



WEEK 1

PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



THE BIG IDEA

God promised to fix what was broken.

THE BIBLE

Creation and the Fall: Genesis 1:26-30, 3:1-15

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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- ACTIVITY** | Beach Ball Prayers

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HACKS FOR TODDLERS



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HOW TO HACK THIS SERIES FOR TODDLERS

In children's ministry, you've got a wide range of ages you need to engage every week, but toddlers tend to get overlooked. But you know your toddlers need more than just babysitting, so here are a few adjustments you can make to this week in order to keep your toddlers more engaged.

ACTIVITY | Creation Lei

Use only a few cupcake liner flowers for the younger kids' leis. Either leave out the straws, or cut straw pieces from big bubble tea straws.

ACTIVITY | Beach Ball Prayers

Sit on the floor with the kids seated in a semicircle facing you. Toss the ball to each kid and then have them toss the ball back to you as they answer.

SCRIPTURE | Genesis 1:26-30, 3:1-15, 21-23

Let the younger kids play with Play-Doh as you tell the story.

ACTIVITY | Broken Heart

Precut pieces of tape and place them on the edge of the table so that half of the piece is hanging off, allowing the kids to pull tape off the table to place on the heart.



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WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Paradise Praise

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play some fun worship songs for the kids to sing and dance along to! You can check out these fun, upbeat songs:
 - ["There are Promises."](#)
 - ["Sin Messed Everything Up."](#)

ACTIVITY | Creation Lei

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, prepare cupcake liners, straw pieces, and yarn. Place containers of the liners and straw pieces around the room.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Use only a few cupcake liner flowers for the younger kids' leis. Either leave out the straws, or cut straw pieces from big bubble tea straws.
- Hey, friends! This month, we will pretend to be on a paradise island as we hear some stories about some of God's promises. To get ready, let's make some leis! In Hawaiian culture, a lei is sort of like a necklace given to someone as a symbol of friendship or appreciation.
- Grab a piece of yarn and look around the room to find some cupcake papers to be the flowers on your lei. String the flowers on your yarn, and we'll place the straw pieces between the flowers. When you have enough flowers, tie the ends together and place the necklace around your neck.
- Let's wear our leis every week to remind us of all the wonderful things God has made!

ACTIVITY | Beach Ball Prayers

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Seat the kids in a circle. Tell them to toss the ball back and forth across the circle to someone who has not had the ball yet.

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Sit on the floor with the kids seated in a semi-circle facing you. Roll the ball to each kid and then tell them to roll the ball back to you as they answer.

- It's time to play on the beach of our island paradise! God created this wonderful place for us. As a matter of fact, God created the whole world for us to enjoy and take care of! We are going to toss the ball around the room. When you catch the ball, call out something in God's world that you are grateful for and then toss the ball to someone else. When the ball comes back to me, I will end with a prayer.
- Dear God, what a wonderful world You've created! Thank You for creating this place and all that's in it. Most of all, thank You for creating each and every one of us. Help us to take care of the world and to take care of each other. Amen.

TEACHING TIME

SCRIPTURE | Genesis 1:26-30, 3:1-15, 21-23

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use Play-Doh to make visual props as described as you tell the story.
- ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Let the younger kids play with Play-Doh as you tell the story.
- Our story starts at the very beginning when the world was first created. God made all the Earth and then made the very first people to exist – Adam and Eve. *[Read Genesis 1:26-30 as you make a tree with the Play-Doh.]*
- God gave the people everything they needed. But even though they were given a paradise, the first man and woman, like people do sometimes, messed up big time. *[Read Genesis 3:1-5 as you make a snake with the Play-Doh.]*
- **What do you think the woman will do?** Let's find out. *[Read Genesis 3:6-15 as you make fruit with the Play-Doh.]*
- The first humans disobeyed God. God had provided a perfect world for them, but they chose to ignore the rule about the tree in the middle of the garden. They broke the trust between themselves and God by disobeying. It made God sad! **But do you know what God did?** *[Read Genesis 3:21-23 as you make a heart with the Play-Doh.]*
- God showed love even after Adam and Eve chose to disobey by clothing them and giving them a place to live when they could no longer live in the garden.

