



# WEEK 4

## PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE

# REVEALED

### BIG IDEA

God made me to do great things.

### THE BIBLE

**The Faithful Servant:** Matthew 25:14-30

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## WELCOME TIME

- **ACTIVITY** | Hidden Pictures
- **ACTIVITY** | Hidden Talents Charades

## TEACHING TIME

- **MUSIC** | Worship Time
- **THE BIG IDEA** | God made me to do great things
- **VIDEO** | Revealed, Episode 4
- **BIBLE STORY** | Matthew 25:14-30
- **ACTIVITY** | Grow Your Talents
- **PRAYER**

## DISCUSSION TIME

- **SNACK** | Buried Treasure
- **ACTIVITY** | Circle Time
- **ACTIVITY** | Talent Show
- **MEMORY VERSE** | Jeremiah 33:3

## PLAY TIME

- **ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page
- **ACTIVITY** | Coin Toss
- **ACTIVITY** | Find Buried Treasure



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## HACKS FOR TODDLERS

# REVEALED

**BY KAREN ERNE**

### 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.

#### **BIBLE STORY | Matthew 25:14-30**

Before service, seal some coins between a large sheet of contact paper and the table top. Show the kids how to rub their fingers against the contact paper to feel the textures of the coins. As the kids play, tell the Bible story.

#### **ACTIVITY | Grow Your Talents**



This is a "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" type of activity where kids are sticking coins on to an outline of a money bag, with their eyes closed. You can do this activity easily with toddlers—just let them keep their eyes open! Another activity you can do here is to make a coin shaker. Help toddlers put a variety of coins into an empty water bottle and then shake the bottle to make a loud noise! Talk about wonderful things you can do with what God gives us!

#### **ACTIVITY | Coin Toss**

You can use the following activity to replace the preschool activity provided. Get some empty purses and wallets and put play paper money inside of them. As the kids discover the money inside, tell them the Bible story. Talk about how we give money as offering to say thank you to God, and how we can use money to buy things to help other people.

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Karen's passion is connecting little ones to the truths of the Bible. Kids learn when they are playing, so Karen writes fun lessons that will help teachers show kids how much Jesus loves them.

Karen is a wife and a mom. She and her husband, Ed, have four kids aged ten through seventeen. Their family loves hiking, fishing, and fossil hunting together.

When Karen is not doing a Bible study with her church friends or helping out at her kids' school, she is often sewing. Karen makes stuffed animals, blankets, toys, and even clothes with her sewing machine.

If you'd like to chat about how your church can more strategically connect parents with ways to teach babies, ones, and twos about the Bible, reach out. She would love to connect with you!

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## PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

# REVEALED

### BIG IDEA

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### THE BIBLE

**The Faithful Servant:** Matthew 25:14-30

## WELCOME TIME

### ACTIVITY | Hidden Pictures

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print out worksheets of easy, hidden pictures (like [this one](#)) and ask the kids to work independently or as a group to find all of the hidden pictures.
- **How many hidden animals did all of you find?** Sometimes, you have to look really carefully to find hidden objects! They can really be tricky.

### ACTIVITY | Hidden Talents Charades

- **What are some talents people have?**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids to take turns coming to the front to play charades. Whisper something for them to act out for the group (such as swimming, cooking, basketball, singing, drawing, running, etc.). Be prepared to give suggestions for how to act it out. Have the rest of the group try to guess what the action is.

## TEACHING TIME

### MUSIC | Worship Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids to sing along (and dance!) to:
  - ["You Can Be a Helper"](#) by Miss PattyCake
  - ["What a Mighty God We Serve"](#) by Listener Kids

### THE BIG IDEA | God made me to do great things.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Instruct the kids to point to themselves every time you say “you” or “your.”*
- *God made all of **you** to be really great at all kinds of different stuff. God made each and every one of **you** to have **your** own unique gifts and talents, and with all of those gifts and interests and abilities and talents, God wants **you** to do amazing things! That’s right, God made **you** to do great things.*
- *Let’s all yell it as loud as we can: **God made me to do great things!***

