



# WEEK 1

## PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



### **BIG IDEA**

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### **THE BIBLE**

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## **WELCOME TIME**

- **ACTIVITY** | Around the World
- **ACTIVITY** | Finish the Story

## **TEACHING TIME**

- **MUSIC** | Worship Time
- **THE BIG IDEA** | The Bible tells God's big story.
- **OBJECT LESSON** | The Storybook
- **BIBLE STORY** | John 1:1-5, 1:14
- **ACTIVITY** | Through the Hoop
- **PRAYER**

## **DISCUSSION TIME**

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- **ACTIVITY** | Circle Time
- **ACTIVITY** | Life Story Book
- **MEMORY VERSE** | Romans 3:23

## **PLAY TIME**

- **ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page of the Week
- **ACTIVITY** | Hula Hoop Ring Toss
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## **WELCOME TIME**

### **ACTIVITY | Around the World**

- Welcome! This month, we're talking about my favorite planet: planet earth! God has given us an incredible planet to live on, so we're celebrating it! Let's start by playing a game!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print the Around the World printables on different colors of paper and put them on the floor in the shape of a circle. You need at least one paper for each child. Let them travel around the circle by hopping from paper to paper. When you say stop, they will freeze on the paper they are on. Look at their paper and tell each child what continent they landed on.*
- You traveled around the world for this game! **Have you ever traveled to a different place?**
- God has given us an amazing planet full of people, animals, and adventure. The Bible tells us about His big story for the whole world.

### **ACTIVITY | Finish the Story**

- **What's your favorite book or story?** We're going to play a game using a book I love. I'm going to read you part of the book, then I will stop and you finish the story however you want! You can use your imagination to come up with ideas for the story.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Get a children's book with an active storyline and read it to the kids. Stop at different points in the story and ask the kids to come up with ideas for what they think will happen next.*
- Wow! You all had great ideas about what happened in the story! It can be hard to guess what's going to happen next in a story.
- Today, we're talking about a big story – God's story, which is in the Bible. Every part of the Bible is all part of His big story.

## TEACHING TIME

### MUSIC | Worship Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Spend some time singing with your preschoolers. You can select any songs you'd like, but for this lesson we like, "The BIBLE" by Yancy and "The Bible is About Jesus" by Summit Kids.

### THE BIG IDEA | The Bible tells God's big story.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Each week, do a big reveal (and make it fun) when you announce the Big Idea, like:
  - Ask the kids to give you a drumroll by stomping their feet or patting their laps.
  - Shout the Big Idea, then point to the kids and have them shout it back. (Change it up by using funny voices, different volumes, or inflections).
  - Have a character (either recurring or rotating) come out every week to reveal the Big Idea.
  - Write it on a piece of paper and hide it somewhere in the room. Have the kids go on a "hunt" for it. When it's found, read it to the kids.
- This week's Big Idea: **The Bible tells God's big story.**

### OBJECT LESSON | The Storybook

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Hold up a storybook.
- **Do you know who wrote this book?** Every book was written by someone, the author. We can read the author's name here to see who wrote it.
- **Did you know that, like this storybook, the Bible has an author?** Let's read from the Bible to learn more about where it came from and what it's about!

### BIBLE STORY | John 1:1-5, 1:14

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look up the story in your Bible and read it to your preschoolers.
- **What do you do before you go somewhere?** You probably do things like get dressed, brush your hair or teeth, put your shoes on. **What do you think happened before the creation of this planet?**
- In these verses we read from the Bible, it says the Word has always existed with God. In this verse, the Word means Jesus. That means Jesus was there before the creation of planet Earth. Jesus has always existed.
- The Bible tells the big story of God creating the world and about everything that has happened since then.
- **Did you know that the Bible has authors too?** It has a lot of people who wrote it! Over 40 people wrote the Bible. God told them what to write.
- The Bible has a whole bunch of different books and verses. It has a bunch of stories, like the story of Daniel being thrown into the lions' den, Jonah and the big fish, and David and the giant Goliath. You may have heard some of those stories. Even though there are a lot of different stories, they are all part of one big story!
- **What does all of this have to do with us today?** The tells one big story about God creating people, sin entering the world, and God sending someone to redeem us from sin and restore our relationship with Him. The person He sent to redeem us and restore our relationship with Him is Jesus. We are part of the story because we can have a relationship with Jesus.

