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Here’s what you’ll be teaching in 3s–5s this week.

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

9:00 & 11:30

- Anytime/Anywhere

10:15

- The Leader Says

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

All Service Times

- Bible History Presentation in the Sandbox

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

All Service Times

- Small Group Time
- Prayer

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

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- Follow the Signs

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- Dismiss–Parent CUE

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Social (Introductory Activities, 10 minutes)

Let one teacher lead activities in different areas of the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door.

9:00 & 11:30

Anytime/Anywhere

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

During the Activity: Gather the children to sit in an open area of the room. Call out the scenarios below and let the children pretend to be in that moment. See scenarios and dialogue suggestions below.

Scenarios:

Pretend to be asleep and then wake up.

Pretend to be in the car on the way to the school.

Pretend to be at school right before snack time.

Pretend to be at home, gathered around the dinner table.

Pretend to be all snuggled in bed, about to go to sleep.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “You know, we can talk to God anytime and anywhere. To show you what I mean, let’s pretend together!”

During the Activity: “Let’s pretend we’re asleep. (*Pause.*) Oh, it’s morning! Time to wake up! We can pray to God in the morning. Let’s pray.

“Now we are in the car on our way to school. We can pray to God and ask Him to help us today at school.

“Now we are at school and it’s time for snack. We can pray to God and thank Him for our friends and snack time!

“Now we are at home, gathered at the dinner table with our family. We can pray and thank God for our yummy food and our families.

“Now it’s time for bed. Everyone get all snuggled up. *(Pause.)* What a great day! We can pray to God and thank Him for an awesome day!

After the Activity: “That was fun! No matter where you are or what time of the day it is, you can talk to God! Let’s head to Large Group to hear more about talking to God!”

Transition: Move to Bible Time by continuing to call out times of the day when you can pray to God. Some suggestions are: before you go outside to play, before you eat lunch, before you say something mean when you’re angry, when you are at church, when you’re at home with your mom and dad, and when you’re in your bed with the lights out after Mommy and Daddy have said, “Goodnight.”

10:15

The Leader Says

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

During the Activity: Gather the children in an open area of the room to play “The Leader Says.” Play the same way you would play “Simon Says,” calling out instructions for the children to follow. If the instruction is preceded with “The Leader Says,” children must follow. If not, and the child does perform the instruction, remind them to listen carefully.

Instructions:

Stomp your feet

Nod your head

Bark like a dog

Jump up and down

Pat your shoulders

Jog in place

Hug your neighbor

Perform three jumping jacks

Sing, “La-la-la!”

Say your name

Pretend to be a statue

Click your tongue

Touch your toes

Reach for the sky

Show me your muscles

Sing the “A, B, C” s

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Everyone gather over here with me and spread out a bit so you have some space. Today we’re going to play a SUPER fun game called ‘The Leader Says.’ Raise your hand if you’ve ever played ‘Simon Says’ before. *(Pause.)* Great! This game is just like that. I will call out some instructions for you to follow, BUT you must listen very carefully. If I say, ‘The leader says touch your toes,’ then you should touch your toes! But if I don’t say, ‘The leader says,’ and I just say, ‘Touch your toes,’ you DO NOT touch your toes. Okay? So what are we listening for? *(Pause for responses.)* Right! ‘The leader says.’ Let’s play.”

After the Activity: “That was super fun! The key to this game was to listen very carefully. Today we will hear about someone who ALWAYS listens to us. Sounds pretty amazing, right? Let’s go find out who it is!”

Transition: Move to Bible Time by continuing to play “The Leader Says.”

Bible (Large Group, 20 minutes)

After children have participated in Social, gather them for a large group time that includes interactive worship, introductory sketch and Bible Truth. Place your “We are in The Sandbox” sign on the door as you leave. Travel to the Sandbox.

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Journaling (Small Groups, 10 minutes)

Journaling is designed to help preschoolers understand how the Bottom Line applies to them. They'll discuss real-life experiences and share prayer requests.

Give each child a cup of Chex cereal to snack on while you take them through the following exercise.

What you Need: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Psalm 25:4. Journal and a fun-shaped pen. “Praying Hands Symbol Sticker” label. Reward stamps.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “It’s Small Group time! Let’s sit down and talk about today’s Bible Truth. One, two, three, sit down with me!”

“Our Bible Truth today was about talking to God. The Bible tells us we can talk to God anytime. We know we can trust the Bible because it has God’s words in it and they are always true. So, if the Bible says talking to God is the way to God, then talking to God IS the way to go! **What tells you which way to go?**”

CHILDREN and SGL: [*Bottom Line*] “The Bible tells me which way to go.”

