



GOD LOVES ME.



Editor in Chief: Kathy Hill

Copy Editor: Dana Wilkerson

Curriculum Writer: Emily Meredith, Donna High

Illustrator: Jodi Blackwell

Graphic Designers: Sharon van Rossum, David Hill

FL Creative Team: Sue Miller, Lois Pallansch, Kathy Hill, Kendra Fleming, Autumn Ward, Ashley Hiers, Donna High, Danielle Schneller, Mary Beth Brannan

Chief Executive Officer: Reggie Joiner

Chief Operating Officer: Reggie Goodin

Executive Director: Sue Miller

Technical and Web Support: Hadley Brandt

Partner Support: Deb Springer

Scripture marked NIV is taken from the Holy Bible, New International Reader's Version™, Copyright © 1995, 1996, 1998 by International Bible Society. Used by permission of Zondervan Publishing House. All rights reserved.

These resources are intended to be downloaded and printed for use by the subscribing entity only and may not be electronically transferred to or duplicated by other non-subscribing entities. Any unauthorized reproduction of this material or incorporation into a new work is a direct violation of US copyright laws. ©2016 Orange. All rights reserved. First Look® and the First Look® logo are trademarks of Orange.

"STATEMENT OF FAITH" USER AGREEMENT

Orange gladly grants permission to churches, schools, and other licensees to tailor First Look® materials to fit their unique leadership requirements, locale and format preferences, and physical environment needs. However, if you wish to edit the content substantively, including Bible stories, learning activities, scripts, and any other content in which biblical principles and concepts are presented, you are obligated to do so within the doctrinal guidelines we've expressed in our Statement of Faith.



BASIC TRUTH

GOD LOVES ME.

KEY QUESTION

WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT?

BOTTOM LINE

GOD'S WAY IS PERFECT.

MEMORY VERSE

"God's way is perfect."
2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

God's way is awesome!
Moses in the Sea
• Exodus 13:17-14:31



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.

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.

- Ocean Animals
- Ocean in a Bottle
-  • Shaving Cream Fish

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.

- Parting the Sea
- Puppet Show
- Cup Line
- Streamer Dance
- Moses in the Sea

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



MAKE IT FUN

Activities designed to draw children into the classroom and introduce vocabulary and concepts needed for the Bible story.



MOVEMENT

An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn and grow.

BASIC TRUTH

GOD LOVES ME.

KEY QUESTION

WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT?

BOTTOM LINE

GOD'S WAY IS PERFECT.

MEMORY VERSE

"God's way is perfect."
2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

God's way is awesome!
Moses in the Sea
• Exodus 13:17-14:31

OCEAN ANIMALS

"Ocean Animals" is an activity that uses role-play and imagination to introduce today's Bible story.

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

During the Activity: Gather the children in an open area of the room. Name some different ocean animals and encourage the children to move and act like those animals. Examples of ocean animals: a dolphin – wave your flippers, a turtle – stick your head out of your shell and slide slowly along the floor, octopus – let more than one child clump together and wave their arms like an octopus, a seal – clap your hands like fins, a whale – pretend to blow water out of your blow hole, etc.

WHAT YOU SAY:

During the Activity: "Today I want us to pretend to be an ocean animal! Let's spread out so we have room. Have you ever seen a dolphin? Let's flap our flippers and jump out of the water like a dolphin! Great job! What about a turtle? Can you get down on the floor and poke your head out of your shell? Let's move slowly on the floor like a turtle. Awesome!" (Repeat with other ocean animals; see suggestions above for ideas.)

After the Activity: "Wow, you are so good at being ocean animals that for a second I thought I might be in the middle of the sea! Great job, everyone. Today we're going to hear about a sea. It's an amazing story, and I can't wait for you to hear it!"



MAKE IT FUN

Activities designed to draw children into the classroom and introduce vocabulary and concepts needed for the Bible story.



GAME

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

BASIC TRUTH

GOD LOVES ME.

KEY QUESTION

WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT?

BOTTOM LINE

GOD'S WAY IS PERFECT.

MEMORY VERSE

**"God's way is perfect."
2 Samuel 22:31, NIV**

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

**God's way is awesome!
Moses in the Sea
• Exodus 13:17-14:31**

OCEAN IN A BOTTLE

"Ocean in a Bottle" is an activity that teaches critical thinking and observation skills while introducing the Bible story.

WHAT YOU NEED: Large plastic bottle or jar with lid, blue hair gel, plastic fish and sea creatures, butcher paper, marker, straw, and wall tape

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity: Fill the bottle with the hair gel. Place the fish and sea creatures inside the bottle. Be sure to place them all over the bottle. Use the straw to place a few at the bottom of the bottle. Replace and tighten the lid. Hang a piece of butcher paper on a wall in the activity area.