THE BIG IDEA | God promised to fix what was broken.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write the Big Idea in large letters on a black poster board, using chalk markers in rainbow or neon colors. Tape large tropical leaves on top of the words. When it's time, remove the leaves one by one to reveal the Big Idea.
- Today, we will hear how the first people messed up in the perfect world God had given them. But first, let's see what God promised.
- Let's say today's Big Idea together: **God promised to fix what was broken.**

VIDEO | Promise, Episode 1

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#).

ACTIVITY | Broken Heart

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, make a large heart from red poster board. Cut it in half to make a broken heart. Encourage the kids to add small pieces of colored tape, such as Washi tape, to put the heart back together as they suggest ideas.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Precut pieces of tape and place them on the edge of the table so that half of the piece is hanging off, allowing the kids to pull tape off the table easily to place on the heart.
- When part of God's world is broken, it makes God sad, which is what this broken heart represents. But remember: **God promised to fix what was broken.**
- As you add pieces of tape to fix the heart, name some things you might use to fix something that is broken.

PRAYER

- God, we know that You keep Your promises. Thank You for promising to fix what is broken and for giving us the hope that bad or sad times don't always last. Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Fresh Fruit

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide fresh fruit for a snack.
- **What are some of the things God created?**
- **What did the first people do to disobey God?**
- The Bible never tells us what kind of fruit the first people ate. **Which fruit do you think it might have been?**

ACTIVITY | Crafty Snake

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, make a snake puppet by gluing or drawing eyes on a tube sock. Use the puppet to review the Bible story with the kids.
- Ssssss. I'm the snake that tricked the first people to eat the forbidden fruit in the garden.
- **Can you imagine what that paradise garden looked like? What kinds of plants and animals do you think were there?**
- Yeah, it was pretty nice. But it's not in my nature to let good things stay that way. I had to find a way to mess it all up.
- **Do you remember the one thing God told the people they could not do?**
- It made me so happy when the first people messed up and did what I told them to do instead of what God told them to do. I thought God would punish them and never talk to them again, **but do you know what God did?**
- *[Remove puppet.]* That's enough from the snake's point of view! Even though Adam and Eve made a huge mistake, God still cared for them. And even though they didn't know it yet, God was going to make everything better. **God promised to fix what was broken.**

**ACTIVITY | Play and Create**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide Play-Doh, rolling pins, and cookie cutters for the kids to use to remember today's story. As they work, ask them some of the following questions.
- **How do you feel about what you made?**
- **Do you think God is proud of what God made?**
- **What if your creation got broken? How would you feel?**
- When something of ours breaks, we feel sad. But you can fix it! And God can fix what is broken in the world.

MEMORY VERSE | Joshua 21:45

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, decorate a box to look like a treasure chest. Write the words of the memory verse on jewel-colored cards, with one word per card, and place them in the chest. During this activity, you will pull out the cards and place them in order to make the memory verse.
- In our island paradise, we have a special treasure. In this chest is the word of God! Let's find the treasure and hear what this month's memory verse is.

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute this week's coloring page along with some crayons or markers. As they color, remind them of today's Bible story and Big Idea.

ACTIVITY | Animal Rescue

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Wrap some small animal toys in a few rubber bands, but not too tightly, so the bands don't snap.
- God gave us the world and all the animals to care for. Oh, no! These animals are caught! Rescue the animals by taking off the rubber bands.

ACTIVITY | Fix It Stations

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set up a few stations with tools for the kids to "fix" things.
 - **HAMMER TIME:** The kids can hammer golf tees into cardboard boxes.
 - **NUTS AND BOLTS:** Sensory bin full of bolts, nuts, and washers for the kids to put together. (Try to use toddler-safe [toy versions](#) to prevent choking hazards.)
 - **TURN OF THE SCREW:** The kids use screwdrivers to put screws in boxes or Styrofoam.

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.