



# WEEK 4

## PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



### THE BIG IDEA

God's love is unchangeable.

### THE BIBLE

David and Bathsheba:

II Samuel 11:1-15

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## WELCOME TIME

- MUSIC** | "Unchanging God"
- ACTIVITY** | Sea Lion Relay
- ACTIVITY** | Wacky Hokey Pokey

## TEACHING TIME

- SCRIPTURE** | II Samuel 11:1-15
- THE BIG IDEA** | God's love is unchangeable.
- VIDEO** | Unusual, Episode 4
- ACTIVITY** | Weird Hybrids
- PRAYER**

## DISCUSSION TIME

- SNACK** | My Placemat
- ACTIVITY** | Unchanging Stress Ball
- ACTIVITY** | Changing Colors
- MEMORY VERSE** | Isaiah 55:8 (NIV)

## PLAY TIME

- ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page
- ACTIVITY** | Hide and Seek
- ACTIVITY** | "King George and the Ducky"



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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 | Sea Lion Relay

See how long they can keep the balloon on their nose by counting to ten.

#### ACTIVITY | Wacky Hokey Pokey

Sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" and have kids sound and act out the different animals. You can make this more fun by adding fun adjectives to the animals (e.g., loud dog, quiet cow, jumping lion, crawling cat, hopping bunny, etc.).

#### ACTIVITY | Unchanging Stress Ball

Give toddlers completed stress balls that they can play with.

#### ACTIVITY | Hide and Seek

Ask one adult to hide and then ask all the kids to go look for them.



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## PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



### THE BIG IDEA

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### THE BIBLE

David and Bathsheba:

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## WELCOME TIME

### MUSIC | "Unchanging God"

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Sing and dance along to some fun songs during your worship time. Along with your kids' favorite songs, consider adding, "[Unchanging God](#)" by Victory Worship to your playlist.

### ACTIVITY | Sea Lion Relay

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Split the group into two teams. Give everyone an inflated balloon. Mark starting and finish lines using painter's tape. Have one player from each team walk to the finish line balancing the balloon on their nose. Once they reach the finish line, they can drop their balloon and run back to tag the next player.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** See how long they can keep the balloon on their nose by counting to ten.
- **Was it easy to balance the balloon on your nose?**
- It would have been easy to just hold it, right? But then we would be breaking the rules of the game.
- Today's Bible story is going to show us that we always have the choice to do something good and something not-so-good. God wants us to make the right choice.

### ACTIVITY | Wacky Hokey Pokey

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** This game is a twist on hokey pokey. Provide hula hoops for every two or three kids. Whenever you call out a body part, have them place it inside the hula hoop. Also instead of spinning around for "hokey pokey", have them jog around the outside of the hula hoop. To make it

more theme-related, call out things like, wing, beak, tail, paw. Use a fun, instrumental hokey pokey track like [this one](#).

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Sing “Old MacDonald Had a Farm” and have kids sound and act out the different animals. You can make this more fun by adding fun adjectives to the animals (e.g., loud dog, quiet cow, jumping lion, crawling cat, hopping bunny, etc.).

- Even though this game was full of changes, it was still the same Hokey Pokey song we knew . . . that didn’t change!
- Today we’re going to talk about something that never ever changes!

## TEACHING TIME

### SCRIPTURE | II Samuel 11:1-15

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Much of this Bible story is too much for kids, but with your help, they can learn about God’s unconditional love. Be sure to hold the Bible in your lap as you read this script.
- David had been a very good king. He treated people well, he made good choices, and all of the people in his kingdom loved him.
- One day, there was trouble with another kingdom. To protect his own kingdom, David decided he needed to send his army into battle. But instead of going with them to the battle, King David stayed in his castle. Safe and sound.
  - While his army was off fighting in the battle to protect the kingdom, David got bored. And while he was bored, he was walking around on top of his castle looking out into his kingdom.
  - It was then that he saw a woman that wasn’t his wife and he wished that she was.
  - It was not right for David to wish for someone else’s wife and extra not right to decide to marry her and send her real husband away. But David did those things anyway.
- God doesn’t like it when we take things that aren’t ours because that hurts other people. But if we do, God wants us to tell the truth and make it right!
- David’s choices weren’t good choices. They were selfish choices that hurt others. Later, David was really sorry about what he had done and God forgave him.
- Even though David did something God really did not like, God’s love stayed the same. It always stays the same!

