

WEEK 4

PRESCHOOL LESSON



Need to Know: *God Loves Me*

Bible Story: *Moses Is Born (Exodus 1-2:10, 3:9-10)*

Circle Up

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1. WELCOME kids to church. TELL them that we're pretending to be in the jungle of Amazonia where we will explore to find out more about who God is.
 2. SAY: *My name is (YOUR NAME), and I will be your leader today! I love being here in Amazonia and exploring the jungle with you!* (SHOW heart ball) *When you get this heart, tell us your name and one person you love.*
 3. PASS the heart ball to a child. ALLOW the child to say their name and one person they love, and then pass it to another person in the group.
 4. After everyone has been introduced, SAY:
 - *Thank you for sharing!* (SHOW heart ball) *God loves you even more than you love that special person!*
 - *Let me hear you say this after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
 - God (both hands point up)
 - Loves (hug self)
 - Me (thumbs to chest)
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Read the Bible

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1. SAY: *When we read the Bible, we discover how much God loves us! Let's do that together!*
 2. HAVE kids get ready to hear the Bible story by clicking on their listening ears and putting on their special eyes.
 3. SHOW and READ the Bible Story Cards to the group.
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Let's Practice

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1. SAY the following and HAVE kids respond:
 - *If you have someone in your home that helps you, wave your arms up high.* (Kids will wave arms up high.)
 - *What is one thing that you need help with at home?* (If kids have a hard time coming up with something, SUGGEST any of the following: tying shoes, reaching a snack, making meals, riding a bike, drawing a picture, making your bed, etc.)
 - *Do the people in your home help you because they love you?* (Yes) *That's right! God loves you, and one way He shows His love for you is by giving you special people who love and care for you.*
 - *Today we are going to make a gift to give to that special person who helps and loves us so much! This can be for your mom, your grandma, your aunt, or a friend!*
2. GIVE each child one sticky board.
3. PLACE decorations in the center of the group, and HAVE kids fill their sticky boards with decorations.
4. After sticky boards have been decorated, SAY:
 - *Now, let's put this sticker on the back of our gifts to let our special people know how much we love them! God loves them, God loves you, and God loves me!*
 - *Let me hear you say this after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
 - God (both hands point up) Loves (hug self) Me (thumbs to chest)

Memorize It

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1. SAY: *When we read the Bible, we discover how much God loves us. He is willing to do anything to show us His love. There's a verse that tells us there is nothing too hard for God to do. I want to teach you this verse!*
2. SHOW the **Memory Verse Card**, and HAVE kids repeat the verse after you several times. Then, USE the **Memory Verse Card** to practice the verse as a group.

"Lord God... (both hands point up)
There is nothing too hard (wave arms back and forth)
for you (pound fists, on top of each other)
to do." (pound fists, on top of each other)
Jeremiah 32:17 (make book with hands)
3. REMIND kids to practice this verse with their family at home so they can win a prize in a few weeks.

Let's Pray

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PRAY with your group, having them repeat after you in short phrases:

- *Dear God, thank you for loving me and giving me special people to take care of me. I love you so much! Thank you for my snack. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

Stay Together

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1. **SANITIZE** hands and PASS OUT **snacks**.
2. KEEP kids engaged until they are checked out by doing the following activities:
 - **Jungle Fun!** Try either of these activities to get your group moving and talking to let the wiggles out:
 - **Hot Heart!** – PLAY like "Hot Potato."
 - PASS the **heart ball** as fast as you can around the group as you say today's Need to Know or the series memory verse.
 - When you SAY, "Stop," whoever is holding the **heart ball** will say something they love.
 - You can mix it up by having kids say any of the following: food they love, animal they love, person they love, toy they love, Bible story they love, friend they love, etc.
 - **Animal Sounds** – HAVE kids make the sounds of animals they love. Let the rest of the group guess what animal makes that sound. These animals do not have to live in the jungle. It can be any animal.
 - HAVE kids **color** the **Coloring Sheet**. As kids **color**, ASK the following:
 - *Who is the special person you are giving your gift to?*
 - *What is one thing you love about that special person?*
 - *What did you learn today? (REMIND kids of what we need to know.)*
 - *Did you have fun today?*
 - HAVE kids practice the memory verse again by doing any of the activities listed on the back of the **Memory Verse Card**.