

Lesson Plan

January 4th, 2026

This Month's Truth: I Am Secure—God is Always Good

Bible Story: Jesus healed lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

Theme Verse: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

Teachers rally with your team a few minutes before kids start to arrive: Rally is a pre-service time for you to be expectant and equipped before the kids start arriving. Go over the lesson and any ideas for the day! Pray over your space and for the kids that will be coming that they will be connected to the person of Jesus!

Share: We are starting 2026 teaching and celebrating the truth that, because of who God is, we can know we are secure in Him. In today's Bible story, Jesus healed 10 lepers, but only 1 returned to thank Him. (Read Luke 17:15-16,19.) Kids can know that God is always good, which He shows through the love and salvation He offers us through Jesus.

Pray: Lead the group in prayer, thanking God for the team and inviting Him to work in big ways in the hearts of kids today.

Pre Service

Arrival time, please use this time to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.

Service

What To Do:

- **Teacher** Start 5-minute countdown **5 minutes prior to service start time.** The Countdown Video is meant to be played as a signal to transition to Large Group. The video is fun and interactive with opportunities for the kids to respond and cheer. Help kids engage and interact with the video by calling out what's happening, asking for their guesses, and cheering with them.

Teacher Opener: Hey, everybody! I am _____, and I am so glad to see you today. Think about something you always like to do because you think it is always awesome. Say that activity in

3-2-1! (Allow responses.) Those do sound awesome! Today, we are going to learn the truth that God is always awesome! Our Theme is that no matter what, God is, repeat after me (hold up a thumb after each word), “Always awesome!” (Always awesome!)

Game: What Do We Share

Game Rules:

1. Play a video.
2. Direct kids to move around the room while the music plays.
3. Stop and see what number is on the screen when you hear, “What do we share?”
4. Form groups of that number and find something each of you have in common (season you were born in, how many siblings you have, favorite pizza topping, and so forth).

What You Say: Let’s play a game called “What Do We Share?” What do we what? (Share!) I am going to play some totally awesome music. While it is playing, walk around the room. When you hear, “What do we share?” look at the number on the screen. Then get into a group with that number of people and find something in common with the other players in your group. Think outside the box! It could be the season you were born in, how many siblings you have, your favorite pizza topping, or anything else! If you are ready, say, “I am ready!” (I am ready!) Stand up and let’s play!

Leader Tip: Direct leaders to participate, ensuring that kids can always find a group. Consider asking groups what they found in common. Between rounds, shout out suggestions of what kids could find in common like:

- Their favorite color
- Where they go to school
- Their favorite subject in school
- Least favorite vegetable
- Favorite holiday
- Best sport to watch
- Best sport to play

What You Say: (After the video stops) Two! Make a group of two and find something in common! (Allow time.) OK, start moving again while the music plays.(After the video stops) Five! Form groups of five and find something in common! (Allow time.) All right, time to move! (After the video stops) Three! Find two more friends and find something in common! (Allow time.) OK, start moving again while the music plays.

(After the video stops) Six! Form a group of six and find something in common! (Allow time.) We have got one more, so start moving!

(After the video stops) Four! Make a group of four and find something in common! (Allow time.) Great job, everyone! Head back to your seats.

What You Say: How totally cool that we share so many things in common! Say, “So cool!” (So cool!) We had leaders help out so you could know for sure that you would always have a group. When we know something for sure, we feel secure. One thing we can know for sure is that we are secure in God. This means God knows what we need and is able to hold us fast no matter what we face. He loves us and is always with us. Say, “I am secure!” (I am secure!) We are always secure in God because He is, repeat after me (hold up a thumb after each word), “Always awesome!” (Always awesome!)

Transition Script to go into the Intro Video: Let me hear you say, “Dynamo!” (Dynamo!) Say, “Dinner!” (Dinner!) Say, “Dash!” (Dash!) Put them all together and say, “Dynamo Dinner Dash!” (Dynamo Dinner Dash!) Awesome! We are going to check out a guy named Dominic who races to deliver food for the one and only Dynamo Dinner Dash! Say, “Deliver it, Dominic!” (Deliver it, Dino!)

Play Intro Video

What You Say: That was so cool to see that Dominic was willing to stop and be a good friend, even if it meant his delivery might be late. Dominic’s actions remind us of the truth that God is always awesome, and He is always good. No matter what, we can trust that everything God says and does is always good. Say “God is always good!” (God is always good!) Why? Because He is, repeat after me (hold up a thumb after each word), “Always awesome!” (Always awesome!)

Worship

What You Say: Let’s come up front and worship all together this morning!

