

Week 1

Young Jesus

Luke 2:41-52



Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. Today's true story from the Bible begins with a special party. God's people were celebrating how God had helped them. And there was a very special kid there—Jesus!



In today's story, Jesus is 12 years old. Jesus is a kid! Young Jesus was traveling with His parents Mary and Joseph.



They were part of God's people, and they were on their way to a big celebration in the city of Jerusalem. But they were not traveling alone. There were lots of people! God's people came from all over to celebrate God together. It was a very special celebration! And when the party was over, they all went home.



While Mary and Joseph were walking back home, they realized Jesus wasn't with them. "They started asking their friends and family, 'Where is Jesus?' Can you say that with me?"

Everyone: "Where is Jesus? Where is Jesus?"

When Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus, they started walking back to Jerusalem to look for Him. When they found Jesus, He wasn't by the animals, and He wasn't by the food.



Jesus was talking with some very important teachers. They were talking about God! Everyone was so amazed at what young Jesus understood because He was only 12 years old! Jesus was talking to the people about God, and we can talk to people about God too! The Bible has God's words in it, and the Bible teaches us that we can talk about God with our friends, our family, and our neighbors! We can talk about God when we are at home, at a party, and at church! The Bible teaches me the best things. What does the Bible teach you?"

Everyone: "The Bible teaches me the best things."

Yes, the Bible teaches me the best things. Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

Prayer Time

Journal Prompt: In our Bible Story today, Jesus was a child, like you! He went to a special party with His family. When the party was over, and Jesus' parents, Mary and Joseph, were walking home, they noticed Jesus was not with them! They looked and looked for Jesus. Do you remember where they found young Jesus? (Pause.) That's right! Jesus was talking to some very important teachers. Jesus was telling them all about God. We can talk about God to other people, too! Let's make a list together. When I say your name, I want you to tell me someone that you can talk to about God. Then, I will write their name down in our special journal."

Quiet Time Leader Prayer: *(Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.)*

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

Leader Prayer: This is a great list of people! (Hold up the journal.) Thank you for making it with me. There are so many people we can talk to about God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.) Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible so we can learn all about You. Thank You that we can talk to (read the names listed in the journal) about You. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Journal Free Space



"Your



word is



truth."



John 17:17



Week 2
Philip
Acts 8:26-35



Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. Today's true story from the Bible begins with a man named Philip. Philip loved God, and he was friends with Jesus, God's Son. One day, an angel told Philip to walk down a road, and Philip did. Let's walk like Philip and find out what Philip saw on that road.



Look! Philip saw a chariot! A chariot is a fancy cart pulled by a large animal, like an ox or a horse. God told Philip to go to the chariot, so Philip stopped walking and RAN up to the chariot. Let's run to the next story picture. Ready? Run, run, run!



We made it! (*Cup a hand behind your ear.*) When Philip got to the chariot, he could hear a man reading God's words, but the man didn't understand what he was reading. He needed someone to help him. So, Philip sat in the chariot with the man. They read God's words together, and Philip helped him understand God's words. Philip told the man that Jesus wanted to be His friend forever. Wow! Philip helped the man understand God's words so he could hear from God. We can hear from God too! (*Open your hands like a book.*) Can you open your hands like a book? (*Pause.*) God gave us a special book. Let's walk to the next picture to find out what book God gave us.



God gave us a special book that we call the Bible. It has God's words in it. We can open the Bible and look at pictures. But we need help understanding the Bible, just like the man in the chariot. Let's go to the next story picture!



Look at all the people in the picture. God gives us people to help us understand the Bible. Maybe it's someone in your family, or maybe it's the people here at church—like me! I love you so much I want to teach you about God. The Bible is the best, and the Bible teaches us that we can read God's words and hear from God. The Bible teaches me the best things. What does the Bible teach you?

Everyone: "The Bible teaches me the best things!"

Yes, The Bible teaches me the best things. Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

Prayer Time

Journal Prompt: “Now let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Open journal.) Since Philip helped the man in the chariot understand God’s words, we are going to make a list of people who can help us read the Bible. When I say your name, tell me one person who can help you read the Bible, and I will write their name beside your name.”

Quiet Time Leader Prayer: *(Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.)*

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

Leader Prayer: This is a great list of people! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.) Dear God, thank you for giving us people to help us read the Bible and hear from You! Thank you for (read the list the children made). We are so glad we can learn more about you from reading the Bible. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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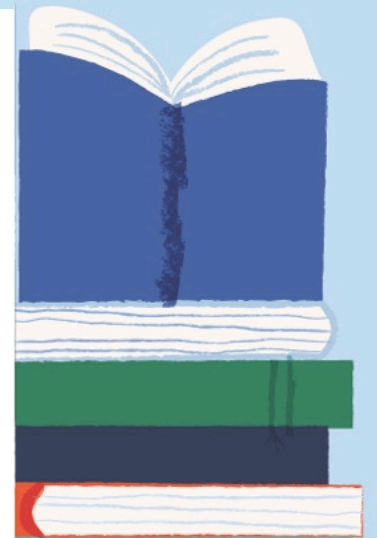
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John 17:17



Week 3

Paul and Silas

Acts 16:16-40



Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Today's Bible story begins with two men.

