**Toddler**

**Lesson Plan**

October 19, 2025

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

**Bible Story:** Jesus Called Peter (Luke 5:1-11)

**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 and encourage your volunteers as they teach about forgiveness.

**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 and get to know them.

**Option 2:** Coloring sheets

##### **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:** Hello, my friends. My name is \_\_\_\_, and I am so glad you are here! When I count to three, let’s sit down and all give a giant wave while saying, “Hello!” together. (Demonstrate by waving your arm from down low to up high.) Ready? 1-2-3! “Hello!” I am so glad to be here with you.

**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.

**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 decorate a fish by coloring and adding textured scales.

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

**Leader Prep:**Print “Scaly Art” printables, one per child. Cut small squares or circles from the textured materials.

**Craft Instructions:**

1. **Before the session, print “Scaly Art” printables, one per child. Cut small squares or circles from the textured materials.**
2. **Encourage preschoolers to color their fish.**
3. **Assist preschoolers in gluing textured shapes on their fish to make scales.**

**What To Do:** Let’s make a craft together called “Scaly Art.” What is it called? (Scaly Art!) Great! In today’s Bible story, a fisherman named Peter was changed when he met Jesus. We are going to decorate fish to help us remember Peter and how God gave him a new way to live. Each of you will get a fish to decorate with markers or crayons. (Pass out the fish printables and markers or crayons. Allow time for coloring.) After you’ve finished coloring, you can glue some colorful scales on your fish.

**Loud And Clear:** What wonderful looking fish! When I see these fish, I am reminded of Peter. Peter obeyed Jesus, and he caught so many fish that his nets began to break. When Peter saw all the fish, he knew that Jesus had power that only comes from God. When Peter saw what Jesus did, he was embarrassed by all his wrong choices, but Jesus gave Peter a new way to live. Jesus invited Peter to follow Him, and Peter said yes. God gives us a new way to live too. That is so amazing!

**Close out in prayer:**

**WHAT YOU SAY:** God, thank You for forgiving us when we ask You. Thank You for giving us a new way to go. Help us know when we make a wrong choice and need to ask You to forgive us. 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.