

Spring Unit 3

Weeks of: February 28 - March 21

Bible Focus: Jesus Heals and Teaches

Bible Verse: “Be kind to one another for this is right in the Lord.” Ephesians 4:32

Bottom Line: Jesus teaches me to do good things for others.

Unit Goals: Children will learn...

- God’s Son, Jesus, can do miracles- amazing things that no one else can do.
- Jesus obeyed God by healing people and teaching them about God and His Word.
- We cannot heal people- only God can! But, we can be kind to everyone and help others.
- We can teach people about God and His Word, the Bible- just like Jesus did.



Sunday	Bible Story	Music
Feb. 28	A Sick Boy is Made Well John 4:46-53	<p>Unit Bible Verse Song: “Be Kind to One Another”</p> <p>Other Suggested Songs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God Helps Me Do Good Things • God Wants Us to Love One Another • We Can Praise Jesus • I Want to Be Like Jesus • Jesus I Will Follow • Yes! Jesus Loves Me • Oh, How I Love Jesus
March 7	Friends Help a Lame Man Mark 2:1-12	
March 14	One Man Thanks Jesus Luke 17:11-19	
March 21	A Rich Man’s Question Matthew 19:16-26	

A Sick Boy Is Made Well

February 28

Bible Story

John 4:46-53

Teacher Challenge

Today's story is about a desperate situation—and how a person can bring it to Jesus and then choose to trust Him when His answer can't be seen.

Even with access to the best medical care money could buy, the official could see that his child was about to die. He chose to travel quite a distance to beg Jesus to come and heal his son: he believed the journey was worth it. Jesus' response was not what he expected, but he chose to believe—even though he didn't see the result until he arrived home. His actions and attitude caused his household to believe as well!

- ➔ What is a situation you are worried about—maybe even desperately?
- ➔ How can you show your trust in Jesus in the situation?

As you teach young children who are learning to trust Jesus' love for them, remember the effect of your caring actions as you talk about Jesus. The children in your class can grasp Jesus' love as you demonstrate it. That's actively teaching them in the very best way!

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Weekly Bible Verse:
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1 Chronicles 16:34

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Teacher's Planning

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Active Game Center: Who Can Help?



Collect

Bible, 2-foot (.6-m) length of butcher paper, marker, tape, adhesive bandages; optional—dot stickers.

Prepare

On the butcher paper, draw a simple body outline. Tape to wall at child's level. Prepare one outline for each group of six children. Unwrap adhesive bandages.

Do

1. Children play a game like Pin the Tail on the Donkey. Children stand in a line 5 to 6 feet (1.5 to 1.8 m) from body outline. Remove tabs from an adhesive bandage and give to the first child in line. (Optional: Use dot stickers instead of bandages.)
2. With eyes closed, child walks up to body outline and places bandage on it. Child opens eyes to see where bandage was placed. Continue as time and interest permit.

Talk About

- ➔ **In today's Bible story, Jesus made a sick boy well. Let's play a game where we help someone who is hurt by giving them a bandage!**
- ➔ **The sick boy's father asked Jesus to make his son well again. Jesus made the boy well because Jesus loved the father and his son. Jesus loves us, too.**
- ➔ **Carter, when have you been sick or hurt? Who looked after you when you were sick?** One way God shows His love to us is by giving us people to help us when we are sick or hurt.
- ➔ **The Bible says, "Give thanks to the Lord. His love is forever." "Lord" is another name for God. I'm glad that God loves us!**



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For Younger Children

Don't expect children to wait in a line. Give each child bandages to attach to outline as he or she shows interest. Children do not close eyes as they walk up to outline.

For Older Children

Blindfold children and gently spin them around one time before they walk to the body outline.

Play to Learn

February 28

Art Center: Heart Art



Collect

Bible, Lesson 27 Heart Art Card Patterns 1–2 from *Growing with God* CD-ROM, colored card stock, white paper, paper cutter or scissors, decorating supplies (markers, glitter pens, stickers, short lengths of ribbon, stamps and stamp pads, etc.), glue sticks.

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Prepare

For each child, photocopy Heart Art Card Pattern 1 onto colored card stock and fold on line. Photocopy Heart Art Card Pattern 2 verses onto white paper and cut apart.

Do

1. Children make a card to give away. Children decorate card using the supplies you provide. Children glue verse to inside of card.
2. Assist children as needed to write the name of the person the child will give the card to inside the card. Child signs his or her name inside card.

Talk About

- ➔ **The Bible says, "Give thanks to the Lord. His love is forever." "Lord" is another name for God. I'm so glad that God loves us! Let's each make a heart card to share God's love with someone.**
- ➔ **Amanda, I see you colored your heart purple. These hearts remind us of God's love for us. Who will you give your card to? How does your mom help you learn about Jesus? Your mom helps you learn about Jesus by bringing you to church.**
- ➔ **The Bible tells us many stories about ways Jesus helps and teaches others. One important thing Jesus teaches us is that God loves us!**
- ➔ **Reading Bible stories is a good way to learn what Jesus teaches us. Jeremiah, who reads Bible stories to you? Your grandpa is helping you learn about Jesus.**



For Younger Children

Limit the decorating supplies you provide for children to use.

