**Toddler**

**Lesson Plan**

October 26, 2025

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

**Bible Story:** Joel, the Messenger to Judah (Joel 1–3)

**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, thanking God for the team and asking Him to help preschoolers see how much they’ve been forgiven.

**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 them play and get to know them.

**Option 2:** Coloring sheets

**Loud And Clear:**Wow! We had so much fun cheering each other on while we were playing our game. We make such a great team. Way to go!

##### **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, everyone! My name is \_\_\_\_, and I am so glad you are here today.

**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.

**Making the connection script:**

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 decorate the Main Idea with dot markers.

**Big Goal:**Remember the Main Idea,**“God Gives Me a New Hope!”**

**Leader Prep:**Print “Dot The New Hope” printables on cardstock, one per child.

**Craft Instructions**:

1. **Before the session, print “Dot The New Hope” printables on cardstock, one per child.**
2. **Give each child a printable and dot markers or Crayons.**
3. **Invite kids to decorate the word hope using dot markers. If kids prefer to color the letters, provide markers or crayons instead.**

**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.

**End of service Activity:**

Have all kids come back together and have a seat and lead kids in the following discussions below. This is a time for side-by-side learning, where all kids have the opportunity to connect and participate.

**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.