SGL: “Right again! [*Bottom Line*] The Bible tells me which way to go. And the Bible verse we are learning will help us ask God to show us the way to go. It says this.

(Open the Bible to the memory verse.)

“Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow, Psalm 25:4.

(Close Bible and lay it down.)

“Let’s stand up and say that together with the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do.

CHILDREN and SGL: “*Show me the right path (hands up like goggles), O LORD (point up); point out the road (point out and down) for me to follow (march), Psalm 25:4.*” (*Hold out hands like a book.*) (*Repeat the verse with motions a few times.*)

SGL: “You are going to be so ready next time to say that verse all by yourself! Make sure you keep practicing at home. Okay, it’s journal time, so let’s sit down.

(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)

“We have two special stickers in our journal so far. First, we have the Bible picture. *(Point.)* It reminds us that **[Bottom Line] the Bible tells us which way to go.** Then we have a heart picture. *(Point.)* It reminds us that loving one another is the way to go. Today we’re going to add this one.

(Hold up the “Praying Hands Symbol Sticker.”)

“This praying hands picture reminds us that talking to God anytime is the way to go. Let’s put this sticker in our journal right here.

(Place the sticker in the journal.)

“If we can talk to God anytime, that means we can talk to God no matter where we are or what we’re doing. We can talk to God when we’re playing at the playground, when we’re learning at school, when we’re happy, when we’re sad—ANYTIME! When I call your name, tell me one time you can talk to God.

(Write each child’s name and what they say beside their name. Remember to print the words they say so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

“This list is SO good! We really can talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything. God is always listening! Let’s talk to God and thank Him right now for always listening to us when we talk to Him. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

Prayer

SGL: “Dear God, thank You that we can talk to You anytime, anywhere, about anything. Thank You that [child’s name] can talk to when *(read what is listed)* and . . . *(say this with each child)*. You are the best, God, and we love You very much! In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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Groups (Application Activities, 15 minutes)

These activities are designed to help preschoolers understand and remember today's Bible Truth and Bottom Line.

9:00 & 11:30

Anytime

What You Need: “Watch Label,” “Watch Face” Activity Pages, cardboard cuffs (1 per every 4 children), glue sticks, stickers, and sample craft.

What You Do:

During the Activity: Give each child a piece of the tube and a watch face. Help the children glue the watch face onto the tube piece opposite of the cut. Encourage the children to place a label onto the side of their watch.

After the Activity: Allow the children to decorate their watch with the stickers. Help the children place the watch onto their wrist.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “God will listen to us ANYTIME we talk to Him.”

During the Activity: “We are going to make a watch to wear that will remind us that we can talk to God ANYTIME we want.” (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: “Way to go! Let's put our watches on! (*Demonstrate.*) Perfect! God is always listening and gave us the Bible to show us where to go. **What tells you which way to go? [Bottom Line] The Bible tells me which way to go!**”

10:15**Follow the Signs**

What You Need: “Praying Hands Symbol 2” and “Parent Activity Option 2” Activity Pages, paper plates (1 per child), painter’s sticks (1 per child), glue, tape, scissors, a variety of transportation stickers, and a completed sample craft.

Bonus Ideas: Check out “More Fun” in the prelude folder of week one for more fun ideas that will make this summer extra exciting for your preschoolers.

What You Do:

During the Activity: The children will glue a “Praying Hands Symbol 2” to one side of a paper plate. They will then glue a “Parent Activity Option 2” to the other side of the paper plate. Once “Praying Hands Symbol 2” and “Parent Activity Option 2” are glued in place, give the children the transportation stickers, and encourage them to put them around the praying hands picture. Next, they will glue or tape the painter’s stick to the paper plate to make a sign.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: **“What tells you which way to go? [Bottom Line] The Bible tells me which way to go!** You got it! And the Bible tells us that no matter where we go, we can talk to God. I love that! The sign we’re going to make today has praying hands on it to remind us we can talk to God. Then we will put these car and truck stickers on it to remind us that no matter where we go, we can talk to God. Who’s ready to make their sign? *(Pause.)* I know I am!”

During the Activity: “I’m going to give each of you a praying hands picture and a stick. Your job is to glue *the “Praying Hands Symbol 2” to one side of the paper plate, “Parent Activity Option 2” to the other side of the plate, and then to the stick.* I’ll come around and help anyone who needs it.”

Once everyone has their “Praying Hands Symbol” road sign made: “Your praying hands signs look awesome! Now let’s make them even more awesome with these car and truck stickers. You can take your sign home today and tell your family talking to God is the way to go!”

All Service Times**Get Ready to Dismiss**