Their names were Paul and Silas.



Paul and Silas were friends with Jesus, and they loved God. They told everyone everywhere that Jesus wanted to be their friend forever. Everyone, say this with me: Jesus wants to be your friend forever!

Everyone: “Jesus wants to be your friend forever!”

Great job! That’s what Paul and Silas were doing. They wanted everyone to know that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. One day, some people who did not love Jesus got upset with Paul and Silas. They tried to stop Paul and Silas by putting them in jail!



Jail is not a fun place. When you are in jail, you have to stay in the same room all day. You cannot play with your friends or see your family whenever you want. It sounds very sad, doesn't it? But Paul and Silas knew God loved them, so guess what they did?



Paul and Silas prayed and talked to God. (*Fold your hands like you are praying.*) Can you fold your hands like you are praying? (*Listen.*) Yes, Paul and Silas prayed and talked to God. And they also sang songs to God! Can you sing with me? (*Sing a few simple notes for children to repeat, or consider singing "Jesus Loves Me."*)

Great singing! Paul and Silas knew that even though they were in jail, God still loved them, and they could pray and talk to God. While Paul and Silas were praying and singing, everyone in the jail was listening to them. And then suddenly, the ground began to shake. It was an earthquake! Can you shake your whole body? (*Shake your body.*) Oh, it's an earthquake! Whoa! And three ... two ... one ... Stop shaking and freeze (*Quietly.*) The earthquake stopped. (*Pause until everyone stops shaking.*) The earthquake shook the jail from top to bottom. And the doors of jail flew wide open! Paul and Silas could walk right out! But ... Paul and Silas did not leave. They stayed in the jail.



Paul and Silas spoke to the guard who was in charge of the jail. They told the guard that God loves him and that Jesus wants to be his friend forever. And the guard decided to love God and follow Jesus too. Wow! Paul and Silas knew they could pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything, and we can pray and talk to God, too. We can pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything, just like Paul and Silas! And we know this because we can read about Paul and Silas in the Bible. The Bible has God's words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things! What does the Bible teach you?

Everyone: "The Bible teaches me the best things!"

Yes, The Bible teaches me the best things.



Prayer Time

Journal Prompt: Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Open journal.) Since Paul and Silas knew that they could pray and talk to God anywhere, we are going to make a list of places we can pray to God. When I say your name, tell me one place you can pray and talk to God, and I will write it in our journal. *(Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

Quiet Time Leader Prayer: *(Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.)*

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

Leader Prayer: "This is a great list of places we can pray to God! (Hold up journal.) Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.) Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible to teach us what is true. Thank You that we can pray and talk to You when we are at (read the list the children made). We love you, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Week 4

Tabitha and Timothy

Acts 9:36-39; 1 Timothy 4:12



Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. The Bible has God's words in it, and we can learn so much when we read about the people in the Bible. And today, I am going to tell you about (*hold up two fingers*) two people in the Bible who lived for God. Living for God means doing what God says and being like Jesus. The first true story from the Bible is about a woman named Tabitha.



Tabitha (*cross arms over chest*) loved God,
and she wanted to live for God.



One way Tabitha lived for God was by helping people.

Tabitha made clothes for people to wear. Tabitha made clothes for a lot of people. But that's just one way to live for God. Let's hear another. This true story from the Bible is about a young man named Timothy.



Timothy (*cross arms over chest*) loved God and
wanted to live for God, too.



Timothy was young, and he taught others about God. Timothy told people that God loved them. Timothy taught people about God and showed them how to love like Jesus. Timothy lived for God! There are so many different ways that we can live for God. Let's all think of different ways we can live for God. (*Tap head.*) Think, think, think, We can draw a picture to cheer up a friend. We can tell people that God loves them. We can share food with other people. We can live for God—every day and everywhere we go! These Bible stories about Tabitha and Timothy show us that we can do what God says and be like Jesus. The Bible has God's words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things! What does the Bible teach you?

Everyone: "The Bible teaches me the best things!"

Yes, The Bible teaches me the best things.

Prayer Time

Journal Prompt: “Now let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God.

(Open journal.) Since Tabitha lived for God by helping people, let’s make a list of ways that we can help people. When I say your name, tell me one way you can help people, and I will write it down beside your name.” (Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

Quiet Time Leader Prayer: *(Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.)*

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

Leader Prayer: “This is a great list of ways we can help people and live for God! (Hold up journal.) Let’s pray and talk to God now. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.) Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible so we can learn the best things. Please help us to live for You by helping! Please help us be big helpers by (read the list the children made). We want to live for You God! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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