



GOD LOVES ME.



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BASIC TRUTH

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KEY QUESTION

WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT?

BOTTOM LINE

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MEMORY VERSE

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BIBLE STORY FOCUS

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MAKE IT FUN

Prepare to offer one or more of the following activities as your preschoolers arrive. Let one or two teachers lead small groups of children in activities throughout the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door.

- Pom-Pom Color Sort
- Number Hunt
- Perfect Puzzles

MAKE IT TRUE (LARGE GROUP)

- Worship
- Introductory Sketch
- Bible Story

MAKE IT STICK

These activities are designed to help preschoolers understand and remember today's Bible story and Bottom Line. Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or, offer two activities at once and allow half the kids to participate in each, then switch groups and repeat the activities.

- Memory Verse and Motions
- Baby in a Basket
- Basket Weaving
- Dance Party
- Moses Craft

MAKE IT REAL

Make It Real is designed to help preschoolers understand how the Bottom Line applies to them. They'll discuss real-life experiences and share prayer requests. Divide kids into small groups of about five to eight children with each leader. Ideally, assign the same small group leader to the same group of preschoolers for the entire year.

- Small Group Time
- Prayer



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POM-POM COLOR SORT

"Pom-Pom Color Sort" is an activity that uses gross motor movement and color recognition to introduce today's Bottom Line and Bible story.

WHAT YOU NEED: Pom-poms in 4 different colors, 4 baskets, 4 colors of construction paper that match the colors of your pom-poms, and tape

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity: Cut out a square from each color of construction paper and tape each to the bottom of a basket. Spread the baskets out in an open area of the room.

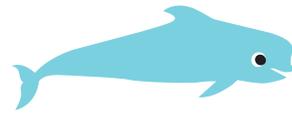
During the Activity: Show the children the pom-poms and ask them to name the four colors. Point to the baskets on the floor and encourage them to work together to sort the pom-poms, by color, into their matching baskets. Each time a child places a pom-pom into the correct basket, say, "Perfect!"

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "Do you see these colorful pom-poms? Let's name the colors that we see. *(Pause for answers.)* Great job! Now, do you see these baskets? What colors do you see? *(Pause.)* Yes! These colors match our pom-poms!"

During the Activity: "Let's toss these in the air and then work together to sort them into the same color basket. Ready? Go!" *(Pause as children sort the pom-poms and say, "Perfect," each time a child sorts a pom-pom correctly.)*

After the Activity: "Perfect! Way to go, everyone. You got all the pom-poms in the right basket. Today in our Bible story, we'll hear about a baby named Moses. His mother put him in a basket and we'll find out why in just a few minutes. I can't wait!"



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GAME

An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts.

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NUMBER HUNT

"Number Hunt" is an activity that teaches number recognition and sequencing.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Numbers" Activity Page, any color cardstock, and wall tape

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity: Copy the "Numbers" Activity Pages onto the cardstock. Hide the numbers in random order all over the activity area. Hide them by taping them to the walls and other items in the area. Be sure to put them in children's reach.

During the Activity: Tell the children that there are numbers hidden around the room. Ask the children to find the numbers and bring them back to you.

After the Activity: When the children have brought back all of the numbers, help them put the numbers in the correct order.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "Guess what! There are numbers hidden on our room! Can you help me find them and then we'll put them in order?"

During the Activity: "Great! It's going to be fun. Everyone look high and low for our hidden numbers. When you find a number, bring it back to me. *(Allow the children to find the numbers.)* Perfect! Now let's work together and put them in the correct order. Which number comes first? *(Pause.)* YES, the number one. *(Hold up number.)* Perfect! Now which number comes next? *(Pause.)* Perfect! The number two comes next!" *(Hold up number.) (Continue with the activity until all of the numbers are in order.)*

After the Activity: "Perfect! Thank you so much for helping me find the hidden numbers. Today in our Bible story we are going to hear about something else that was hidden! I cannot wait to find out what it was!"



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INVESTIGATION/ROLE PLAY

An activity that channels either a preschooler's innate curiosity or desire to play dress up into a discussion of concepts crucial to the lesson.

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PERFECT PUZZLES

"Perfect" Puzzles is an activity that uses fine motor skills and problem solving to introduce today's Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU NEED: Several puzzles (24 pieces or less)

WHAT YOU DO:

During the Activity: Put the puzzles out on the tables and let the children work together to complete them.

WHAT YOU SAY:

During the Activity: "Let's work together to put these puzzle pieces where they go! I can't wait to see the completed pictures." (As the children find a piece that fits, say, "Perfect! That piece fits perfectly," "Perfect job!" etc.)