For Older Children

Children may ask for help in spelling names. Write the name on a Post-it Note and give to child. Child copies name into card.

Play to Learn

February 28

Construction Center: Caring Homes



Collect

Bible, blocks, toy people.

Do

Children arrange blocks to make houses. Briefly tell the Bible story. Children then use toy people to act out ways to care for sick children (pat their back, give them juice in bed, etc.).

Talk About

- ➔ **Our Bible story today tells about a boy who was very sick. Jesus showed God's love to the sick boy and his family. Jesus made the boy well. Let's build houses where families are caring for sick children.**
- ➔ **We can pray and ask God to help us when we are sick. Gabrielle, who helps people who are sick? God made doctors and nurses who know how to help sick people.**
- ➔ **The Bible says, "Give thanks to the Lord. His love is forever." God loves us! God loves us so much He sent Jesus.**



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For Younger Children

Younger children will enjoy simply building freely with blocks and using toy people. Connect their activity to today's lesson by telling them about God's love. **You're building a tower, Cari. God gave you hands to build with. God loves you!**

For Older Children

Children build a hospital from blocks. Provide toy cars, especially emergency vehicles. Children can make the sound of sirens as they play with toy emergency vehicles.



Puzzle Center:

Give each child a Bible puzzle worksheet. Provide pencils, crayons, or marker. As the children complete the puzzles and color pages, use the conversation suggestions on the page. Remind the children that a copy of today's Bible verse and Bible story is on the back of the sheet so they can share with their families when they go home.

Dramatic Play Center: Sick Time



Collect

Bible, baby dolls, pillows, blankets, washcloths, adhesive bandages.

Do

Children use baby dolls to pretend to care for sick family members, putting dolls to bed, wiping dolls with dry washcloths and applying adhesive bandages.

Talk About

- ➔ **In today's Bible story, a boy was very sick. The boy's father went to see Jesus. He asked Jesus to help his son become well. And Jesus did! Let's act out some of the ways family members take care of each other.**
- ➔ **Caleb, what is your baby's name? How are you taking care of him? Putting a bandage on your baby's scraped knee is a good way to take care of him.**
- ➔ **Nicole, when have you been sick? Who took care of you? Your aunt took good care of you because she loves you. God gave us people in our families to care for us because God loves us!**
- ➔ **The Bible says, "Give thanks to the Lord. His love is forever." "Lord" is another name for God. When we say that God's love is forever, we mean that God loves us all the time!**
- ➔ **We can thank God for His love. Pray briefly, Dear God, thank You for loving us. We love You, too!**



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For Younger Children

Instead of adhesive bandages, bring in strips of cloth or sew-in interfacing. Younger children wrap cloths around baby dolls as bandages.

For Older Children

Children pretend to be doctors and nurses at a doctor's office. Provide a toy doctor's kit, bandages, and rubber gloves.

Listen to Learn

February 28

John 4:46-53

Collect

Bible, Bible Story 35 pictures from *God's Story for Me Poster Pack #2*, *Preschool Music #2 DVD* or CD and player, stopwatch or timer, large sheet of paper, marker.

Greet Each Other

Children stand in a circle. Say, **I'm thinking of some children whose names begin with a "B."** (Brandon) and (Brianna) sit down. Continue until all children are sitting down.

Tell the Story

Open your Bible to John 4. Tell the Bible story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 35 pictures.

How do people take care of you when you are sick? Let's listen to a story about a father who was caring for his sick son.



The Bible tells about a boy who was very **sick**. He was hot with fever. His father must have done all he could to take good care of his sick boy. But the little boy did not get better. He was still very, very sick.



How sad I am! thought the little boy's father. *My son is so sick.* The father wanted to help his sick son. Then he remembered that a man named Jesus made sick people well. *I must find Jesus. He can make my son well,* the father thought. And off he went to find Jesus.



The father walked and he walked and he walked some more. Finally he reached the town where Jesus was. Many people were **listening** to Jesus. The father ran up to Jesus. "I have been looking for you, Jesus. You must come to my town!" he cried. "My son is very sick. Please come, or he will die."



Jesus loved the man and He loved the man's son. "You may go home," Jesus said. "Your son will live." The man believed Jesus' words. He knew that Jesus' words were true.

The father began to **walk** home. He was glad his son would be well.

While he was walking, he saw some people coming toward him. As the people got closer, the father could see they were his helpers from home.

"Sir, your son is well!" they told him. "He will live!"

The father said, "Jesus made him well."

The man and his helpers were very happy. They were thankful for Jesus' **love**.

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Talk About the Story

Why did the boy's father go to see Jesus? (The father wanted to ask Jesus to make his son well.) **Jesus made the little boy well. Jesus loved the little boy and his family. Jesus loves you and me, too! The Bible tells us that Jesus' love is forever. How long is forever? Forever never ends! Jesus will always love us!**

Sing to God

Let's sing a song about giving thanks to God. Lead children in singing "Thanks to the Lord" (on DVD or track 9 on CD). **This song tells us that God's love is forever. Jesus helped people learn about God's love. I'm glad that God always loves us!**

Hear and Say God's Word

Holding your Bible open to 1 Chronicles 16:34, say verse aloud. **"Lord" is another name for God. This verse tells us God's love is forever. When something is forever, it never stops. God always loves us!** Lead children in saying the verse. First the children to your left say "Give thanks to the Lord" and then the children to your right say "His love is forever." Have children repeat the verse in this manner several times, alternating which group says the phrases.