**ACTIVITY | Running Pepper**

- **Can someone come help me find the beginning and end on this hula hoop?** There isn't one, because this hoop is a circle. It doesn't have a beginning or an end. It keeps going round and round. That's how Jesus is. He has no beginning or end; He has always existed.
- God's story is bigger than we can even imagine. It goes on forever, and we are a part of it!
- Let's play a game with this hula hoop! I'm going to hold it up and you'll take turns running through it.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Get a hula hoop and hold it up to show the kids. Hold the hula hoop up and let the kids run through it. You can make it harder by moving it higher or lower, or having the kids run through with their eyes closed. If you have multiple hula hoops, you can have other people hold them all in a line and let them run through all the hoops.*

**PRAYER**

- Let's spend time talking with God in prayer.
- Dear God, we thank you that we are a part of your big story. Thank you for giving us the Bible so we can know your story. We love you. Amen.

**DISCUSSION TIME**

**DISCUSSION | Snack and Discussion**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pass out a snack to all of your preschoolers and ask them to sit and listen while they eat. Your discussion will be more effective when they're busy sitting and snacking!*
- **Who has always existed with God?** *(Jesus.)*
- **What did God create?** *(The world and everything in it.)*
- **What book tells us God's story?** *(The Bible.)*
- **Who wrote the Bible?** *(A lot of authors. God told them what to write.)*
- **What name for Jesus did we read today in the Bible?** *(The Word.)*

**ACTIVITY | Circle Time**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have all the kids sit in a circle. Tell them to hold hands and pass a hula hoop around the circle (with their hands still connected) by putting their whole body through it. If you have younger kids, you can let them do it without holding hands. When you call out "Stop," whoever is holding the hula hoop will answer a question.*
- **What is your favorite book?**
- **What is your favorite kind of story?**
- **What is a story from the Bible that you like?**
- **Why do you think God gave us the Bible?**
- **How can the Bible help us?**

**ACTIVITY | Life Story Book**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Fold three pieces of paper in half and staple along the seam to make a book. Make one book for every child. Give them crayons and markers and let them make their own book that has a story of their life.*

- We talked about God's story, and we learned that our lives are a part in His story, so let's make our own books to tell our life story. You can draw pictures to make your book about anything you want from your life. It can be about your whole life so far, or about your family or your favorite things.
- Your life has a story, but it's a part of God's big story. You can have a relationship with God because of Jesus.

**MEMORY VERSE | Romans 3:23**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Check out the Memory Verse Guide in your Programming Folder for ideas on how to help your preschoolers memorize Bible verses. Here are the hand motions for this month's memory verse . . .

**FOR ALL HAVE SINNED** (spread your arms far apart and then do thumbs down with both hands)  
**AND FALLEN SHORT** (pretend to fall over by leaning forward)  
**OF THE GLORY** (put both hands up above your head and pump your arms)  
**OF GOD** (point up).

**PLAY TIME**

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

**ACTIVITY | Coloring Page of the Week**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give every kid a Coloring Page, plus markers or crayons. As they color, remind them that the Bible is God's big story and that we all have a place in God's story.

**ACTIVITY | Hula Hoop Ring Toss**

- The hula hoop reminds us that God has always existed and His story goes on forever. Let's play a game with hula hoops!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set up a chair and have kids stand a few feet back and toss hula hoops over a chair, like ring toss. If you have older kids, you can let some kids stand tall while others toss hula hoops around them, like ring toss.

**ACTIVITY | Story Time**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set out a variety of children's books and let the kids look at them and read them or you can read the books to them.

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