During the Activity: Have the children sit in front of the butcher paper. Give them the bottle and ask them to look and find the sea creatures. As they find the sea creatures, write the name of each one down on the paper in list form.

After the Activity: Review the list of fish and sea creatures with the children.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "In our story today, we are going to talk about the sea! The sea is also called the ocean. Do you know what kind of animals live in the sea?"

During the Activity: (*Hold up the bottle.*) "I made a mini version of the sea for our class today. Let's look and see what animals live in the sea! When you see one tell me and I will write it down. It will be fun to see how many we can find."

After the Activity: "Awesome job! We found many animals in our bottle that live in the sea. (*Read list.*) You guys are awesome! God is AWESOME too! Let's find out what AWESOME thing he did today in our story! I bet it involves a sea. Are you ready?"



MAKE IT FUN

Activities designed to draw children into the classroom and introduce vocabulary and concepts needed for the Bible story.



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.

BASIC TRUTH

GOD LOVES ME.

KEY QUESTION

WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT?

BOTTOM LINE

GOD'S WAY IS PERFECT.

MEMORY VERSE

"God's way is perfect."
2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

God's way is awesome!
Moses in the Sea
• Exodus 13:17-14:31

SHAVING CREAM FISH



"Shaving Cream Fish" is an activity that uses fine motor skills and creativity to introduce today's Bible story.

Be sure to list the items you will be using today on the "Allergy Alert Poster" and post it at the door to your room.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Allergy Alert Poster," white cardstock, several cookie sheets, a can of shaving cream, and butcher paper to cover the tables

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity: Copy the "Allergy Alert Poster" on white cardstock and post it at the door. Cover the tables with butcher paper and set out the cookie sheets.

During the Activity: Squirt a small amount of shaving cream onto each corner of the cookie sheets and flatten it a bit with your hand. Show the children how to use one finger to draw fish shapes in the shaving cream. Let the children gather around each cookie sheet (*one at each corner*) and draw with their finger. Then show them how to smooth it out flat and "part" the water by drawing a line through the shaving cream with their finger.

WHAT YOU SAY:

During the Activity: "Today we're going to 'draw' in our shaving cream with one finger like this! (*Demonstrate how to draw with your finger on the cookie sheet.*) You can draw anything you might see in the ocean with your finger. Now that you've drawn some things in the sea, I want you to flatten your shaving cream like this (*show them how to flatten their mound of shaving cream*) and use your finger to draw a line down the center like this (*demonstrate*).

After the Activity: "In our Bible story today, we'll hear about how God parted the water so that people could walk across the sea on dry land!"



MAKE IT STICK

Activities designed to reinforce the Bible story and bottom line.



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW

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

BASIC TRUTH

GOD LOVES ME.

KEY QUESTION

WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT?

BOTTOM LINE

GOD'S WAY IS PERFECT.

MEMORY VERSE

"God's way is perfect."
2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

God's way is awesome!
Moses in the Sea
• Exodus 13:17-14:31

PART THE SEA

"Part the Sea" is an activity that gives the children a visual of the Bible story while they are learning the Memory Verse.

WHAT YOU NEED: Several pieces of blue butcher paper, one piece of brown butcher paper, scissors, and floor tape

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity: Tape the blue butcher paper over the floor of the entire activity area if possible. Cut a three-foot-wide strip from the brown paper. Make sure it is as long as the blue paper. Lay and tape the brown paper over the center of the blue paper. It should look like a walkway. This should resemble the scene from today's Bible story.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to walk across the brown path while saying the Memory Verse. Repeat several times.

After the Activity: Say the Bottom Line together.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: (Point to the paper on the floor.) "WOW! This looks just like the sea that was parted in our story today! Wasn't that AWESOME?"

During the Activity: Let's pretend we are the Israelites in our story today and walk through the sea. While we walk we can say our Memory Verse. Are you ready?" (Do activity.)

After the Activity: "Great job! Our verse tells us that God is PERFECT! He never makes bad choices. He is always right! **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect!**"



MAKE IT STICK

Activities designed to reinforce the Bible story and bottom line.



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

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

BASIC TRUTH

GOD LOVES ME.

KEY QUESTION

WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT?

BOTTOM LINE

GOD'S WAY IS PERFECT.

