

PRESCHOOL LEADER GUIDE

SOCIAL DISTANCING ACTIVITY ADJUSTMENTS

Unit 26 • Session 4

A Note for Leaders: Because each volume of *The Gospel Project for Preschool* is written several months in advance of its suggested use dates and is available for purchase for three years, the activities in the leader guides do not reflect the current social distancing guideline requirements of many preschool ministries. However, we want to do all we can to help you, especially in these challenging times, so we have provided activity adjustments as needed below. Please note that we cannot anticipate the various policies and needs of every ministry, so even these adaptations and replacements may need further revision for your context.

GIVE A THUMBS-UP OR THUMBS-DOWN ADJUSTMENT

Complete the activity as provided, only without forming a circle.

PLANT A GARDEN ADJUSTMENT

Tip: Allow no more than two children per colander. Sanitize or replace supplies between uses.

PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE ADJUSTMENT

Before the session, write the key passage on a large cross cut from paper. Cut the cross into pieces and hide the pieces around the room. Place the key passage marker at Philippians 2:8. Guide preschoolers to find the pieces and bring them to you, one at a time. Assemble the verse and ask children to identify the shape. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud.

PLAY “THREE CORNERS” ADJUSTMENT

Label three sheets of paper 1–Garden; 2–High Priest; and 3–Pilate. Tape one paper on each of three different walls of the room. Stand against the fourth wall of the room. Invite children to spread out in the middle of the room. Tell children that you will face the wall, close your eyes, and count aloud to five. While you are counting, children will tiptoe to any of the three walls of their choosing while another adult leader monitors and encourages children to remain properly distanced from each other. As soon as you finish counting, call out one of the numbers and its name. The children at that wall must answer the big picture question. Repeat the game as time allows.

FISH AND MATCH ADJUSTMENT

Tip: Make additional sets for every 2-3 children.

GIVE HONOR REPLACEMENT FOR CARRY THE TORCH

Invite preschoolers to demonstrate a skill, such as hopping on one foot or jumping high. Provide assistance as needed and applaud every attempt. Praise God for how uniquely He made each child. Remind children to honor God with their talents.

- SAY, “God made Eric Liddell fast for a reason, and Eric chose to honor God in all things. People all over the world heard about Jesus because Eric honored God in his Olympic races. You can honor God with your skills, too!”