Option: Instruct children to do a different motion (clap hands, stand up, slap their thighs, stomp their feet, etc.) as they say each word of the verse.

Pray to God

Pray, **Thank You, God, for sending Jesus. Thank You that Jesus tells us about Your love. In Jesus' name, amen.**

Praise to God

Set a stopwatch or timer for one minute. **In one minute, let's see how many ways God shows us love that we can name.** Write children's responses on large sheet of paper (Gives us food. Gives us moms. Gives us dads. Is with us everywhere we go. Sent Jesus. Made the world. Hears our prayers.). **God loves us all the time!**

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Friends Help a Lame Man

March 7

Bible Story

Mark 2:1-12

Teacher Challenge

In our world, instant (sometimes shallow) social networks and relationships abound. Can you imagine being such a close, determined friend that you'd hand-carry someone to the place of healing? Imagine the determination it would take to get that friend up the stairs and through the roof!

The lame man in this story had amazing friends. Their love and faith drove them to kick up dust and disturb people. Their determination to get him to Jesus made them willing to make a mess!

➔ Which friend needs your help today?

➔ What can you do with God's help to show kindness that is beyond expectation?

Let the friends in Mark 2 inspire you. Invite God to show you ways to raise a little dust, to surprise some people if need be—for the sake of little ones who need Jesus! Remember: A mess can be cleaned up. Noise will fade. But getting these small people to Jesus—that is everything! Sing, play, listen and talk about Jesus—do all you can to get them to Him.

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1 Thessalonians 5:15

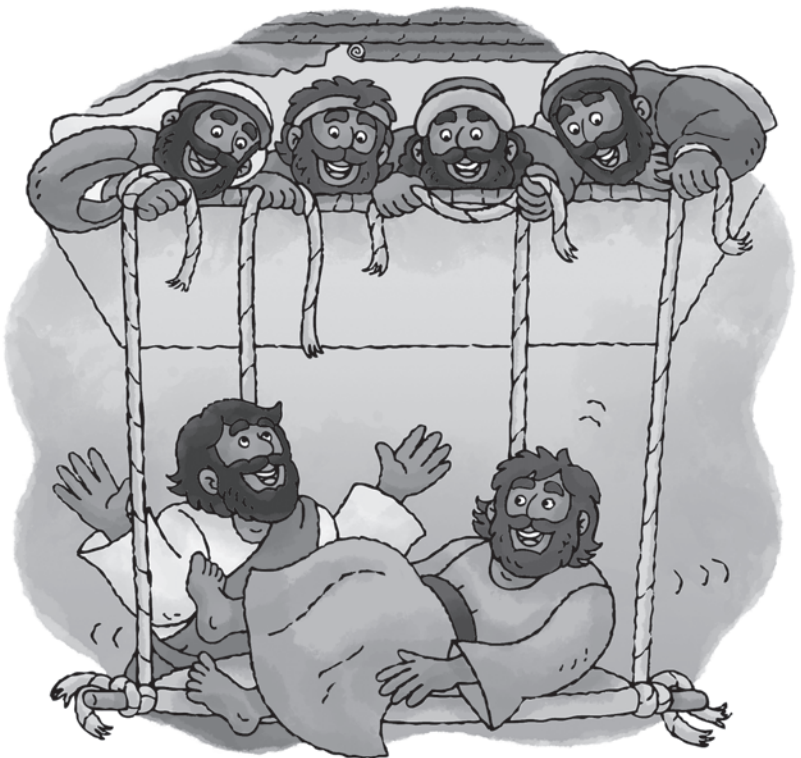
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Play to Learn

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Active Game Center: Kindness Carry



Collect

Bible, yarn, towels or baby blankets, baby dolls or other toy people.

Prepare

Make a start and finish line with yarn, one on each side of the activity area.

Do

1. Children form pairs behind the start line. Give each pair a towel or blanket. Each child holds on to two corners of towel or blanket. Place a baby doll or other toy person on each towel.
2. Holding onto the towel or blanket, children carry the doll across the activity area to the finish line and back to the start line. Repeat, forming new pairs for each round, as time and interest allow. (Note: If you have a large class, prepare a setup for each group of six children.)

Talk About

- ➔ **In today's Bible story, four men took their friend to see Jesus. The man couldn't walk, so the four friends had to carry him! The four friends knew Jesus could help their friend to walk. Let's play a carrying game!**
- ➔ **Good job, Zoe and Gabriel! You worked together to carry the doll. How can you show kindness to Adrian and Emily? You can let them have a turn. We show kindness when we let others take turns.**
- ➔ **The Bible says, "Always try to be kind to each other." Jesus was kind and helped the man who couldn't walk. Jesus teaches us to be kind to others, too!**



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For Younger Children

Each child takes a turn holding onto one edge of towel or blanket and dragging baby doll or toy person around the room.

For Older Children

Encourage older children to count how many steps it takes for them to carry the baby dolls or other toy people to the other side of the activity area.

