



WEEK 3

PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



BIG IDEA

We can ask God for the right words.

THE BIBLE

Solomon's Wise Ruling: 1 Kings 3:16-28

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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- **ACTIVITY** | In a Pinch

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- **PRAYER**

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HACKS FOR TODDLERS



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HOW TO HACK THIS SERIES FOR TODDLERS

In children's ministry, you've got a wide range of ages you need to engage every week, but toddlers tend to get overlooked. But you know your toddlers need more than just babysitting, so here are a few adjustments you can make to this week in order to keep your toddlers more engaged.

ACTIVITY | Telephone

Instead of playing Telephone, with toddlers, whisper one of the suggested phrases to the kids and have them whisper it back to you. Another option is to create a tin can "telephone" have them shout the phrases into the cans at each other.

ACTIVITY | Words vs. Actions

Instead of Simon Says, just give simple commands such as "touch your nose" or "jump up high," while you do something that's not those commands. Ask the kids, "Did I do it right?"

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Hi, I'm Darby! I currently work in Columbus, Ohio with Cypress Church! I do everything birth-5th grade and I love every second of it! I've been serving and working with Cypress for over 10 years and I couldn't be more excited about what God has done and continues to do through the people here every single day. I have the opportunity to work with an amazing team of kids ministry leaders who push me to do better work every day and who I laugh with more than anyone else. We love kids, we love God, and we love helping kids love God. I am continually blessed to live out my calling by doing this work

each day! My family is the most important thing to me and I am blessed to have grown up knowing God and being pushed by my parents and siblings to know God more. If you bring me coffee, I'll be your best friend forever. I can always be bribed with chips and salsa. Nothing makes me happier than a freezing cold room, a comfy blanket, and a full pot of coffee.

If you'd like to chat with Darby about partnering with parents, what it means to lead children before having any of your own, or which is better: salsa or queso, reach out! She would love to connect with you!

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PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

We can ask God for the right words.

THE BIBLE

Solomon's Wise Ruling: 1 Kings 3:16-28

WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Telephone

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Tell the kids to sit in a tight circle. Whisper a phrase to the first kid and tell that kid to try to remember the phrase and whisper it to the person sitting next to them. Continue this until the last person in the circle has heard the phrase. Tell the last kid to say out loud what they think the phrase is! Continue this game a few times using these words/phrases (or come up with your own):
 - Wisdom comes from God
 - God loves us
 - God makes us wise
 - God can be trusted
- Today, we are learning all about words and how to choose the right ones to say. Let's play a game where we will have to pay close attention to the words being said to us!
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Whisper a phrase to the kids and have them whisper it back to you. Another option is to create a tin can "telephone" have them shout the phrases into the cans at each other.

ACTIVITY | In a Pinch

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids a bucket of clothespins that either have a happy face or a sad face drawn on them. Have the kids find only the happy face clothespins and pin it on a friend's sleeve. Do this until everyone is wearing a happy face clothespin.
- Great job picking out the happy faces and sharing it with each other! When we choose to say the right words, it makes us and others happy!

TEACHING TIME

MUSIC | Wise Up

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play “Wise Up” by KidSpring Children’s Ministry ([this video](#)). Encourage the kids to sing along!

THE BIG IDEA | We can ask God for the right words.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Sing a song that most of the kids are familiar with, such as “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.” As you sing together, swap out some of the words. For example, “Twinkle twinkle little BEAR, how I wonder what you PLAY.”
- Oh no, I think I forgot the words to the song! **Can you help me remember the right words?**
- Sometimes we get stuck and don’t know the right thing to say. Luckily, if we ever have trouble thinking of the right words we have help! That reminds me of our Big Idea for today: **We can ask God for the right words!** Everyone, repeat that with me!

VIDEO | Wise, Episode 3

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week’s preschool [teaching video](#).

SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 3:16-28

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Summarize the story in 1 Kings 3:16-28. You could use a doll as a prop as you tell the story.
- King Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived. So a lot of people in his kingdom came to him and asked him to help them figure out their problems.
- One day, two women came to see the king. They had a very serious problem. One woman told the king, “This woman’s baby died in the middle of the night. So she took my baby!” The other woman said, “No, she’s wrong! This is my baby! Make her give him back to me!”
- Solomon thought for a moment. What should he say? What would be the best decision? Then he had an idea. He asked for a sword. He said, “Since you both want the baby, let’s divide the baby in half.”
- One of the women thought that sounded fair. But the other woman started crying and begged the king not to hurt the baby. She even said the other lady could take the baby!
- King Solomon knew right then she was the real mother of the baby, and gave him to her.
- **Do you think Solomon made a good decision?**

ACTIVITY | Right Words

- Solomon said the right words and made the mother of the baby very happy! The right words tell the truth but are also kind. Let’s see if we can figure out some kind words to say.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw a picture of an angry face and a picture of a happy face. Place these pictures on opposite sides of the room. As you read different phrases, tell the kids to run to the angry face if they are unkind words and the happy face if the phrases contain kind words.

- “Thank you.”
- “I don’t want to play with you.”
- “Let’s share.”
- “Give it NOW!”
- “You look very nice today.”
- “I don’t like you.”
- “God loves you.”

PRAYER

- Dear God, Even when we are sad or angry and we want to use unkind words, please help us to choose kind words. Thank you for giving us the right words to say.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Tip of My Tongue

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a Fruit Roll-Up snack and let them have fun sticking it out of their mouth, pretending it’s their tongue! (If you can find it, try getting Fruit Roll-Ups with tongue tattoos.)
- **How do we find the right words?** We ask God!

ACTIVITY | Words vs. Actions

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play “Simon Says” and do the actions with your kids but intentionally mix up your words and your actions. For example, say “Simon says touch your nose” but touch your ear, or say “Simon says jump up high” but crouch down low.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Instead of Simon Says, just give simple commands such as “touch your nose” or “jump up high,” while you do something that’s not those commands. Ask the kids, “Did I do it right?”
- Oops! I wasn’t saying the right words! **Was that confusing?**
- Part of saying the right words is also doing the right thing! **What was the right thing King Solomon said? How did he also do the right thing?**

ACTIVITY | Can’t Take It Back

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Bring out some tubes of gel and paper plates. Let kids have fun squeezing out the gel. After they have finished, give them a spoon and ask them to put it back in the tube, like it was before.
- As you can see, once it’s out of the tube, it won’t go back in!
- This is just like the words we say. When we say something unkind to someone, you can’t take it back. Even if you say you’re sorry (which you should always say!), your friend could still be very sad you were unkind to them.
- Choose loving and kind words – those are the right words. And remember, just like our Big Idea says, we ask God for the right words!



MEMORY VERSE | James 1:5 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Introduce kids to this month's memory verse, teaching them the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL) we've provided.*

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!*

ACTIVITY | Kid President

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this video, "[Kid President's 20 Things We Should Say More Often](#)" for the kids.*
- *Wow, those are a lot of kind things we can say! Which ones do you remember?*
- *Let's practice saying some kind words to each other*

ACTIVITY | Happy Face Stamps

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give the kids each a happy face stamp on their hand to remind them to use kind words to others.*

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