



## THE GOSPEL PROJECT PRESCHOOL Unit 31.3: No favoritism

**Date:** Sunday January 28, 2024 **Teachers:** Rick & Anne L (lead) , Renee H

**Props:** \*\* from home: bring in an age appropriate puzzle from home at centre: activity sheet in the folder, cards

**Bible Passage:** James 2:1-3 **Key Passage:** Galatians 2:20

### Review Rules:

**One Mouth speaking at a time** (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

**Two Hands kept to myself** (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

**Two Feet kept to myself** (kids cross legs)

**Speak Kind words like our God three in ONE!**

### INTRO BIBLE STORY: *materials:* ( sheet in folder)

Lead children to point to the item that is different in each row. Good job deciding what was different! Did you know that God calls his people who trust in Jesus to live differently than people who do not trust in Jesus? We might have a favorite colour or ice cream flavour but in our bible story you will hear they were having favourite people- and they treated them different. Favoritism is treating some people better than other people. Let's hear today's Bible Story:

### THE BIBLE STORY (VIDEO)

### GOSPEL GEMS

**James wrote a letter to the believers.**

**James said to treat all people with kindness.**

**Jesus loves us, so we can love others.**

### SING A SONG:

Sing to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell":

"God helps us obey Him, God helps us obey Him!

We love the Lord, God helps us obey Him!"

**Paul said only Jesus can obey God all the time because He is God's Son. God helps us obey Him by giving us the Holy Spirit.**

### KEY PASSAGE:

***"I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20*** (have kids point to themselves on me and I and point up for son of God)

**We obey because God loves us.** Jesus gave his life for us and we want to live our life for him

**ACTIVITY: “Right and Wrong” materials:** (red and green paper in bin)

Tape a sheet of red paper and a sheet of green paper on opposite walls. Explain to preschoolers that you will call out an action. If preschoolers think the action is good and right, they should move to the green paper. If preschoolers think the action is wrong, they should move to the red paper. Use the following actions or create your own:

Taking something that does not belong to you

Sharing your dessert with a friend

Saying you are sorry when you do something wrong

Pushing someone who is in your way

Saying “no” when a teacher asks you to do something

What about treating some people better than other people? [Allow preschoolers to move to a side.] That is called favoritism, and it is wrong. In today’s Bible story, James wrote that people who believe in Jesus should treat everyone the same. Everyone has the same value determined by Jesus, the son of God who loved us and gave himself for us.

**ACTIVITY: “Favourites” materials:** (construction paper in blue bin, tape- before class write “Our Favorite Colours” at the top of a paper, and put strips of each colour on the paper and tape it to the wall)

Cut each colour of construction paper into strips and provide tape and guide the preschooler to tape her paper on the row for her favorite color. Comment on how many preschoolers like each color.

We all have favorite things. You might even have favorite people, like your mom or your dad or your gramma or grandpa. God wants us to show everyone love and kindness because He showed us love and kindness.

**OR LOW PREP ACTIVITY:**

Set out a chair for each preschooler. Invite preschoolers to stand beside their chair. Explain that you will call out a word, and preschoolers must do the corresponding action.

•Sit: sit on the chair

•Stand: stand beside the chair

•Floor: sit on the floor beside the chair

Call out the actions in different order and speeds.

SAY • James wrote, “Do not give the rich man a seat and tell the poor man to stand or sit on the floor.” James said treating some people better than others is not showing God’s love.. James tells us to love others because Jesus loves us. Jesus said people who follow Him love one another.

**PRAYER:** *Father, thank you that you loved me and gave your Son for me, help me to love everyone around me no matter how different from me they are. Amen*

**ACTIVITY/SNACK/CRAFT/ PLAYDOUGH/PUZZLES:** (last 15-20 min divide time between craft/snack/activities)