### THE BIG IDEA | God’s love is unchangeable.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Instruct the kids to stand on one side of the classroom or playground with you. Shout, “Change places,” then run with them to the other end of the room. When everyone has gotten to the other side of the room, yell the Big Idea together: **God’s love is unchangeable**. Then say, “Change places,” and tell everyone to run to the other side of the room and shout the Big Idea again.

### VIDEO | Unusual, Episode 4

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

### ACTIVITY | Weird Hybrids

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw some made-up hybrid animals by combining features of two different animals (e.g., a cow with octopus tentacles instead of legs). Show each picture and have kids guess what two animals have been combined to make this new animal. You can also ask what sound this new animal would make. See if they'd like to create their own!
- Look at how we changed up all these animals . . . which is impossible in real life! Just like how it will be impossible to change God's love for us! **God's love is unchangeable!**

### PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you for loving me even when I sometimes make wrong choices. Thank you for your unchanging love for me. Amen.

## DISCUSSION TIME

### SNACK | My Placemat

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before snack time, let the kids decorate their own [placemat](#).
- This is (Kid's name)'s placemat. You did a great job making it yours. I will put your snack on your placemat. Be sure not to take the snack from anyone else's placemat. That is their snack, and this is yours.
- We learned in our Bible story that King David was so ashamed about taking something that wasn't his, he tried to hide it.
- When we do something we shouldn't do, we shouldn't hide it – we need to tell the truth and say we are sorry. But even when we do things God doesn't want us to do, God loves us anyway. **God's love is unchangeable.**

### ACTIVITY | Unchanging Stress Ball

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a balloon, a water bottle cut in half (line the cut part with masking tape so that it's not sharp), a popsicle stick, cornstarch, and a little bit of water. Help kids attach the balloon to the opening of the funnel and add in water and some cornstarch, using the popsicle stick to push the contents down. Knot their balloons for them tightly to form their new stress ball! Check out the full [tutorial here](#).  
 ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Give toddlers completed stress balls that they can play with.
- This stress ball can help us whenever we feel like we made a mistake or when someone's upset us. But you see how the stress ball doesn't stay squished when you squeeze it? God's love for us is like that.
- Even when we do something God will not like, God will always forgive you and love you just as much as always! **God's love is unchangeable.**

### ACTIVITY | Changing Colors

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Put a bit of blue paint in one corner of a Ziploc bag and a bit of yellow paint in the other corner. Lay the bag on a table and use tape to seal the top of the bag and secure the bag

to the table. Show the kids how to push the paint around in the bag.

- I see two colors, blue and yellow. When you push these colors around, they might change.
- A lizard-looking creature called a chameleon does a neat trick like this. It can change its color to keep itself hidden from predators.
- **Was it okay for King David to try and hide what he did?**
- Even though David tried to hide, like a color-changing chameleon, God knew the truth. But God did not change. **God's love is unchangeable.**

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

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids sit in a circle. Assign each kid one or a few words of the memory verse. When you point to them, have them say their assigned word(s). Do this all the way through the circle. After they recited the verse a few times in order, have them swap seats. See if they can say the verse in order, even though they're in different seats. You can point to them in the order of the verse, if needed.

## PLAY TIME

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

#### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

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

#### ACTIVITY | Hide and Seek

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Go to the playground or a large space in the building. Play a simple game of hide and seek with the kids where you are the seeker.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Ask one adult to hide and then ask all the kids to go look for them.
- We don't need to hide when we do something wrong. God loves us no matter what! **God's love is unchangeable!**

#### ACTIVITY | "King George and the Ducky"

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Watch the Veggie Tales [video](#) or read a copy of the [book](#), "King George and the Ducky."

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