Play to Learn

March 7

Art Center: Kind Houses



Collect

Bible, Lesson 28 Kind Houses Pattern from *Growing with God* CD-ROM for each child, colored paper, glue sticks, markers.

Prepare

Cut colored paper into 1x4¼-inch (2.5x11-cm) strips.

Do

1. Children glue colored paper strips onto roof and sides of house.
2. Within the house outline, children use markers to draw a way they can be kind to their family at home.

Talk About

- ➔ **The Bible says, “Always try to be kind to each other.” We can be kind to our families at home. Let’s draw a picture of a way to be kind at home.**
- ➔ **Jesus teaches us to be kind to others. He will help us to be kind, even when it’s hard.**
- ➔ **Timmy, how can you be kind at home? Playing a game with your sister while your mom cooks dinner is a great way to be kind.**
- ➔ **Brynne, I see you handed Leah a marker. You know how to help others. Helping others is a good way to be kind.**
- ➔ Pray briefly, **Dear Jesus, please help us to be kind.**



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For Younger Children

Children glue paper strips on house. Draw circles in each child’s house representing his or her family members. Children color circles.

For Older Children

Provide sheets of colored paper and children’s scissors. Children cut shapes from paper to add other features to their house and garden.

Play to Learn

March 7

Construction Center: Shoe Box Houses



Collect

Bible, shoe boxes, craft knife, fabric squares, glue, blocks, toy people.

Prepare

Cut a hole in the lid of each shoe box using craft knife. Glue one side of fabric square over hole to make a "roof."

Do

1. Children build roads with blocks and place shoe-box houses along roads.
2. Briefly tell the Bible story. Children act out Bible story using the toy people. Children use additional fabric squares to carry toy people along the road.

Talk About

➔ **The Bible tells us about four men who had a friend who couldn't walk. The four men took their friend to see Jesus. Jesus was staying in a house that had a flat roof. There were so many people in the house that the four men couldn't get through the door to see Jesus. So they opened up the roof and lowered their friend through the roof. Let's act out this story using shoe-box houses!**

➔ **Jesus was kind to the man and made him well. The Bible says, "Always try to be kind to each other."**

➔ **Blake, who is your friend? How can you be kind to Aiden? Letting Aiden play with your toy cars is a way to be kind!**

➔ **Jesus teaches us to be kind to others. And Jesus will help us when we ask. Pray, Dear Jesus, please help us to be kind to others. We love You!**

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For Younger Children

Set up block road and shoe-box house ahead of time. Let children play freely with blocks, shoe boxes and toy people.

For Older Children

Make a stretcher for the lame man by tying four lengths of string to the corners of a piece of fabric. Children use stretcher to lower toy person through roof.

Play to Learn

March 7

Dramatic Play Center: Helping Hands



Collect

Bible, feather dusters, dusting cloths, child-sized brooms, dustpans.

Do

Children use supplies you provide to act out a family cleaning their house.

Talk About

- ➔ **The Bible says, “Always try to be kind to each other.” Jesus teaches us to be kind to others. We can be kind to the people in our families. One way to be kind to others is to help them. Let’s pretend to be a family and help each other clean the house.**
- ➔ **Cameron, when someone spills dry cereal on the floor, what do you do to help clean up? Sweeping up the mess is a good way to help! Helping others is a way to be kind.**
- ➔ Pray briefly, **Dear Jesus, please help us to be kind to others.**



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For Younger Children

Provide a large cardboard box. Set box on its side and open one of the flaps. Younger children pretend box is a dishwasher and place dishes inside. After all the dishes have been placed in the box, children take the dishes out and put them away.

For Older Children

Provide spray bottles of water and paper towels. Children wash dishes in the Dramatic Play Center.



Puzzle Center:

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Listen to Learn

March 7

Mark 2:1-12

Collect

Bible, Bible Story 38 pictures from *God's Story for Me Poster Pack #2*, *Preschool Music #2 DVD or CD* and player.

Greet Each Other

Lead children in the following motions:

Look at my friend! (*Point to a child.*)

And then look at me! (*Point to yourself.*)

We (share and take turns)

To be kind, you see!

Children suggest other kind actions. Repeat, using children's suggestions.

Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Mark 2. Tell the story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 38 pictures.

When have you been in a crowd of people? Why were all the people there? Listen to hear about a time when a lot of people went to a house to see Jesus.

Our Bible tells about a man who was lame. That means he couldn't walk. He couldn't even stand up! He could only lie on his mat and wait for his kind friends to help him. The sick man wanted to be well—to sit up, to stand and to walk all by himself!



One day this man's **four** friends heard that Jesus was in their town. "If only he could go to see Jesus," the friends must have said to each other. "Surely Jesus could make our friend well!"



So the four friends picked up the man on his mat. They carried him as they walked down the road to see Jesus. But when they got to the house where Jesus was talking, it was packed full of people. Many people wanted to **see** Jesus. There was hardly any room inside! People were standing in the doorway, trying to get into the house. Other people stood outside, looking in the windows.



The four friends must have felt sad. There was just no way to get in—not even for one person and especially not for the four of them and their friend lying on his mat.

Then the friends remembered the flat roof on top of the house. The friends **climbed** the stairs outside the house to the roof. They carried their friend with them. The four friends began to pull away pieces of the roof. Finally the hole was big enough!