MEMORY VERSE

"God's way is perfect."
2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

God's way is awesome!
Moses in the Sea
• Exodus 13:17-14:31

PUPPET SHOW

"Puppet Show" is an activity that retells the Bible story with puppets so that the children can visualize the concept of the story.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Moses Puppets" from the Activity Pages on the Website, white cardstock, table, glue stick, 3 large craft sticks, plastic sea creatures and fish, and blue and brown butcher paper

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity: Copy the "Moses Puppets" Activity Page onto the cardstock. Cut on the dotted lines. You should have three separate puppets: Moses, the Israelites, and Pharaoh's army. Glue each puppet onto a craft stick and set aside. Place the table in the center of the activity area. Cover the table with the blue butcher paper. Cut a strip of the brown paper to go in the center of the blue paper. Set the brown strip aside. Place the fish and sea creatures on the blue part of the table.

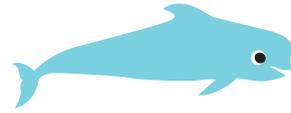
During the Activity: Retell the story using the puppets and the scene on the table. When you get to the part when God parts the sea, place the brown strip in the center on top of the blue paper. Uses the puppets to walk across the brown strip.

After the Activity: Allow the children to act out the story with the puppets.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "Our story today was AWESOME! God is AWESOME! I have some puppets from our story. Let's have a puppet show!"

During the Activity: (Hold the Moses puppet in front of the Israelites puppet and walk them to the sea.) "Moses was on a great adventure. He did everything that God told him to do. He rescued God's people, the Israelites, and he was leading them to safety. BUT they were being chased by pharaoh's army! (Bring in the army puppet and walk it behind the other two puppets like it is chasing them.) OH, NO! Moses and the Israelites were trying to get away when they had to STOP! There was water in their path—A HUGE SEA! (Point to the blue paper.) They had nowhere to go and the army was right behind them! Moses knew that God would help them and he told the Israelites to not be afraid. Moses held up his hand and his staff and then do you remember what happened next? (Pause.) YES! The water parted and a



MAKE IT STICK

Activities designed to reinforce the Bible story and bottom line.



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

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

path appeared! (*Add brown strip of paper.*) Moses and the Israelites walked across the path to safety! (*Walk the two puppets across the brown paper.*) When Moses and the Israelites made it across, the water all came back and the path was GONE! (*Take away the brown paper.*) The Pharaoh's army was stuck and Moses and the Israelites were SAFE! (*Make the Moses and Israelites puppets jump for joy.*) YAY!"

After the Activity: "WOW! Our God is an AWESOME God! His way is always perfect! **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect!** Now you can have a turn with the puppets and act out our story. I cannot wait to see your puppet show!" (*Allow the children to do their own puppet show.*)



MAKE IT STICK

Activities designed to reinforce the Bible story and bottom line.



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.

BASIC TRUTH

GOD LOVES ME.

KEY QUESTION

WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT?

BOTTOM LINE

GOD'S WAY IS PERFECT.

MEMORY VERSE

"God's way is perfect."
2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

God's way is awesome!
Moses in the Sea
• Exodus 13:17-14:31

CUP LINE

"Cup Line" is an activity that uses gross motor movements and role-play to review today's Bible story.

WHAT YOU NEED: 30 blue plastic cups

WHAT YOU DO:

During the Activity: In an open area of the room, pass out the cups to the children. Encourage them to line up or stack the cups to form two walls with 15 cups on each side. Be prepared to help them. Once the "walls" are up, encourage the children to walk through them on dry land just like Moses and Israelites did.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "When Moses raised his staff, what happened? (Pause.) That's right. The sea parted so they could walk through on dry land! Today we're going to use these cups to make the sea part just like we heard about in our story."

During the Activity: "Okay, let's make sure everyone has a cup or two. Now, let's stack them and line them up to form two walls. (Help them line up and stack the cups.) Great job! Now, let's walk through the parted water on dry land just like Moses and the Israelites did!"

After the Activity: "That was SO fun! But can you imagine what it must have been like for the Israelites to see all that water stacked up on either side of them, with a path right down the middle for them walk through? God's way is AWESOME! I'm so glad Moses chose to listen to God and believe that **God's way is perfect.** We can believe that too. **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect.**"



MAKE IT STICK

Activities designed to reinforce the Bible story and bottom line.



MOVEMENT

An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn and grow.

BASIC TRUTH

GOD LOVES ME.

KEY QUESTION

WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT?

BOTTOM LINE

GOD'S WAY IS PERFECT.

MEMORY VERSE

"God's way is perfect."
2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

God's way is awesome!
Moses in the Sea
• Exodus 13:17-14:31

STREAMER DANCE

"Streamer Dance" is an activity that uses music and dance to review today's Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU NEED: Song "God's Way" from AmberSkyRecords.com, a music player, blue crepe paper, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the activity: Cut the blue crepe paper into 12-inch strips. You need two streamers per child.

