

January — Week 1

Small Group Leader Guide

Preschool Timetable

SUNDAY
School

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



Bible Story

Young Jesus • Luke 2:41-52 | I can talk about God to others

Key Question

What does the Bible teach you?

Bottom Line

The Bible teaches me the best things.

Memory Verse

"Your word is truth" (John 17:17 NIV).



Inclusive Pro Tips

This leader guide is designed to be inclusive of children with a special need, learning difference, or disability who attend a group with their peers. See highlighted sections below for additional inclusive pro-tips. Check out the additional Special Needs resources included.

MOVE ACTIVITY

Where's Jesus?

MADE TO
Move

What You Need:

- "Where's Jesus?" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Painter's tape
- Scissors

Inclusive Pro Tips

Select moves that are suitable for everyone in the group. Movements can be done sitting if that is best for the group.



What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Where's Jesus?" on cardstock and cut eight per Small Group. Hide the pictures of Jesus in various places in the room. **During the Activity:** Encourage children to move around the room helping you find Jesus. When you find Jesus, clap and cheer. Repeat until you've found all the pictures of Jesus. **After the Activity:** Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We're going on a Jesus hunt! Let's see if we can find all the pictures of young Jesus in the room."

During the Activity:

"Do you think Jesus is hiding by the animals? Or by the snacks? Or maybe over by the teachers? Let's look and find Jesus! (Pause for children to look around the room.) Wow! You found Jesus! Hooray! Say I found Jesus! (With children.) I found Jesus! Let's look around some more and see if we can find another picture of young Jesus. (Pause for children to look around the room.) You found Jesus! Hooray! Say I found Jesus! (With children.) I found Jesus! (Continue until you find all the Jesus pictures.) Great job looking for Jesus, you found all the pictures of young Jesus."

After the Activity: "Today we'll hear a Bible Story about when Jesus was only 12 years old and got separated from Mary and Joseph, but do you know where He was? Let's find out in our Bible Story."

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

Young Jesus Puppet



What You Need:

- "Young Jesus Puppet" Activity Page
- "The Bible teaches me the best things" Label
- Paper lunch bags
- Crayons or washable markers
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

Inclusive Pro Tips

Provide adaptive crayons.



What You Do:

During the Activity: Encourage children to glue the top part of Jesus' head to the bottom flap of their lunch bag and Jesus' body to their lunch bag. Have them color Jesus, then use the puppets to review the story.

After the Activity:

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today, we heard a story about when Jesus was twelve years old. That's a little bit older than all of you."

During the Activity: "Let's make a Jesus puppet. We can use our puppet to help us review our Bible Story. Start by finding the flap on your bag. (Pause.) Great. Now glue Jesus' head to that part of your bag so His mouth lines up to the edge of the flap. (Pause.) Tuck Jesus' body under the flap and glue it to the bag. (Demonstrate.) Now color your Jesus puppet. (Pause.) Super job! Add this label to the back of your puppet. It tells you where you can look in the Bible to find today's Bible Story. Now slide your hand into the bag to make your puppet talk like this. (Demonstrate.) Let's use our puppets to help us review."

After the Activity: "Jesus was twelve years old when He traveled with Mary and Joseph to a big celebration in the city of Jerusalem. It was so much fun! When the celebration was over, everyone went back home, but Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. While Mary and Joseph were walking back home, they realized Jesus wasn't with them. Hide your Jesus puppet behind your back. (Pause.) When they couldn't find Jesus, they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him. (Put your hand above your eyes.) When they finally found Him, Jesus was sitting and talking with important teachers about God. Use your puppets to talk to each other. (Pause.) The grown-ups were AMAZED at what Jesus said."

Prayer

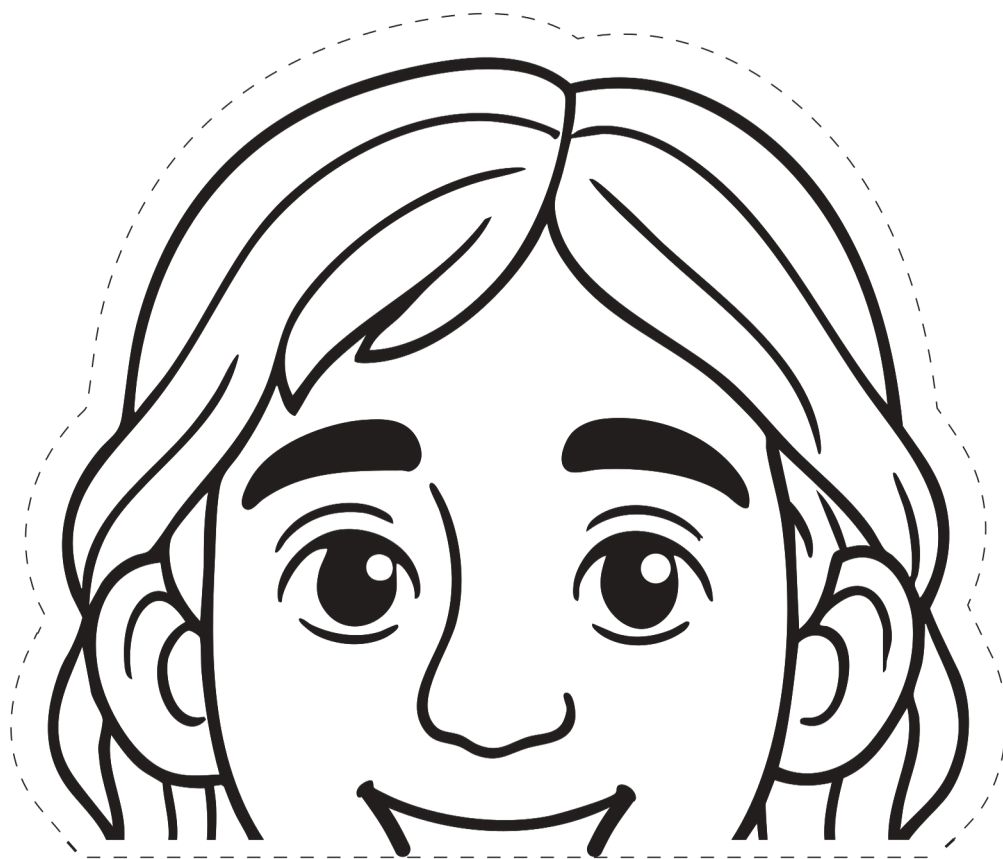
Faith Skills

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What You Say

"Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible so we can learn all about You. Thank You that we can talk to (read the names listed in the journal) about You. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."





What to Do:
Copy on cardstock and cut.
One set per child

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