Carefully the friends lowered the man down, down into the house. Soon he was right in front of Jesus.

Jesus **loved** the man. "Stand up, take your mat and walk," Jesus told him. And the man did just that! How happy he was that Jesus had made him well. How thankful he was for his kind friends. All the people in the house were surprised! All the people thanked God.

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Talk About the Story

How did the man's friends show kindness to him? (They carried him on a mat to where Jesus was. They made a hole in the roof of the house. They lowered him through the roof so that Jesus could see him laying on his mat.) **The man's four friends were kind to him. Jesus teaches us to be kind to each other. What is a way you can be kind to your parents? To your friends?**

Sing to God

Let's sing a song about some of the things Jesus teaches us to do. Lead children in singing "Thanks to the Lord" (on DVD or track 9 on CD). **Jesus teaches us to be kind. Sharing is a way to be kind! What is something you can share with a friend today?**

Hear and Say God's Word

Holding your Bible open to 1 Thessalonians 5:15, say verse aloud. **Jesus teaches us to be kind to each other all the time.** Lead children in repeating the Bible verse several times. As the children are repeating the verse with you, point to one or more children. You and the children say the name of those children instead of the words "each other." Repeat until each child has heard his or her name. **Always try to be kind to Victoria and Benjamin.**

Option: Children line up and follow first child in the line, walking around the classroom. Say verse aloud, replacing the words "each other" with the name of first child in the line. After his or her name is said, that child moves to the end of the line and the next child becomes the line leader. Repeat verse until every child has had an opportunity to be the line leader.

Pray to God

Pray briefly, **Dear Jesus, thank You for helping us to be kind.** Then volunteers take turns completing the following prayer by naming someone to whom they can be kind: **Dear Jesus, please help me be kind to . . .**

Praise to God

Make up stories of kindness. Children take turns telling the names of two characters, where they were, and how one child was kind to the other. **Brian and Antonio were playing soccer. Antonio tripped and fell. Brian was kind and helped Antonio up.** Continue until all children have had an opportunity to tell part of a story.

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One Man Thanks Jesus

March 14

Bible Story

Luke 17:11-19

Teacher Challenge

The 10 men who cried out to Jesus as He passed by had to stay far from others. They had to tear their clothes, uncover their heads, cover their mouths and cry “Unclean! Unclean!” to all who came near. (See Leviticus 13:40-46.) They must have been a shame-filled, demoralized group!

But all 10 men believed. All 10 men obeyed Jesus. And all 10 were healed! One man, however, stopped when he saw he was healed. He returned to throw himself at Jesus’ feet and give thanks. And that one out of 10 began a relationship with Jesus the others missed!

- ➔ How has God met you in a time when you felt ashamed and discouraged?
- ➔ How did you respond?

A young child’s gratitude may be expressed only in a look or a smile. So remember this one man’s example. Praise God often as you talk. Pause often to thank God, both aloud with the children, and quietly, in your own heart. Teach thankfulness—by example!

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Weekly Bible Verse:
“I will give thanks to the Lord.”
Psalm 7:17

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Play to Learn

March 14

Active Game Center: Count to Ten

Collect

Bible.

Do

1. Children play a game like Duck, Duck, Goose. Children sit on the floor in a circle. A volunteer walks around the circle and pats children gently on the head or shoulder as he or she counts to 10.
2. The child who is patted when “10” is called takes the place of the volunteer, who sits in the tenth child’s place. Continue until all children have had a turn. (Note: If the same children are patted on “10” each round, have children trade places.)

Talk About

- ➔ **In today’s Bible story, 10 sick men came to Jesus to ask Him for help. And Jesus helped them! One man thanked Jesus for His help. Let’s play a game counting to 10.**
- ➔ **The Bible says, “I will give thanks to the Lord.” “Lord” is another name of God. We can thank God for the good things He’s given us.**
- ➔ **Natalie, what good thing has God given you? You can thank God for your mom and dad.**
- ➔ **Pray briefly, Thank You, God, for the good things You give us.**



Spring Unit 3 Bible Verse:
“Be kind to one another for this is right in the Lord.” Ephesians 4:32

Weekly Bible Verse:
“I will give thanks to the Lord.”
Psalm 7:17

God’s Word & Me (Bottom Line):
Jesus teaches me to do good things for others.

For Younger Children

Children walk in a circle while you count to 10. On “10” children sit down.

For Older Children

Before each round, the child standing names something for which he or she could thank God.



Puzzle Center:

Give each child a Bible puzzle worksheet. Provide pencils, crayons, or marker. As the children complete the puzzles and color pages, use the conversation suggestions on the page. Remind the children that a copy of today’s Bible verse and Bible story is on the back of the sheet so they can share with their families when they go home.

Play to Learn

March 14

Art Center: Thankful Faces



Collect

Bible, white card stock, crayons, watercolor paints and paintbrushes or water-based markers.

Do

Children use crayons to draw happy faces on white card stock. Children use watercolor paints or water-based markers to color over crayon drawings.

