**Toddler Lesson Plan**

October 12, 2025

### God Forgives Me— God Gives Me a New Heart

**Bible Story:** Jeremiah Told of a New Promise (Jeremiah 11:1-10; 17:1-10; 31–33)

**Theme Verse:** “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.” (2 Corinthians 5:17a)

Teachers rally with your team a few minutes before kids start to arrive: Rally is a pre-service time for you to be equipped and encouraged in your ministry.

Pray: Lead the group in prayer, asking God to help kids understand their need for forgiveness and recognize that God has provided the way to be forgiven through Jesus.

Remember: Share important information related to today’s activities. Mention any upcoming ministry announcements.

**Pre-Service:** TeachersChoose Playlister and start the preservice slide with music

**Co-Teacher/Volunteers: Arrival time, please use either one of these options as kids arrive for the morning to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.**

**Option 1:**Let the kids play with toys and get to know them.

**Option** **2:** Coloring Sheet.

##### **Leader Tip: Announce a 2-to-3-minute signal before asking them to clean up their toys. Giving your group a mental head start will begin to cue their minds for what is next.**

##### **Clean-up time:**

##### **What to do:** Teacher play clean- up song, encouraging all kids to help get things put away and ready for service.

##### **Service**

**Teacher Opener:** Hi, friends! My name is \_\_\_\_, and it is so great to be here with you today. We have so many fun things to do and learn.

**Worship song #1:** Teachers, Co-Teachers, and volunteers 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.

**Bible Story Video**

What to do

* Play the Bible Story use the script below after video to help make the connection for the kids.

Let's all stand and sing one last song to God together today!

**Worship song #2:** Teachers, Co-Teachers, and volunteers 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.

**Memory Verse Video:**

Let's stand up together and learn our Theme Verse!

##### **Leader Tip**: Choose between the Host-Led or the Video-Led option. Watch the Theme Verse Video to learn the motions. Use the Big Deal motions provided.

**Theme Verse Motions:**

If anyone is in Christ, (Point to the sky.)
he is a new creation. (Cross open palms in front of body moving upward.)
2 Corinthians 5:17a (Hold hands out like a book.)

**Small Group Time:**

**Option #1:** Kids will create a scroll with a special message.

**Big Goal:**Remember the Bible story.

**Leader Prep:**Print “Special Message Scroll” printables, one per child. Cut yarn into 6-inch lengths, one per child. Make a craft sample.

**What To Do:**In today’s Bible story, God used a special messenger named Jeremiah to give a very important message to His people. What was his name? (Jeremiah!) That’s right! Great job! Jeremiah listened to God and told the people what He said. He wrote God’s words down on something called a scroll. A scroll is a rolled-up paper that looks something like this. (Hold up sample scroll.) Today we are going to make scrolls with a special message, just like Jeremiah gave God’s people. Are you ready? First, we are going to decorate our papers with crayons. The page has a special message that says God gives me a new heart. When you finish decorating your paper, I will help you roll it up and tie it with a piece of yarn.

**Loud And Clear:** The scrolls we just made have part of God’s message on them that Jeremiah gave to God’s people. God’s people were making wrong choices and turning away from Him. We all make wrong choices. When we make wrong choices, it is called sin. But God had good news for Jeremiah to tell the people—there was a new promise. This good news is also for us. The promise is that God has a plan to forgive us of our wrong choices—He gives us new hearts! This is something no one can do on their own. Only God can change our hearts. God said He would forgive our wrong choices and change our hearts to know and love Him. We can take these scrolls and share this news with a friend or family member.

**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, You are so powerful and forgiving. We are thankful You forgive us when we ask and change our hearts to know and love You. Thank You for sending Jesus. Amen.

**Closing: Leader Tip:** Work with your Teacher 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.