After the Activity: "All these pieces fit together perfectly! Way to go, everyone. Today in our Bible story, we'll hear about someone whose way is always perfect. Let's head to Large Group to find out who it is!"



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MEMORY VERSE REVIEW

An activity that encourages preschoolers to learn the monthly memory verse.

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MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

"Memory Verse with Motions" is an activity that teaches the memory verse through repetition and movement.

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity: Say the memory verse and do the following motions in front of the children. "God's way (*point both hands up*) is perfect" (*two thumbs up*), 2 Samuel 22:31. (*Open your hands like a book.*)

During the Activity: Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

After the Activity: Say the Bottom Line together.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "I am going to say our new Memory Verse today. Everyone watch me! 'God's way (*point both hands up*) is perfect' (*two thumbs up*), 2 Samuel 22:31." (*Open your hands like a book.*)

During the Activity: "Now let's do it all together! Are you ready? 'God's way (*point both hands up*) is perfect' (*two thumbs up*), 2 Samuel 22:31. (*Open your hands like a book.*) Perfect!" (*Repeat several times.*)

After the Activity: "Perfect job! Our Memory Verse tells us that God's way is always perfect! He never ever makes a mistake! We should always listen to Him and do what He wants us to do. **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect!"**



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BIBLE STORY REVIEW

An activity that reviews the entire Bible story in a fun and interactive way allowing preschoolers that repetition they crave.

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BABY IN A BASKET

"Baby in a Basket" is an activity that uses imagination and role-play to review today's Bible story.

WHAT YOU NEED: 4 baskets (*you can reuse the baskets from the earlier pom-pom activity*) and 4 baby dolls

WHAT YOU DO:

During the activity: Put the baskets and baby dolls in an open area of the room. Retell today's Bible story as the children role-play the actions. Encourage the children to pretend to be Moses' mom, Miriam, and the princess as they wrap the baby, put it in the basket, and "discover" the baby by taking it out of the basket. Depending on the size of your class, you may assign one child to each role, or multiple children can play each role.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "What an awesome story we heard today about Moses! Do you see our baby dolls and our baskets? Let's pretend these dolls are Moses and act out today's story." (*Assign the roles of Moses' mom, Miriam, and the princess.*)

During the Activity: "A woman had a baby and she named him Moses. For three months, Moses' mother hid him to keep him safe. But when she couldn't hide him anymore, she got a basket and placed Moses inside. Then she went down to the edge of the river and carefully placed the basket among the reeds. Miriam, Moses' sister, was nearby watching. Just then, Pharaoh's daughter, the princess, came into the water and found the basket. When she lifted the cover and found Moses, she wanted to help him. Miriam walked up to the princess and offered to find someone to help take care of the baby. The princess agreed. So Miriam took Moses home for her mother to care for until he was old enough to live in the palace.

After the activity: "Great job playing your parts, everyone! I'm so glad God had a plan for Moses, even when he was a tiny baby. And God's plan was the perfect one for Moses. **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect.** That's right. He had a perfect plan for Moses and He has a perfect plan for you too. Because **God's way is perfect.**"



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JUST FOR FIVES

An activity that calls on older preschoolers' more developed cognitive and fine motor skills while reviewing the Bible story, bottom line or memory verse.

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BASKET WEAVING

"Basket Weaving" is an activity that teaches coordination and concentration while focusing on a concept of the Bible story.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Basket" Activity Page, brown cardstock, tan or black construction paper, scissors, and clear tape

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity: Copy the "Basket" Activity Page onto the cardstock. Each child needs one page. Cut the slits inside the basket on the dotted lines. Be sure to not to cut past the dotted lines. Cut out three strips from the construction paper about ½ inch wide. You will need one basket and three strips per child.

During the Activity: Give each child a basket and one of the strips of construction paper. Help the children feed the strip under the paper and into the first slit in the basket. Then feed the strip into the next slit. Keep weaving the strip through the slits until you have reached the end of the basket. Secure each end with tape. Continue with the two remaining strips of paper to complete the basket.

After the Activity: Say the Bottom Line together. Set papers aside.

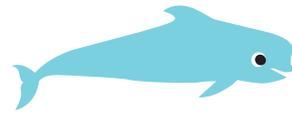
WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "Today in our story, Moses floated in a basket. Let's make our own basket!"

During the Activity: (Give each child a basket and one strip of construction paper.) "First, we are going to move our strip of paper into the first slit at the bottom of the paper. (Demonstrate). Perfect! Now you try. (Pause.) Great job! Now we will go over and into the next slit. (Demonstrate.) Awesome! Now keep going under and over until you run out of slits. (Allow the children to work.) Perfect! You are great at weaving a basket. (Give the children the two remaining strips.) Now do the same thing with these two strips." (Secure ends with tape.)