Talk About

- **The Bible says, “I will give thanks to the Lord.” “Lord” is another name for God. We can show we are happy for all the good things God gives us. Let’s draw some happy faces!**
- **Caroline, I see you working hard to paint your page. You can thank God for your hands to paint with. We can thank God that we can use our eyes to see so many pretty colors.**
- **Cody, you have a very happy face! What can you thank God for?**
- **Jesus teaches us to give thanks to God. Pray briefly, Dear God, thank You for the good things You do for us. Thank You for loving us.**



Spring Unit 3 Bible Verse:
“Be kind to one another for this is right in the Lord.” Ephesians 4:32

Weekly Bible Verse:
*“I will give thanks to the Lord.”
Psalm 7:17*

God’s Word & Me (Bottom Line):
Jesus teaches me to do good things for others.

For Younger Children

Before class, use a crayon to draw happy faces on white card stock.

For Older Children

Instead of drawing happy faces, children draw pictures of things they want to thank God for.

Play to Learn

March 14

Construction Center: Neighborhood Thanks



Collect

Bible, blocks, recyclables (cereal boxes, oatmeal and coffee containers, juice cartons, etc.), toy people.

Do

1. Children use blocks and recyclables to build their neighborhood.
2. Children use toy people to act out families in the neighborhood (walking dogs, going to the park, visiting neighbors, driving to the store, etc.).

Talk About

- ➔ **The Bible says, “I will give thanks to the Lord.” “Lord” is another name for God. Let’s build our neighborhood and thank God for the people who live in it.**
- ➔ **Tyson, who are the people in your family? The people in our families love and care for us. We can thank God for our families. Jesus teaches us to give thanks to God.**
- ➔ **Amber, what are you building? We can thank God for plants and flowers that grow in parks and gardens. What is your favorite color of flower?**
- ➔ **Jesus teaches us to give thanks to God. We can thank God for all the good things He gives us. Pray briefly, Thank You, God, for all the good things You give us. Thank You for our families.**

Spring Unit 3 Bible Verse:
“Be kind to one another for this is right in the Lord.” Ephesians 4:32

Weekly Bible Verse:
*“I will give thanks to the Lord.”
Psalm 7:17*

God’s Word & Me (Bottom Line):
Jesus teaches me to do good things for others.



For Younger Children

Before class, use blocks and recyclables to set up neighborhood. Children play with toy people in neighborhood.

For Older Children

Provide a length of butcher paper. Children draw roads and build neighborhood on paper.

Listen to Learn

March 14

Luke 17:11-19

Collect

Bible, Bible Story 39 pictures from *God's Story for Me Poster Pack #2*, *Preschool Music #2 DVD or CD* and player.

Greet Each Other

Children stand in a circle. **Did you have cereal for breakfast?** If a child answers yes to your question, he or she sits down. Repeat with other questions. **Do you have a baby brother? Are you wearing tennis shoes today? Do you have a warm bed to sleep in at night?** Continue until all children are seated. **We can thank God for all the good things He gives us.**

Spring Unit 3 Bible Verse:
"Be kind to one another for this is right in the Lord." *Ephesians 4:32*

Weekly Bible Verse:
"I will give thanks to the Lord."
Psalms 7:17

God's Word & Me (Bottom Line):
Jesus teaches me to do good things for others.

Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Luke 17:11-19. Tell the story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 39 pictures.

What do you say when someone gives you a present? When is another time you might say "Thank you"? Listen to hear why one man said "Thank You" to Jesus.



Our Bible tells us about **10** men who were very sick. They had terrible sore places all over their bodies. They were so sick they couldn't live with their families. They were so sick they couldn't talk with their friends. They were so sick no one would let them come near because no one wanted to catch their disease.



Then one day, they heard about Jesus. Jesus walked from town to town telling people about God and helping people. The 10 men heard that Jesus was coming to their town!



The sick men must have **talked** excitedly. They said, "Maybe Jesus will help us!" They stood far back from the road and watched for Jesus. There He was! The men began to shout, "Jesus! Jesus! Please help us!"



Jesus loves everyone and He loved these sick men. Jesus wanted to make them well. "Go and show the Temple leader that you are now well," He told them.

The 10 men didn't feel well, and they didn't look well. Still, they did what Jesus had told them. As the 10 men **walked**, suddenly they were made well! They were no longer sick! The sores on their arms and legs were gone. Now they would be able to live with their families and talk with their friends.

One man remembered that it was Jesus who had made them well. He stopped walking. *I must go back and thank Jesus for making me well*, the man must have thought. He began to run back to where Jesus was. He could hardly wait to see Jesus!

When he saw Jesus, he knelt down in front of Jesus and shouted, "Thank You, Jesus, for making me well!"

Talk About the Story

How many men did Jesus make well? (Ten.) How many men came back to thank Jesus? (One.) Jesus teaches us to give thanks to God for all the good things He's done for us. What are some good things God has given you? What are some ways to give thanks to God? (Sing songs of praise to God. Pray and say "Thank You" to God.)

Sing to God

Let's sing a song about a good thing to do. Lead children in singing "Thanks to the Lord" (on DVD or track 9 on CD). **Giving thanks is a good thing to do. We can thank God for loving us.**

Option: Provide one or two rhythm instruments for children to use while singing "Thanks to the Lord." Children hand the instruments to other children before song is repeated.

