

2-4 Year-olds

Small Group

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Small Group Leader Guide

Preschool Timetable



10 Minutes

FREE PLAY

SOMETHING THEY CAN DO ON THEIR OWN! LIKE PUZZLES, TOYS, AND SO ON.

5 Minutes

PRAISE & WORSHIP

LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH ALL OUR HEART!

5 Minutes

MOVE ACTIVITY

LET'S GET MOVING!

15 Minutes

BIBLE STORY

IT'S BIBLE STORY TIME--LET'S LISTEN TO THE TRUE STORY!

5 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

5 minutes

CREATE ACTIVITY

CRAFT TIME!

5 minutes

SNACK TIME

PLEASE SAY GRACE FOR THE SNACK AND CHECK ALLERGIES.

5 minutes

HOME TIME

PLEASE MAKE SURE KIDS TAKE THEIR CRAFT HOME.

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

I can wait for God's plan.

Abraham and Sarah

Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5-6; 18:1-14; 21:1-7

Key Question

Who has plans for you?

Bottom Line

God has plans for me.

Memory Verse

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord."

Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

Inclusive Pro Tips



This leader guide is designed to be inclusive of children with a disability who attend a group with their peers. See highlighted sections below for additional inclusive pro-tips. Check out the Special Needs Resource Kit for more ideas for adapting each segment.

MOVE ACTIVITY

All the Stars

What You Need

- ☐ Parachute
- ☐ Pom-poms



Inclusive Pro Tips

Allow a child to remain close to the activity and move their body even if they do not want to hold the parachute.

This activity could get loud as children enjoy the movements, offer headphones or a break to any child that might become overwhelmed.

① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Lay the parachute on the floor in an open area.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to move the parachute as directed then freeze.
2. Add pom-poms to the parachute and encourage children to shake it up and down to make the stars go high in the sky.

After the Activity

Introduce the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"I am so excited! The parachute is out, I love playing with the parachute.

Do you want to come join me?"

During the Activity

"Grab the parachute and wait until all our friends have joined us. (PAUSE.)

Yay! All our friends are here! We're ready to start. Lift the parachute up!

(PAUSE.) Now down. (PAUSE.) Now shake it really fast. (PAUSE.) That was so fun. Now I'm going to add some pom-poms. (HOLD UP A POM-POM.)

These remind me of stars. (ADD SOME POM-POMS.) Let's shake them up and down. (PAUSE.) Let's add more stars! (ADD THE REST OF THE POM-POMS.) Wow that is a lot of stars, let's shake and pop the stars up in the sky! (PAUSE.) Look at all the stars! There are so many we can't count them all."

After the Activity

"In our true story from the Bible, we're going to learn about a man named Abraham and his wife, Sarah. God had plans for them. God told Abraham and Sarah they would have more children in their family than stars in the sky. Let's go hear more about it."

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Memory Verse with Motions

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

☐ No Supplies Needed

Inclusive Pro Tips



Invite children to say it with you or repeat words after you.

Set out the picture cutouts made from the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF for children to hold up or point to as an alternative to saying or repeating the verse out loud.

If using this version, adjust wording in What You Say section accordingly.



CREATE ACTIVITY

Count the Stars

Bible Story Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Abraham and Sarah" and "Baby Isaac" Activity Pages
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Glue Sticks
- ☐ Star Stickers



Inclusive Pro Tips

- Provide adaptive scissors.

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What You Do

During the Activity

1. As you review the Bible Story, give each child a copy of "Abraham and Sarah."
2. Next, give each child star stickers to put above Abraham and Sarah.
3. Go to each child as they work and count their stars with them.
4. End with giving each child a baby Isaac to glue to their page.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

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What You Say

Before the Activity

"Everyone, come sit at the table with me. We are going to make some story art that will help us remember today's Bible Story!"

During the Activity

"God had plans for Abraham and Sarah. He told them they would have as many people in their family as there are stars in the sky! Let's put stars in the sky above Abraham and Sarah. *(Give each child star stickers.)*

Wow, look at all the stars! Let's try counting them together: one, two, three... *(Say this with each child as they work.)*

God's plan was for Abraham and Sarah to have more children than stars in the sky. They were so excited and knew God always keeps His promises. They waited, and waited... until one day, they had the baby they had been waiting for! Abraham and Sarah had a little boy, and they named him Isaac.

Let's glue this picture of baby Isaac by Abraham and Sarah. *(Give each child a baby Isaac cutout.)*

God kept His promise, and their family grew... and grew... and grew! There were more people than stars in the sky!"

After the Activity

"Wow! Your pictures look great! Now you can take them home to help you remember that God had plans for Abraham and Sarah, and God has plans for you too! Who has plans for you? [BOTTOM LINE] God has plans for me!"

Prayer

Faith Skills

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What You Say

“Dear God,
sometimes we have to wait for things like (READ THE LIST THE CHILDREN MADE). Thank You for helping us learn that we can wait for Your plans too. We know Your plans for us are always best, so please help us wait for them. We love You! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