What To Do:

- Turn lights off
- 2-3 songs of worship

- Teachers and Small Group Leaders worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids- but not in the back.
- Dismiss the kids back to their seats when the songs are over

What To Do:

- Have the kids **open up** a physical Bible and find the Bible story for that day.
- Use the Bibles provided in the classroom if a kid does not have their own Bible with them.

Transition Script to go into the Bible Story Video: (Open the Bible to Luke 17:11-19.) We are going to learn from the Bible today. Our story comes from the book of Luke. Everyone, say, "Luke!" (Luke!) The Bible is God's true message to us about Himself. In this story, 10 very sick people meet Jesus, God's Son, and experience firsthand how God is always good. Say, "I am secure." (I am secure.) Because God is always good! (Because God is always good!)

Play Bible Story Video

Questions to consider asking after the video:

- What is something that you learned about God from the video?
- What is something that you learned about people?
- What can you take away from the video?
 - How can you apply the lesson from today into your life?

Making The Connection Script: Ten men were healed of leprosy (which is a skin disease), but only one of them came back to thank Jesus. Saying thank you does not seem very hard. We might wonder why only one of the men returned to thank Jesus. Maybe the others were just so excited to be healed that they completely forgot? Maybe they feared going back to where Jesus was because the last time they had been there, they were sick? It does not really matter why they did not go back to say thank you. What matters is that God, through Jesus, remained good no matter how the men responded. Say, "God is always good!" (God is always good!)

Jesus did not get mad and take away the healing He gave the other men when they did not show their gratitude. But He did say that the man who returned was not just healed physically but also spiritually. This means that not just his body was healed, but also his heart. Now this man could have a relationship with God forever.

Use the Three Circle Graphics on the Playlist

(Circle 2) You see, we might not realize it, but our hearts are just as sick as those men with leprosy. We call this sickness of the heart sin. Sin is when we choose what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. Sin makes us think that we know better than God. But deep down, we still know something is wrong. So we try and fix ourselves, without God's help. That is what those 10 men with leprosy were doing. They knew they were sick, but they thought they were only sick on the outside. No wonder nine of them did not come back to acknowledge Jesus or tell Him thank you!

(Circle 3) But Jesus knew the men needed more than just physical healing—just like He knows we need more than just physical healing too. The tenth man who returned to Jesus thanked Him and acknowledged that Jesus was the Lord, or the leader, over his whole life—not just his sickness. That is why Jesus says that the man's heart was healed along with his body.

Jesus came down to earth to live a perfect life without sin. He also died on the cross to pay the price for our sin instead of us. He took our place! Like the tenth man, Jesus can say to us, "Your faith has made you well!" When we acknowledge that Jesus is the King of our lives and ask Him to forgive our sins, Jesus forgives us and rescues us from sin.

(Circle 1) When we thank Jesus for what He has done and recognize who He is, we have a right relationship with God now and forever! And when we have a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus, we can know that God is always good. He gives us His peace and presence when He heals our hearts, and we can know He will never take that goodness away. We are secure in God and know He is always good! Say, "I am secure!" (I am secure!) Say, "God is always good!" (God is always good!)

If you have never experienced God's goodness this way or have never asked Jesus to forgive your sin so you can have a relationship with God, please come and talk to me or your Small Group Leader! We would love to tell you more about how Jesus loves you and can heal your heart from sin!

Offering

What To Do:

- Play video explaining offering to kids
- Play offering time video while kids pass the bucket

- Ask a student(s) to come up and pray over the offering

Theme Verse Review:

Choose between the Video-Led Theme Verse option or the Host-Led Theme Verse option.

Theme Verse Motions: Jesus Christ is the same (Point your right hand up to the sky with an open palm.)

yesterday, today, and forever. (Bring your hand down and pretend to slice something. Slice something in the middle with your left hand. Slice something to your left with your right hand.)
Hebrews 13:8 (Hold your hands out like a book.)

Option #1: Put the memory verse slide on the screen.

What You Say: Let's stand up and learn our verse together! We have a Bible verse that will help us remember that God is always (thumb up) awesome (thumb up)!

Repeat after me: (Use the motions above.)

Jesus Christ is the same (Jesus Christ is the same)

yesterday, today, and forever. (yesterday, today, and forever.)

Hebrews 13:8 (Hebrews 13:8)

Totally awesome! OK, say the verse in your best robot voice!

Jesus Christ is the same (Jesus Christ is the same)

yesterday, today, and forever. (yesterday, today, and forever.)