Hear and Say God's Word

Holding your Bible open to Psalm 7:17, say verse aloud. **"Lord" is another name for God. Jesus teaches us to give thanks to God. We can thank God for all the good things He's done.** Lead children in singing the words of the verse to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

Pray to God

Pray, **Dear God, we give You thanks for these good things You give us.** Pause as children name things for which they wish to thank God. **Thank You for loving us. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen.**

Praise to God

Children sit in a circle. Start by saying, **I thank God for peanut butter.** The child sitting next to you says, **I thank God for** (child names something for which he or she is thankful). Continue around the circle until all children have had a chance to name something for which they are thankful.

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A Rich Man's Question

March 21

Bible Story

Matthew 19:16-26; Mark 10:17-27; Luke 18:18-27

Teacher Challenge

Even the poorest of us is affluent by the overall standards of the world. Like the young man who “had it all,” we can think we’re OK—if we just buy one more thing or do one more good deed.

Jesus knew that as long as this young man relied on his possessions or his good works to sustain him, he would never be able to experience God’s work within him. So, Jesus demanded that the young man leave everything that made him self-sufficient! Giving away all he had would have shown his total trust in God—and made him ready to follow Jesus.

- ➔ What do you depend on so much that it would be hard to give it away?
- ➔ Ask God’s help to use your possessions in ways that show you are following Jesus.

Jesus’ demand is still to lay down our right to whatever makes us think we’re OK. He calls us to depend solely on Him. When we give Jesus those possessions, deeds or even gifts that make us feel self-sufficient He can use them in amazing ways!

Spring Unit 3 Bible Verse:
“Be kind to one another for this is right in the Lord.” *Ephesians 4:32*

Weekly Bible Verse:
“Do good and be ready to share.”
1 Timothy 6:18

God’s Word & Me (Bottom Line):
Jesus teaches me to do good things for others.

Teacher’s Planning

- Choose which centers you will provide and the order in which children will participate in them. Plan you will lead each center.

- All supplies will be provided for activities marked with a star. ★ If you would like to lead the activities labeled with a clock, ⌚ please gather the needed supplies from your home or the preschool resource room.

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Play to Learn

March 21

Active Game Center: Coin Toss



Collect

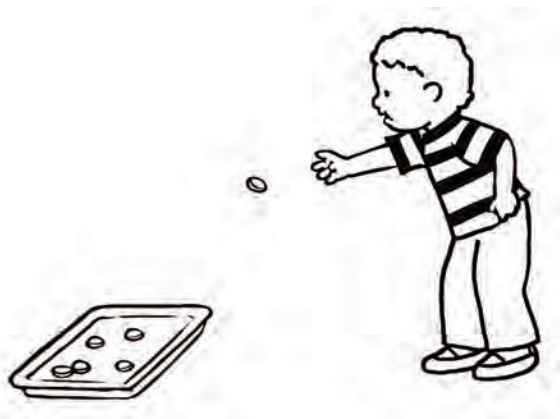
Bible, cookie sheet or metal tray or metal box with no lid, coins.

Do

1. Place cookie sheet or metal item on the floor in your playing area. Children stand several feet from cookie sheet. Give each child a coin. Children take turns tossing coins onto cookie sheet.
2. Repeat as time and interest allow.

Talk About

- ➔ **In today's Bible story, a rich man decided to keep his money instead of sharing what he had with others. Let's play a game with some coins.**
- ➔ **Giving money to others is a good way to share with others. Sebastian, what is something you share with your little brother? Sharing is a good thing to do.**
- ➔ **The Bible says, "Do good and be ready to share." Jesus teaches us to do good things for others. Jesus will help us do good things like sharing. Pray briefly, Dear Jesus, please help us to do good things for others.**



Spring Unit 3 Bible Verse:
"Be kind to one another for this is right in the Lord." Ephesians 4:32

Weekly Bible Verse:
*"Do good and be ready to share."
1 Timothy 6:18*

God's Word & Me (Bottom Line):
Jesus teaches me to do good things for others.

For Younger Children

Give children paper cups and coins. Children put coins in cups, dump out of cups, sort, etc.

For Older Children

Hide coins around the room. Children find coins and then toss them onto cookie sheet.



Puzzle Center:

Give each child a Bible puzzle worksheet. Provide pencils, crayons, or marker. As the children complete the puzzles and color pages, use the conversation suggestions on the page. Remind the children that a copy of today's Bible verse and Bible story is on the back of the sheet so they can share with their families when they go home.

Play to Learn

March 21

Art Center: Share Banner

Collect

Bible, length of butcher paper, markers, stamps and ink pads.

Prepare

Print the Bible verse on butcher paper.

Do

Children use markers and stamps to decorate the banner. Display banner on a wall where parents will see it when they pick up their children.

Talk About

- ➔ **The Bible says, “Do good and be ready to share.” Jesus told a man to share the money he had. We can share, too.**
- ➔ **Zoe, I saw you and Aaron taking turns to use the ink pad. Taking turns is a way to share. Sharing is a good thing to do.**
- ➔ **Jesus teaches us to do good things for others. Lara, what is something good you can do for the people in your family?**
- ➔ **Pray briefly, Dear Jesus, please help us to share with others. We want to do good things.**



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Weekly Bible Verse:
*“Do good and be ready to share.”
1 Timothy 6:18*

God’s Word & Me (Bottom Line):
Jesus teaches me to do good things for others.

