

April 15, 2018

Bible Focus: People can change when they know Jesus.

Saul to Paul • *Acts 9:1-20; 13:9*

Memory Verse: "Go and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:19, NIV

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Bottom Line: I can tell others about Jesus.

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Here's an overview of what you'll be teaching in 2s this week.

Social (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)

- Melting

Playground (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)

- If the weather allows, travel to the playground for 10 minutes of playtime outside.

Snack (9:22, 10:37, 11:52)

- Offer snack to the children, indoors

Bible (9:30, 10:45, 12:00)

- Bible History presentation in the Sandbox

Groups (9:45, 11:00, 12:15)

- Into the Light
- Dark to Light

Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)

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Let one teacher lead children in activities throughout the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door. At this age not all children will participate, but most will want to be part of the fun.

Melting

Made to Explore: An activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

What You Need: Cookie sheet with high edges, ice cubes, craft sticks, and towels

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay the towels down in the activity area. Place the ice cubes onto the tray and place the tray on top of the towels.

During the Activity: Give the children the craft sticks and encourage them to move the ice cubes around the tray. Ask the children to look for any changes to the ice as they move the cubes.

After the Activity: Remove the trays and wipe up any mess with the towels.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We are going to play with ice today."

During the Activity: "The ice is super-duper cold so we are going to use these sticks (*hold up*) to move the ice. Move the ice all over the tray. Look and see if the ice changes as you move the cubes."

After the Activity: "WOW! The ice melted into water. It changed as we moved it. So cool. We are going to talk about how Jesus changed someone in our Bible Truth today. I am so excited!"

Transition

Playground (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)

If the weather allows, use this time to travel outside for 10 minutes of playtime. Place your "We are on the Playground" sign on the door as you leave. This will allow parents who are late to find you.

Snack (9:22, 10:32, 11:52)**Bible (9:30, 10:40, 12:00)**

Travel to the Sandbox for the Large Group presentation. Place your "We are in The Sandbox" sign on the door as you leave.

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Groups (9:45, 11:00, 12:25)

The following activities help make the Bottom Line stick. Encourage children to play on their own if they do not wish to take part in an activity.

1. Into the Light

Talk About God | Bible Review

What You Need: Yardstick or broom handle, yellow streamers, and tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Tear the streamers into two-foot pieces. Tape the streamers to the stick so that they hang down toward the floor. This will be the "light."

During the Activity: Hold the stick up at the children's head level. Ask the children to walk under the stick and through the streamers. Tell the children that they are Saul and should make a grumpy face before they walk into the "light." After they walk into the light, they are Paul and should make a happy face. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's pretend we are Saul and Paul from our Bible Truth today!"

During the Activity: (Hold the light stick.) "This is the light from when Saul learns all about Jesus. So everyone be Saul and have a grumpy face. (*Demonstrate.*) Saul was grumpy when he did not know Jesus. Now walk through the light and you will be Paul. Paul was happy because he knew Jesus. So have a happy face!" (*Finish activity.*)

After the Activity: "Jesus wants to be everyone's friend forever! He wants everyone to be happy. We should tell everyone about Jesus. **Who can tell others about Jesus?** [Bottom Line] **I can tell others about Jesus!**"

Proceed with Activity #2 if time allows.

2. Dark to Light

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Imagine: An activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role play to enhance their learning

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Guide the children to stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Say the memory verse with the children. Ask the children to close their eyes and say the verse again. Invite the children to open their eyes and say it a third time. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's say our memory verse together! *Go and make disciples of all nations*, Matthew 28:19."

During the Activity: "Great job! Now let's pretend to be Saul in our Bible Truth. Saul did not know Jesus, so he was grumpy and in the dark. Close your eyes and say the memory verse again. *Go and make disciples of all nations*, Matthew 28:19. Awesome! Now let's be Paul. Paul is who Saul became after he knew Jesus. He was happy and full of light. So, open your eyes and let's say our verse again! (*Say verse.*) Perfect!"

After the Activity: "We should all tell others about Jesus so they can know Him and be happy like Paul. **Who can tell others about Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can tell others about Jesus!**"

Get Ready to Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)