



# WEEK 3

## PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



### THE BIG IDEA

God's does unexpected things.

### THE BIBLE

God's Promise to David:  
II Samuel 7:1-14a

#### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### WELCOME TIME

- MUSIC** | "My God is So Big"
- ACTIVITY** | Unexpected Home
- ACTIVITY** | Scavenger Safari

### TEACHING TIME

- SCRIPTURE** | II Samuel 7:1-14
- THE BIG IDEA** | God does unexpected things.
- VIDEO** | Unusual, Episode 3
- ACTIVITY** | Pass the Crown
- PRAYER**

### DISCUSSION TIME

- SNACK** | Build a Snack
- ACTIVITY** | Around and Around
- ACTIVITY** | Animal Crossing
- MEMORY VERSE** | Isaiah 55:8 (NIV)

### PLAY TIME

- ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page
- ACTIVITY** | Whose House?
- ACTIVITY** | Animal Swap



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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.

#### **SNACK | Build a Snack**

Instead of pretzel sticks, give the toddlers graham cracker pieces to stack and build with.

#### **ACTIVITY | Around and Around**

Make a circle with tape and lead the toddlers in following you around the tape line.

#### **MEMORY VERSE | Isaiah 55:8 (NIV)**

Take the two sets of printables and play a matching game!



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## PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



### THE BIG IDEA

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### THE BIBLE

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## WELCOME TIME

### MUSIC | "My God is So Big"

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Sing and dance along to some fun songs during your worship time. Along with your kids' favorite songs, consider adding, "[My God is So Big](#)" by Kids on the Move to your playlist.

### ACTIVITY | Unexpected Home

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show the kids a toy kangaroo or a picture of one.
- **Do you know what animal this is?** It's a kangaroo! It hops up really high on these big feet.
- A baby kangaroo is called a Joey! They are about the size of a lima bean when they are born.
- **Do you know what kind of house the baby kangaroo lives in?**
- Since they are so small, the mother keeps the baby kangaroo close to her in a special pouch called a marsupium. Say it with me "mar-sup-i-um". What an usual word and unexpected place for a baby kangaroo to live!
- **Can you all hop around like a kangaroo with me?**

### ACTIVITY | Scavenger Safari

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print out the images from the Scavenger Safari printable. Fold each page in half and tape it, so that each side of the paper has a different animal on it. Tape up the images around the room with only one side showing. Give each kid a checklist and have them check off their page when they spot the animal. Once they start saying they can't find some of the animals, encourage them to flip over the image to find the animals on the back of each paper!
- This game seemed really easy at first, right? But did you expect that some of the animals you

were looking for were on the back of the ones you could see?

- Unexpected things can happen at any time, even when we think we definitely know how something will turn out!

## TEACHING TIME

### SCRIPTURE | II Samuel 7:1-14a

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Hold a Bible in your lap as you tell the Bible story.*
- King David had a house. It was a great, big house with strong, wood walls. (*Hold your arms out wide.*)
- King David liked his house, but he was sad that God's house – the place where people went to worship God – was only a tent. (*Make a sad face.*)
  - God's house was a tent with cloth for the walls. It was not big and strong like King David's house.
  - So David wanted to build a big, fancy building for God.
- But God didn't want David to build a building for the church. God told his special messenger, the prophet Nathan, to tell King David not to build it.
  - David was confused. Didn't God want a beautiful new building where people could come to worship?
  - But God had different plans. God told David that one of his children would also become king, and building a new house for God would be their job.
- That was God's way of letting David know that he would be a king that is remembered forever. Even though he wouldn't be making God's new house himself, David knew that God would always take care of his family even long after he was gone.

### THE BIG IDEA | God does unexpected things.

- Here's a fun animal fact for you: Sea otters sometimes hold hands while they all float and sleep on their backs. They do this because they don't want one of the sea otters to float away from their group. Isn't that cool?
- Let's all hold hands now and say the Big Idea together. **God does unexpected things.**

### VIDEO | Unusual, Episode 3

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

### ACTIVITY | Pass the Crown

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Seat the kids in a circle and help them pass the [crown](#) around the circle. Play some fun music while you do this. Stop the music periodically and ask the kid holding the crown to say the Big Idea.*
- We can take turns passing this crown around our circle. In today's Bible story, we heard that God wanted David to know that he would be king and then his son, and then his grandson. God would let the king's crown stay in their family.

## PRAYER

- Dear God, thank You for doing things for me when I don't expect it. Help me remember that everything you do is because you love me. Thank you for taking care of me. Amen.

## DISCUSSION TIME

### SNACK | Build a Snack

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show the kids how to use [pretzel sticks](#) to make a basic square shape to look like a house with a pointed roof. The younger kids may just want to stack up the pretzel sticks.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Instead of pretzel sticks, give the toddlers graham cracker pieces to stack and build with.
- You can pretend to build a big, wood house for King David with your pretzels. What an unexpected way to build!

### ACTIVITY | Around and Around

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use masking tape to make a figure eight on the floor. Have each kid grab an [animal toy](#) and march them along the path.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Make a circle with tape and lead the toddlers in following you around the tape line
- Wow! If the animals keep going on this road, they would go around and around.
- Our Bible story was about how God wanted King David to know that his kingdom would go on and on just like our road.
- **Who was the king in our Bible story?**
- **What did the king want to build?**
- **Who did God say was going to build it?**

### ACTIVITY | Animal Crossing

- Let's pretend that we are going to build God's house.
- Go to any tree (leader) you see and shake them to see what materials you get to make a new building!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Recruit as many leaders as possible to be "trees." Give them a box of random supplies (see your Shop and Prep List for suggestions) and drop one item each time a kid shakes them.
- Some of the things that fell out of the tree were pretty unexpected! **How did you use those items to build your temple?**
- Sometimes it's hard to tell what God is doing. Some of the things God does might not make sense to us. But God sees everything and one day it will make perfect sense to us, too!
- **God does unexpected things** . . . and it's awesome!

### MEMORY VERSE | Isaiah 55:8 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print two copies of the Memory Verse printable. Tape one card to the back of each kid, without showing them what it is. Tape the other set in order across the floor. Have kids

go around asking everyone to describe the animal on their back. Have leaders play to help give clues. Once they think they know what animal they are, they should go stand on their spot on the floor. Verify that everyone has lined up in the correct order and say the verse together a few times.

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Take the two sets of printables and play a matching game!

## PLAY TIME

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

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide this week's coloring page and some crayons or markers. Talk with kids about today's Bible story and Big Idea as the kids color.

### ACTIVITY | Whose House?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Line a plastic bin with blue construction paper and another bin with green paper. Help the kids sort [animal toys](#) or [animal stickers](#) onto the paper based on where they live – the blue represents water and the green represents land.

### ACTIVITY | Animal Swap

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids make animal heads and bodies out of play-doh. Then have them swap out parts with their friends to see what new, unexpected creations they can make!

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