During the Activity: Pass out the streamers to the children. Play the song "God's Way" and encourage the children to wave their crepe paper streamers as they dance and sing along.

WHAT YOU SAY:

During the Activity: "Let's sing 'God's Way' together as we dance and wave our blue streamers. Are you ready?"

After the Activity: "That was fun! These blue streamers remind me of the water in the sea that God parted. Wasn't that awesome? God made a way for the Israelites to walk across the sea on dry land. I'm so glad they chose to follow God. **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect.** Yes! We can always trust that God will lead us where we need to go because **God's way is perfect.**"



MAKE IT STICK

Activities designed to reinforce the Bible story and bottom line.



CRAFT

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

BASIC TRUTH

GOD LOVES ME.

KEY QUESTION

WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT?

BOTTOM LINE

GOD'S WAY IS PERFECT.

MEMORY VERSE

**"God's way is perfect."
2 Samuel 22:31, NIV**

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

**God's way is awesome!
Moses in the Sea
• Exodus 13:17-14:31**

MOSES IN THE SEA

"Moses in the Sea" is an activity that allows the children to create a visual of the Bible story.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Sea" and "Moses" Activity Pages, white paper, blue cardstock, scissors, glue sticks, fish stickers, and brown crepe paper

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity: Copy the "Sea" Activity Page onto the blue cardstock. Each child needs one copy. Copy the "Moses" Activity Page on the white paper. Make enough copies that each child will have one Moses cutout. Cut out each "Moses" on the dotted lines. Lay the blue cardstock down in landscape orientation. Measure the length of the cardstock from top to bottom with the crepe paper. Cut the crepe paper into strips of that length. You will need one strip of crepe paper per child.

During the Activity: Give each child a blue Activity Page and a strip of the crepe paper. Point to the section in the middle of the page marked by lines. Instruct the children to glue the strip of crepe paper in that section. Give each child a Moses cutout. Have them glue Moses on the brown strip. Ask the children to place the fish stickers on the blue areas of the craft.

After the Activity: Say the Bottom Line together.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "Today we learned how God parted the sea for Moses and the Israelites to walk across."

During the Activity: "We are going to make a picture of our story. This way we will always have something to look at to remind us how AWESOME God is!" (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Nice work! You did a great job! Now we can look at our pictures and know how AWESOME God is and that His way is PERFECT! No one else could have parted the sea for them to walk across like God did. **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect!"**



MAKE IT REAL

A time for preschoolers to meet with a consistent small group leader, apply the lesson to their lives and pray together.

lead small.

Investing in a few to encourage their authentic faith.

BASIC TRUTH

GOD LOVES ME.

KEY QUESTION

WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT?

BOTTOM LINE

GOD'S WAY IS PERFECT.

MEMORY VERSE

"God's way is perfect."
2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

God's way is awesome!
Moses in the Sea
• Exodus 13:17-14:31

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 AWESOME! Just when Moses and the Israelites thought they were trapped and there was no way for them to get away from the Egyptian army, God showed up and made a way! God parted the sea and made a dry path for them to walk across so they could get to a safe place. Wow! God's way is perfect AND awesome! **Whose way is perfect?**"

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

(Open Bible to Memory Verse card.)

SGL: "Let's stand up and say our Memory Verse together with the motions. I want God to hear us say that His way is perfect! Ready? Just say what I say and do what I do."

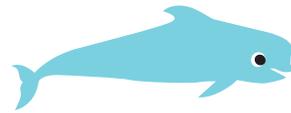
CHILDREN AND SGL: "'God's way (point both hands up) is perfect' (two thumbs up), 2 Samuel 22:31." (Open your hands like a book.) (Repeat the verse with the motions several times together.)

SGL: "Yay! Good job! Now I want you to come sit with me. We can write in our prayer journal together. When we pray, God will hear that too."

(Open prayer journal and hold your fun pen.)

"I want us to make a list of some awesome things God has done. It can be awesome things we've heard in Bible stories or awesome things He's done in our life or a friend's life. When we pray we can use our list to tell God how awesome His way is!"

(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.)



MAKE IT REAL

A time for preschoolers to meet with a consistent small group leader, apply the lesson to their lives and pray together.

lead small.

Investing in a few to encourage their authentic faith.

"I love this list! God is so awesome! 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: "God, You are awesome! No one can do the things You do. You can always make a way and it is perfect. Thank You for doing things like *(read the list you and the children made)*. Help *(name each child)* grow up trusting that Your way is awesome, even when they don't understand what is happening. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."