**
- **What did they do?**
- **Do you feel like you can count on them?**

**ACTIVITY | Pinky Promise Rings**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, cut pipe cleaners in half. Then, give the kids two different colored pipe cleaners. Instruct them to twist the different color pipe cleaners around each other and loop them around their pinky. To accommodate the different sizes of the kids hands, you might have to cut the excess off or tie it.
- Have you ever made a promise to someone? Maybe you’ve even made a pinky promise! Those promises are real. Just like the promises God makes to us.
- Twist the two pipe cleaners around each other, and then loop them around your pinky finger to make a pinky promise ring.
- Now, I bet you’re wondering why our pinky rings have two colors on them. **Does anyone have any guesses?**

- One color represents God's faithfulness. God always keeps promises. The other color represents us! We need to be people who are faithful, too.
- Remember: **I can be faithful like God is faithful.**

### ACTIVITY | The Potter

- In the book of Isaiah, it says we are the clay and God is the potter.
- Today, you get to be the potter!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids some modeling clay and encourage them to make a beautiful creation. Then, give the kids some time to share what they made.

### MEMORY VERSE | I Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids to repeat each phrase of the verse after you like a cheer. Then, say it all together.
- We've been working on this verse all month and now we can celebrate by saying it like a cheer! Now, after I say each part of the memory verse, you repeat it after me.
- **Be on your guard;** (Pause for response.)
- **Stand firm in the faith;** (Pause for response.)
- **Be courageous;** (Pause for response.)
- **Be strong.** (Pause for response.)
- Good job! Now, let's say it all together.
- Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

## PLAY TIME

*While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .*

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide this week's coloring page and some crayons or markers. Review today's Bible story and Big Idea as the kids color.

### ACTIVITY | Newspaper Snowball Fight

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids pieces of newspaper and tell them to crumple it into balls. Then, let the kids have a giant newspaper ball fight!

### ACTIVITY | Keep the Balloon Up - Part 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Just like the activity in the beginning of this lesson, have the kids keep the balloon up in the air as long as possible. Only this time, they are working together as a whole group and have multiple balloons floating at one time.

*Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.*