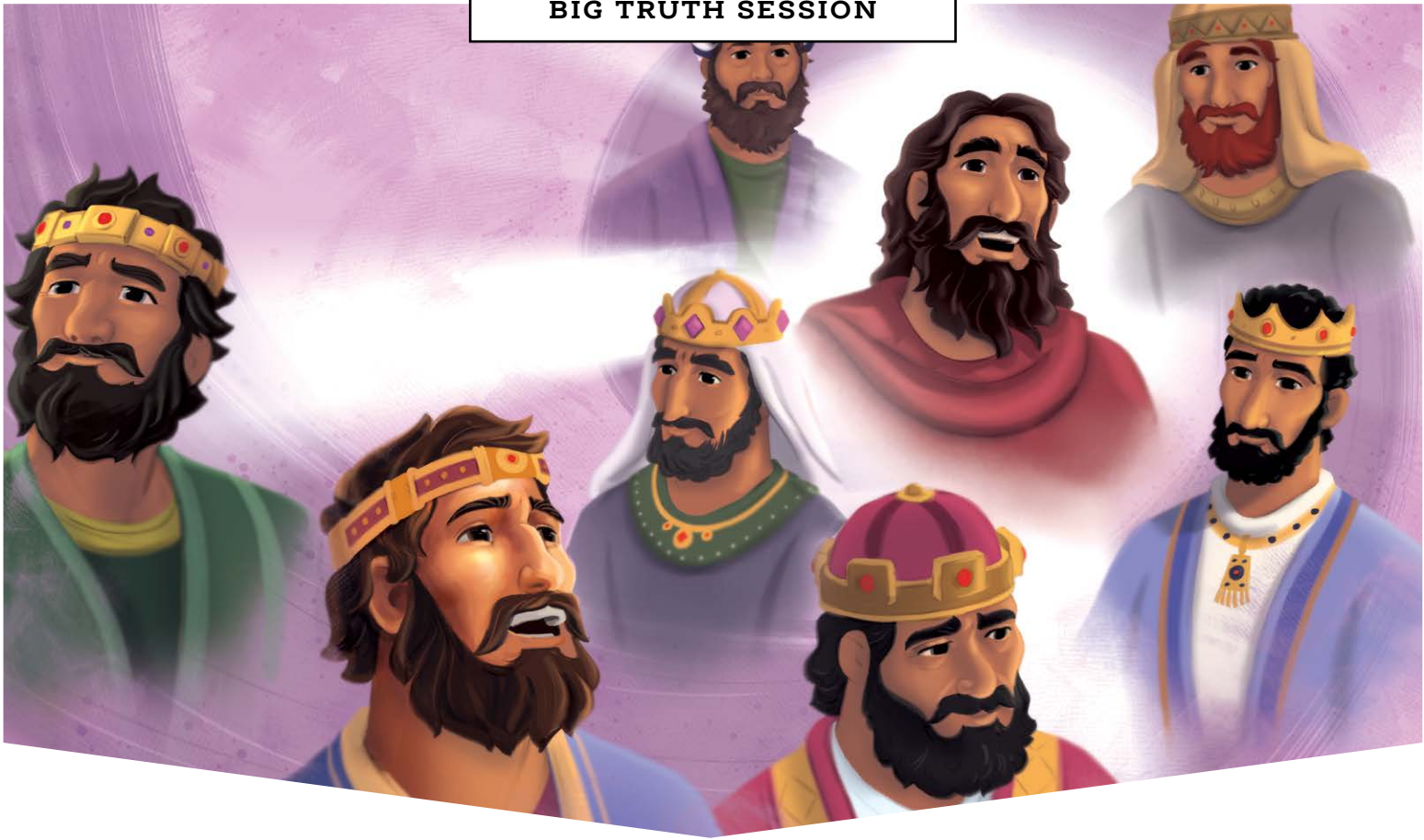




UNIT 27 | SESSION 4

JESUS IS OUR PERFECT KING

COLOSSIANS 1

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus is King over all.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Everyone will worship God forever. Revelation 5:13

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- Jesus shows us what God is like.
- Paul wrote that Jesus made everything.
- God's plan is all about Jesus.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

While Paul was in jail, he wrote letters to churches. The church in Colossae had a problem. Some people had been teaching things about Jesus that were not true. The church in Colossae (koh LAHS sih) was confused about who Jesus is. Paul wrote, "Jesus is God the Son. He shows us what God is like. Jesus made everything in heaven and earth. All things were made through Him and for Him. He is also the head of the church, since He died on the cross and came back to life. God gave Jesus all of His power so He could forgive people from their wrong choices. I want you to understand God's love for you in Jesus. God's plan is all about Jesus."



LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to Colossians 1. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage phrase card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of “Jesus Loves Me”:

“Jesus is God’s only Son.

