



WEEK 4

PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

We can celebrate because God keeps promises.

THE BIBLE

Simeon and Anna at the Temple: Luke 2:25-38;
(Joshua 21:45)

WELCOME TIME

Heroes meet in the Youth Room for worship.

ACTIVITY | Pinky Tag

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Encourage the kids to play a game of tag, but they need to pair up by linking their pinky fingers together (as if making a "pinky promise"), even the ones that are "it." Play as long as time allows.

TEACHING TIME

THE BIG IDEA | We can celebrate because God keeps promises.

- Remember our pinky tag game from earlier? What are you doing when you link your pinky finger with someone else's pinky finger? Yes, you're making a promise!
- Sometimes we can't be sure if someone will keep their promise. But I have good news! Do you know who always keeps their promises to us? God! That's right!
- Let's give the biggest drumroll ever for our Big Idea today: We can celebrate because God keeps promises! **Who always keeps their promises? God!**

VIDEO | Main Event, Episode 4

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#). ([Main Event Preschool Week 4 on Vimeo](#))



SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:25-38

- In Jerusalem, there was an old man named Simeon. Simeon was a good guy and he loved God. He had been waiting for God's promise to Israel to come true. God had made a promise long ago that a Savior would be sent to Earth to save people from their sins.
- **Can anyone guess who the Savior was?** Jesus! That's right! Even though Jesus was just a baby, Jesus was the Savior Simeon had been waiting for.
- One day, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple. Simeon was there, too, and right away, Simeon recognized Jesus as the promised Savior! He just knew it! He even got to hold baby Jesus and then praised God!
- There was a teacher of God, or what some people call a prophet, named Anna, who was always at the temple. She worshipped there day and night, praying for a long time, and sometimes without stopping to eat. She saw Mary, Joseph, and Jesus and gave thanks to God. She told everyone about how Jesus was going to grow up and save all the people!

ACTIVITY | Waiting, Waiting, Waiting

- Let's play a game that will teach us about waiting.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell the kids they are going to get their snack, but they are going to have to wait. Using a stopwatch, tell the kids to sit and not make a sound for thirty seconds. Then, make it sixty seconds. Then, ninety seconds.*
- Ugh. . . waiting is super hard, isn't it? Especially if you really, really want something! The people of God waited for many, many years for Jesus. But even though it took some time, God kept the promise to send the Savior!

PRAYER

- Dear God, thank You for never breaking Your promises to us. We get sad when people sometimes break their promises, but we know You never will! You kept Your promise to Simeon by sending Jesus. We celebrate you because You always keep promises!

DISCUSSION TIME

ACTIVITY | Watch For It

- Today, we heard a story about two people who waited and watched for Jesus' arrival. When they finally saw Jesus, they were so excited! We're going to play a game where we will have to watch carefully for our special surprise under our presents.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before the kids arrive, wrap three small boxes to look like presents, without the lids. Line up the boxes and place a small Christmas tree ornament beneath one of the boxes. Show the kids which box it is placed under and then move the boxes around, switching their positions, and ask the kids if they can find where the ornament is now.*



MAIN EVENT | WEEK 4 PRESCHOOL LESSON

MEMORY VERSE | Luke 1:46-47 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print two copies of the memory verse printable and cut out the presents along the dotted lines. Place the presents in a grid pattern with the side that is written on faced down. Ask the kids to flip over the presents two at a time, until they find a match. Continue until every present has been matched. Place the two sets of memory verses in the correct order and read it aloud a few times with the kids.*

PLAY TIME

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

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid a coloring page along with crayons, markers, or colored pencils. Remind them of today's story, memory verse, and Big Idea as they color!*

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