

WEEK 3 PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



**BIG IDEA** 

THE BIBLE

God will never stop loving me.

The Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son: Luke 15:4-32

# WELCOME TIME

Heroes meet in the Youth Room for worship.

### ACTIVITY | Magic Rabbit!

- Have you heard of the famous magic trick where a magician pulls a rabbit out of a hat?
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show a short video (like <u>this</u> <u>Chicago Magician Rabbit out of hat</u> or similar) of a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat. Then, give each child a chance to do their own magic trick with a fun hat and a stuffed animal. Act really surprised when they pull the animal out of the hat!

## THE BIG IDEA | God will never stop loving me.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Some time before the kids arrive, tape a piece of paper or an index card that says, "God will never stop loving me" under one of the chairs. When it's time to announce the Big Idea, tell the kids to look under their chairs, and once the kid who finds it brings you the card, you can read it for the whole group.
- That's the Big Idea for today! I know there was only one card to be found, but this Big Idea is true for everyone in this room! Not only does God love us a lot, but **God will never stop loving us.**

VIDEO | Revealed, Episode 3

• INSTRUCTIONS: Play this week's preschool teaching video.

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#### BIBLE STORY | Luke 15:4-32

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Summarize the Bible stories found in Luke 15. You can choose to have some coins and a stuffed sheep as props.
- Today, I'm going to tell you three stories that Jesus told. They are about different things, but listen carefully and see what's the same about all of the stories!
- The first story is about sheep. There was a shepherd who had 100 sheep! But one went missing. So, the shepherd left all the other 99 sheep to find the one that was lost.
- The second story is about coins. There once was a woman who had ten coins. But one went missing. So, she searched her entire house until she found the one coin that was lost.
- Let's watch this video God's Story: Two Sons and a Father (Prodigal Son) that will tell us the third story.
- What was the same about all three stories? They are all about something that was lost!
- Did the owners of the lost items look for them? Yes! They wanted to find what they lost because it was important to them.
- Are we lost? No, we aren't lost! We are in (*name of church, name of city*)! But sometimes, we wander away from God by not doing things we know God wants us to do. When we do things like disobey the people who take care of us or fight with our friends, it's like we are lost. We forget God wants us to always do the right thing and be close to God.
- But even when we do things that are not right, we have to remember to come back to God, like the prodigal son did! Because God will never stop loving us and searching for us!

### ACTIVITY | Treasure Hunt

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Hide some cool items, trinkets, or candies around the room. Give the kids thirty seconds to find two items. Once they find the items, have them bring it back to the center of the room and place them on the floor.
- What would happen to all of these items if they were never found?
- Would it make you sad to know there were candies and toys hidden all around the room, but you may have never been able to taste or play with them?
- Just like we enjoy these candies and toys, God will always happily come find us.

### PRAYER

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Circle around the items that were found and pray with your group.
- Dear God, thank You for always looking for us when we are missing. We love You and are so happy to know You'll never stop finding us. Amen.



### **DISCUSSION TIME**

### ACTIVITY | Lost and Found

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print out as many copies of this week's printable as needed. Ask or help the kids write their names in the space provided, and ask them trace "GOD." Tie a lanyard or string through the holes so they can wear their new ID badge for the rest of the day!
- What did all of our parables have in common today? They all talked about something that was lost.
- Did the items stay lost? No! The owner found them.
- Why did the owner look for the lost items? Because the owner loved what was lost!

### MEMORY VERSE | Jeremiah 33:3

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids to say the memory verse together a few times. When you give them the "thumbs up" signal, the kids need to say the verse louder, and when you give the "thumbs down" signal, they need to get quieter. Repeat this as many times as you want, and have fun with turning the volume up or down!

### PLAY TIME

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

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give every kid a coloring page, plus markers or crayons. As they color, remind them we can thank God for not forgetting about the lost.

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