Hebrews 13:8 (Hebrews 13:8)

Like totally cool! This Bible verse is pretty awesome because it reminds us that we are secure because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever! And why is that good news? Because God is always good! Because why? (God is always good!) That is right! Because God is, repeat after me (hold up a thumb after each word), "Always awesome!" (Always awesome!)

Option #2: Play Memory verse video

What You Say: Let's learn our verse together! We have a verse that will help us remember that God is, repeat after me (hold up a thumb after each word), "Always awesome!" (Always awesome!)

Play Memory Verse Video

What You Say: This Bible verse is pretty awesome because it reminds us that we are secure because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever! And why is that good news? Because God is always good and always (thumb up) awesome (thumb up)!

Large Group Closing:

What You Say: Our world can be a bit scary, harsh, confusing, or even mean sometimes. But we can know that there is always Someone who can help everyone, no matter who they are or where they live—God! Whenever you feel scared or insecure, remember that Jesus is the same as He has been—always good and always awesome. Point to yourself and say, “I am secure!” (I am secure!) Point to your neighbor and say, “You are secure!” (You are secure!) Let’s pray and talk to God in 3-2-1!

Closing Prayer: God, thank You for always being awesome and good, no matter our circumstances. There is nothing we can do to change You or Your goodness. That is a relief! Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, so that we can have a right relationship with You. Amen.

Transition to Small Group Time: Split the kids into small groups. This can be done either by age, grade, or gender.

Small Group Time:

Option #1: Connection Questions

What To Do: Let’s keep learning about God and His goodness today with these questions!

1. What type of food do you think is good, but some other people do not like? (Allow answers.)
2. I am going to say a food, and you are going to tell me if you like it or pass on it and why. Here is the food: boiled eggs. Discuss! (Allow kids to share whether it is a “like” or a “pass.”) We have a lot of opinions about boiled eggs! Why do you think boiled eggs do not sound good to everyone? (Allow answers.) Why is God good for everyone? (Allow

answers. Some answers might be because God loves everyone, because God is good and good comes from God, because everyone needs God, and so forth.)

3. The Bible tells us that we are always secure because God is always good. Let's open our Bibles to Luke 17:15-16 and 19 and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) Only one man came back, thanked God, and experienced God's goodness when Jesus told him his sin was forgiven. What can we do when we experience God's goodness?(Allow answers. Answers might include to ask for forgiveness, turn from our sin, ask Jesus to heal our hearts, and so forth.)
4. Sometimes we think we can heal and fix what is wrong in our own lives ourselves. But we know that we cannot fix our sin problem on our own. How does God help us when we cannot help ourselves? (Allow answers. Answers might include He forgives us, He heals our hearts, He sent Jesus to save us, and so forth.) If you want to know how you can be forgiven, please come and talk to me! I would love to share with you how God wants a friendship with you!
5. The Bible tells us that because God is always good, we are secure. God is always good, and He is always (thumb up) awesome (thumb up)! What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)

Option #2: Jesus Healed Ten Lepers

What To Do: We are going to create a craft today that will help us remember our Bible Story today about the ten lepers.

First I want you each to take a piece of paper and put it long ways. You're going to write "Jesus healed 10" on the top of the paper and "only 1 said Thank You" on the bottom of the paper. The space in between what you wrote we are going to add some hand prints with ink pads. (Allow time.)

Once the ink dries you can add faces to the tops of your fingers. Then on one of the fingers you're going to write "Thank You" down the finger staying on the ink.

Loud And Clear: What wonderful crafts you created to remember our Bible Story today. Taking time to remember how good God is can be such a great practice. It strengthens our love for God and helps us be gracious to others. It also helps us recognize that because God is always good, we can feel secure. Point to yourself and say, "I am secure!" (I am secure!)

Option #3: Activity Page

What To Do: This activity page helps us remember some big things we have learned about today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

Leader Tip: Use this time to get to know the kids better. Ask them what they remember about the Bible story or remind them that Jesus did not heal the men because they were good but because He is always good! Kids can know that they are always secure because God is always (thumb up) awesome (thumb up)!

Loud And Clear: No matter if you are the man who made his way back to thank Jesus or one of the other nine who walked away, Jesus is always good. And when we realize that He is always good, we know we are always secure!

Close out in prayer:

What To Do:

- Ask for any specific prayer requests
- Pray with the group
- Lead the group in the prayer below.

What You Say: God, thank You for always being awesome and good! We can know we are secure in You and that You are always good. Thank You that You love us and always forgive us when we ask. Amen.

Dismissal:

Leader Tip: Work with your team to dismiss the kids in a fun, manageable, and safe way. As kids leave, make sure they have all of the crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.