### VIDEO | Revealed, Episode 4

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

### BIBLE STORY | Matthew 25:14-30

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Retell the Bible story from Matthew 25:14-30 from the perspective of the third servant. Make sure you say things such as, “Hmph. The boss only gave me one bag of gold! That’s not fair!” or “Can you believe it? My boss got mad at me! All I did was protect his money!”*
- **What did the first two workers do with the boss’ money?** *They went and made more money!*
- **What did the last worker do?** *He was scared to lose it so he hid it in the ground.*
- **Who was the boss happy with?** *The boss was so happy with the workers who helped him make more money. He was angry at the worker who didn’t do anything at all.*
- *God doesn’t give us bags of money, but God gives us talents and abilities that make all of us special!*
- *Maybe God made you really strong or really fast. God made some of you to be good at art, and others in sports or in music. God wants us to do great things with those gifts!*
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Before service, seal some coins between a large sheet of contact paper and the table top. Show the kids how to rub their fingers against the contact paper to feel the textures of the coins. As the kids play, tell the Bible story.*

### ACTIVITY | Grow Your Talents

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *(This is a modified version of “Pin the Tail on the Donkey.”) On a poster board, draw a money bag, and paste five fake coins inside. Put some double-sided (or rolled) tape or glue dots behind some additional fake coins, and ask the kids to take turns, with eyes closed, and try to place their coin inside the money bag. Play until the kids are able to successfully put five more coins inside.*
- **Look how we worked together to fill this money bag!**
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *You can do this activity easily with toddlers—just let them keep their eyes open! Another activity you can do here is to make a coin shaker. Help toddlers put a variety of coins into an empty water bottle and then shake the bottle to make a loud noise! Talk about wonderful things you can do with what God gives us!*

### PRAYER

- *Let’s spend time talking with God in prayer.*
- *Dear God, thank You for all of the special gifts You give to us. Thank You for making us good*

at so many things. Help us to use those things to help people know You better.

## DISCUSSION TIME

### SNACK | Buried Treasure

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before the kids arrive, crush some graham crackers or Oreos to make cookie crumb "sand" or "dirt." Put a piece of fruit or treat in the bottom of a small cup and cover it with the crumbs. Give the kids spoons to eat their snack with.*
- This cup has a buried treasure in it. When you are done with your snack, you will find a (piece of fruit or treat) at the bottom of your cup!
- The special gifts God gives us are like treasure because we can do great things with our gifts!
- **God made me to do great things.**

### ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Ask the kids to join you in a circle. Tell them to go around the circle telling their neighbor something good they see in them. For example, they can say, "You are good at soccer," "You are a good friend," etc.*
- It takes all kinds of people to share Jesus with others! You can use your special gifts to tell others about Jesus.
- **Does God want us to bury our money and our good abilities?** No, God wants us to use our money and our good abilities to help people learn about Jesus.
- **Why don't we want to be like the man in the Bible story who hid the money in the ground?** Because God wants us to share our gifts and talents with other people.
- **What happens if we don't share our gifts with others?** Our friends may not get to learn about Jesus.

### ACTIVITY | Talent Show

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give the kids time to pull out any kind of costume and props out of a prop box. Give each kid time to perform one of the talents they have, or a made up talent. Leaders can do this, too! The sillier, the better!*
- You are all so creative! You were able to come up with some really awesome talents for our talent show.
- Maybe you don't know what your special talent is quite yet, but it's important you try new things to see what you are really good at!
- This week, try to think of some things you are good at and why God picked you to have that special talent!
- **Are you really good at hopping?** Yes, you are good at hopping.
- **Are you really good at singing?** Yes, you are good at singing.
- **Can you hop and sing for Jesus?** Yes, you can!
- **God made me to do great things.**

**MEMORY VERSE | Jeremiah 33:3**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids to pick an easy song or tune they know (such as *Mary Had a Little Lamb*, *It's a Small World*, or even the chorus of a pop song!) and set today's memory verse to that melody! Don't worry too much if the words don't fit perfectly into the rhythm – that's part of the fun! Sing your newly created song a few times with the kids.

## 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 of all the special characteristics you see in each of them!

**ACTIVITY | Coin Toss**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Like [Bozo buckets](#), place buckets or cups in a line. Give each kid three oversized, play coins to toss into the cups.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Replace this activity with the following: Get some empty purses and wallets and put play paper money inside of them. As the kids discover the money inside, tell them the Bible story. Talk about how we give money as offering to say thank you to God, and how we can use money to buy things to help other people.

**ACTIVITY | Find Buried Treasure**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, bury some special sticker sheets or bead necklaces in dried beans or rice for the kids to dig around in.
- You found a treasure! Treasure is no fun if it is buried away and hidden.
- God wants us to share the treasures that have been given to us.
- **God made me to do great things.**

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