For Younger Children

Younger children use markers to draw happy faces on the banner.

For Older Children

Older children draw pictures of ways to share.

Construction Center: Share-Planes



Collect

Bible, blocks, manipulative building toys (Duplos, Legos, Lincoln Logs, etc.), toy airplanes, toy people.

Do

1. Children use blocks and building toys to build an airport, including a runway and hangar.
2. Children use toy people and toy airplanes to act out boarding a plane and going to another city. (Optional: Instead of using toy airplanes, children build airplanes from building toys.)

Talk About

➔ **The Bible says, “Do good and be ready to share.” Jesus teaches us to do good things for others. Sharing is one way to do good. Let’s share our blocks and build an airport.**

➔ **When an airplane needs to be fixed, the crew puts it in a hangar. A hangar is like a very big garage. We can use our blocks to build an airplane hangar.**

➔ **Kayden, I saw you sharing your triangle blocks with Cody. You know how to share! Sharing is a good thing to do.**

➔ **Rebecca, where is a place you like to go with someone in your family? What is a good thing you do when you go to the store with your mom? Staying close to your mom is a good thing to do.**

➔ **Sometimes it can be hard to do good things. Jesus teaches us to do good things. And Jesus will help us to do good things, even when it is hard. Pray briefly, Dear Jesus, please help us to do good things for others.**



Spring Unit 3 Bible Verse:
“Be kind to one another for this is right in the Lord.” Ephesians 4:32

Weekly Bible Verse:
*“Do good and be ready to share.”
1 Timothy 6:18*

God’s Word & Me (Bottom Line):
Jesus teaches me to do good things for others.

For Younger Children

Instead of building an airport, children play with blocks as if they were airplanes.

For Older Children

Older children build a second airport on the opposite side of the activity area. Children can act out flying from one airport to the other.

Listen to Learn

March 21

Matthew 19:16-26; Mark 10:17-27; Luke 18:18-27

Collect

Bible, Bible Story 41 pictures from *God's Story for Me Poster Pack #2*, *Preschool Music #2* DVD or CD and player, basket or box.

Greet Each Other

Place basket or box on the floor. Each child chooses one toy or book from the room and puts it in the container. Comment on each child's contribution.

We have so many great toys. We can obey God by sharing these toys with others in our class.

Spring Unit 3 Bible Verse:
"Be kind to one another for this is right in the Lord." *Ephesians 4:32*

Weekly Bible Verse:
"Do good and be ready to share."
1 Timothy 6:18

God's Word & Me (Bottom Line):
Jesus teaches me to do good things for others.

Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Matthew 19. Tell the story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 41 pictures.

When is a time you shared something with someone else? What did you share? Listen to hear about a man who did not want to share with others.

One day Jesus was walking with His friends. A rich young man **ran** up to Him.



"Teacher, what should I do so that I can live forever?" the young man asked Jesus.

Jesus looked at the man. Jesus said, "You must obey God's rules. Do not kill. Do not take things that do not belong to you. Do not say things that are not true. Show love to your father and mother. Be kind to people."



The rich young man **knew** these rules. He had learned them when he was a young boy.

"Teacher, I have obeyed God's rules since I was a boy," the man said.

Jesus loved this man. Jesus was glad the man had obeyed God's rules. But Jesus knew the man loved his money more than he loved God. So Jesus told him, "You must do one more thing: Sell everything you have. Share the money with others who do not have food and clothes. Then follow Me."



The young man's face suddenly became sad. He **looked down** at the ground. He was very rich. He had lots of money and good things. But he did not want to share. He did not want to do what Jesus said. So the rich young man slowly walked away.



Jesus turned to His friends and said, "It is hard for people who love money to love and obey God."

"You need **God's** help to love and obey Him," Jesus told His friends. "With God's help, anyone can live with Me forever."

Talk About the Story

What did Jesus tell the rich young man to do? (Sell all of his belongings and give the money to the poor.) **The rich young man was sad because he didn't want to do what Jesus asked him to do. Jesus teaches us to do good things for others. What is a good thing you've done for someone today? What is something you've shared with someone else today?**

Sing to God

Let's sing a song about God's love. Lead children in singing "Thanks to the Lord" (on DVD or track 9 on CD) and doing the suggested motions. **This song tells us to give thanks to God. One way we show our thanks to God is by being kind to others and sharing.**

Hear and Say God's Word

Holding your Bible open to 1 Timothy 6:18, say verse aloud. **Sharing is a good thing to do. Jesus teaches us to do good things for others.** Children stand. Lead children in repeating the verse and doing the motions for "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes," breaking the verse up as follows: Do good/ and be/ready/to share.

Pray to God

Jesus teaches us to do good things. We can thank Him that He will help us. Invite volunteers to say this brief thank-you prayer: **Thank You, Jesus, for helping us to do good things.**

Option: Tell an age-appropriate example of a way you have shared with others or of a time someone shared with you.

Praise to God

Children sit in a circle. As you play "God Helps Me Do Good Things" (track 3 on CD), children pass a coin around the circle. When the music stops the child holding the coin names a person they can do good things for, or mentions a way they can do good to another person.

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