He died to save me from my sins.

Everyone who trusts in Him

Will be forgiven of their sins.

Yes, He died for me. (repeat three times)

Jesus, He died for me.”

| SAY “ Jesus is King over all. Jesus shows us what God is like. God’s plan is all about Jesus. ”

2 CREATE A CROSS

Squirt shaving cream inside a gallon-size ziplock bag. Consider double-bagging to prevent leaks. Seal and secure the opening with duct tape. Tape the bag on the wall at the babies’ eye level. Place the babies on the floor in horseshoe-shaped pillows. Allow the babies to reach for or crawl to the wall. Guide the babies’ fingers to create a cross with the shaving cream. Repeat the babies’ gospel gems.

| SAY “ Jesus made everything in heaven and earth. All things were made through Him and for Him. He is also the head of the church, since He died on the cross and came back to life. ”

3 HIDE AND SEEK

Place various classroom items on the floor. Sit babies in leaders’ laps or in horseshoe-shaped pillows. Place one item in front of each baby to explore. Then hide the item behind your back for the baby to find. Ask questions like “Where is the ball?” or “Have you seen the bear?” to remind babies of the hidden item.

| SAY “ In our story, the church had forgotten about who Jesus is. But Jesus does not hide who He is from us. Jesus is God’s Son. Jesus shows us what God is like. Paul wrote that Jesus made everything. ”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Colossians 1. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

2 TALK ABOUT GOD'S LOVE

Discuss things the toddlers love. Provide examples such as ice cream, cake, riding a bike, or going outside. Instruct the toddlers to raise their hands when they hear something they love to do or eat. Review the Bible story.

SAY “ In our Bible story, Paul wrote a letter to remind the churches about what Jesus taught. Paul reminds us all to understand God’s love for us in Jesus. God’s plan is all about Jesus. God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross for your sins. ”

3 SING A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of “Deep and Wide”: “Everyone, everyone / Will worship God forevermore. / Everyone, everyone / Will worship God forevermore!”

SAY “ Everyone can worship God today and forever because Jesus is King over all. Jesus shows us what God is like. God’s plan is all about Jesus. ”

4 PLAY TRUE OR NOT TRUE?

Write the letters T and F on construction paper (one per sheet). Tape to opposite sides of the room. If what you say is true, guide toddlers to move to the T. If what you say is false (not true) direct them to move to the F. Review the Bible story. Say statements like “Paul was in church when he wrote letters to the churches” or “God’s plan is not about Jesus” and so forth.

SAY “ While Paul was in jail, who did he write the letters to? Yes! The churches. The church in Colossae had a problem. Some people had been teaching things about Jesus that were not true. ”

5 PLACE RIGHT OR WRONG

Provide red and green interlocking bricks and two plastic bins. Place red and green papers in the bins (one color per bin). Guide the toddlers to place the green bricks in the bin when they hear right things and red blocks in the bin when they hear wrong things. Suggestions include sharing, being nice, listening, hitting, not sharing, and so forth. Review the story.

SAY “ Does God forgive us of our wrong choices? Yes! God forgives and loves all people because of Jesus. God’s plan is all about Jesus. ”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: FORGIVE OR NOT FORGIVE

Cut out the center of paper plates to make rings (one per toddler). Cut slits in two paper plates and slide paper towel tubes through the plates to make two stands. Assign one stand “Forgive” and the other “Not Forgive.” Form two teams. Instruct toddlers to listen to the situation and toss their rings on either the Forgive or Not Forgive stand. Provide suggestions, allowing each toddler to have a turn. Suggestions include hitting a friend, not listening, not sharing, being unkind, being bossy, and so forth. Review the Bible story.

SAY “God gave Jesus all power so He could forgive us of our wrong choices. Who is Jesus? Jesus is God’s Son. Jesus came to the earth to die on the cross for our sins.”

2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of “Jesus Loves Me”:

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3 DRAW A HEART-SHAPED FACE

Draw a heart on copy paper and write God loves me (one per toddler). Give each toddler a heart and crayons or markers. Guide toddlers to draw a happy face or themselves inside the hearts. Review the Bible story as the toddlers decorate their hearts.

SAY “Who does God love? Yes! God loves you and me! He loved us so much that He sent His only Son Jesus. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. This was all a part of God’s plan.”

4 TOSS A GLOBE

Gather an inflatable globe and a crown. Place the crown over the globe and say, “Jesus is King over all.” Toss the globe to each toddler. Say, “Jesus is King over ___ [name the general area where the toddler’s thumb lands].” Point out how God loves and forgives all people everywhere.

SAY “Paul’s letter helps us understand God’s love for us in Jesus. God’s plan is all about Jesus.”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s big picture card to reinforce today’s Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.