After the Activity: "Your baskets look PERFECT! Nice job! Moses floated down the river in a basket like the one you just made. God protected him because God's way is PERFECT! **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect!"**

Visit First Look's October Pinterest Board to see the inspiration for this activity:
<https://www.pinterest.com/firstlookcurr/october-2016-the-great-adventure/>



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DANCE PARTY

"Dance Party" is an activity that uses gross motor movements and dancing to review today's Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU NEED: A music player and "God's Way" from AmberSkyRecords.com

WHAT YOU DO:

During the Activity: Play the song "God's Way" and encourage the children to have a dance party in an open area of the room.

WHAT YOU SAY:

During the Activity: "Do you love to dance? I love to dance! And I really love to dance with all my friends. Let's dance and sing together to 'God's Way' and show God how happy we are that His way is perfect. Let's dance!" (Start music.)

After the Activity: "Wow! You guys have some sweet dance moves! God's way IS perfect, just like our song says. I'm so glad He loves me and that He has a plan for me. **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect.**"



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CRAFT

An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line or memory verse by creating a fun craft to take home.

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MOSES CRAFT

"Moses Craft" is an activity that allows the children to create a visual of the Bible story to take home.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Moses" Activity Page, white paper, scissors, small dessert-size paper plates, brown crayons, and glue sticks

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity: Copy the "Moses" Activity Page onto the white paper. Cut out each individual Moses. Cut the paper plates in half. You will need one half of a plate and one Moses per child.

During the Activity: Give each child the half of a paper plate and a brown crayon. Ask the children to color one entire side of the plate brown. Then give the children a glue stick and a Moses. Tell the children to glue Moses to the center of the plate.

After the Activity: Say the Bottom Line together. Set crafts aside.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "We heard such a wonderful story today! God's way is so PERFECT! Let's make a basket for Moses just like the one that was in our story today."

During the Activity: (Give each child a plate and brown crayon.) "First, we need to make our basket brown. Color the entire side with your brown crayon so that it looks just like a basket. (Allow the children to color.) Great job! Now we need to place Moses in the basket just like his mother did." (Encourage the children to glue on Moses.)

After the Activity: "Perfect! Your baskets are awesome! They are a great reminder of our story today and how God's way is ALWAYS perfect! **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect!**"



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SMALL GROUP TIME

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" (from the Week One Activity Pages on the Website) in your Bible at 2 Samuel 22:31. Provide a journal and a fun-shaped pen for each Small Group.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "Our Bible story today was about a mommy whose baby was in danger. She had to trust that God's plan to take care of him was perfect. She made a special basket for her baby, Moses. Then she told Moses' big sister, Miriam, to take him, put him in the tall grass by the river, and then watch to see what happens. That had to be very hard! Do you remember what happened to baby Moses? (Pause for responses.) Yes, Pharaoh's daughter found him and took care of him. Moses was safe. God's plan really was perfect.

"Moses' mommy knew she could trust God because God's way is perfect. **Whose way is perfect?**"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "God's way is perfect."

(Open Bible to Memory Verse card.)

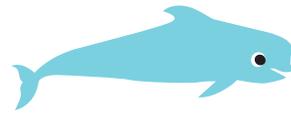
SGL: "And that's exactly what our new Memory Verse says this month. It says, 'God's way is perfect,' 2 Samuel 22:31. That should be easy to remember! Let me show you the new motions that go with it. 'God's way (point both hands up) is perfect' (two thumbs up), 2 Samuel 22:31." (Open your hands like a book.)

CHILDREN AND SGL: "'God's way (point both hands up) is perfect' (two thumbs up), 2 Samuel 22:31." (Open your hands like a book.) (Repeat the verse with the motions several times together.)

SGL: "Yes! **God's way is perfect!** And now is the perfect time for us to pray. Come sit with me and we can write in our prayer journal together.

(Open prayer journal and hold your fun pen.)

"Sometimes God's perfect plan is hard to do, like praying for someone who is mean to you or sharing your last cookie. Today we're going to make a list of things that



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we know God wants us to do, but they're hard. When we pray, we can ask God to help us trust His perfect plan.

(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.)

"Thank you for helping make this list. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

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

"Now I will pray."

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, sometimes it's hard to do what You want us to do—things like *(read the list the children made)*. Please help us to do these things and always follow Your plan. We believe Your way is perfect. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."