

# KIDS Home Lessons

LET'S MAKE THE MOST OF THIS TIME TOGETHER!

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The Gospel Project Curriculum intentionally shares the whole story of Bible with kids on their developmental level over a 3 year cycle. Your child will be introduced to **gospel centrality** as their lessons connect all the pieces from individual stories in the Bible to show the **one big story of God's plan to redeem people through Jesus**. Our heart beat is to share the gospel of Jesus over and over again in order to anchor God's one big story into the hearts of kids.
- Gospel-centered parenting helps your child see that Jesus Christ is perfecter and the transformer of you and your child. Our aim is not to modify our children's behavior by teaching the Bible as a collection of moral stories and rules about how to behave. Rather when our children see that every story in the Bible points back to Jesus, they understand Jesus is God's plan from the beginning to rescue people from sin and death! The gospel changes everything, including us.
- A **catechism** is simply a method of learning the truths about God and his gospel by asking questions which prompt answers. We encourage you and your children to memorize the catechisms shared along with the accompanying **Scripture** to build a storehouse of knowledge that the Holy Spirit can use to transform us to look more like Jesus.
- **Repeat, repeat, repeat:** Throughout the lesson, repeat the **Big Picture Question** and the **Christ Connection** to remind the kids of what they've learned and why it's important. Make it fun to make it stick.
- **Make it stick:** We do activities and games, ask questions and review to help the Bible story stick. This helps kids know how to apply what they are learning. The goal of this time is to give them a chance to practice what they learned and give them an opportunity to share.

## BEFORE I TEACH

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**Read the Bible Story** to prepare yourself. After you read, **ask yourself:**

- What am I excited to teach from this passage?
- What did I learn about God (or myself) that was hard to hear?
- Did God reveal anything new to me in the passage?

**Read the Christ Connection** and **Big Picture Question**. After you read, **ask yourself:** *Why does this matter for the kids?* Jot down your answer in a journal, and pray the Holy Spirit would give you insight to know what truths about God your child needs to hear today.

## MEMORIZE

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- **Catechism**
- **YOU ASK:** Have you a soul as well as a body?
- **THEY ANSWER:** Yes. I have a soul that can never die
- **Scripture Verse**
  - John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

## STORY & WORSHIP

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- **Bible Story** | Help kids see that the Bible is true and it's full of stories that help us know God and trust Jesus.
    - Watch the video lesson provided on the website!
  - Review the Big Picture Question and the Christ Connection after the story.
    - **Big Picture Question:** Who can help serve as the church? Everyone can help serve as the church.
    - **Christ Connection:** Jesus' friends believed that everyone in the church had an important job to do to serve God's people and help spread the gospel. Jesus wants us to serve others so that people all over the world can hear and believe the news of His death and resurrection.
  - **Say** • How do we respond to this good news we just heard? **We worship God!**
    - Use the videos on the website to sing, dance and worship God together.
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## TALK ABOUT THE STORY

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- **PRE-K:**
  - Invite kids to answer the following review questions:
    - Who was not getting what they needed when the church gave out daily food? (some widows)
    - How many men did the church choose to serve? (seven)
    - Why did Jesus' friends need the seven men to help? (so they could focus on preaching and studying the Bible like Jesus told them to do)
    - Was preaching more important than helping God's people? (No, both jobs were important.)
    - Who can help at church? Everyone can help at church.
  - **Say** • Jesus' friends believed that everyone in the church had an important job to do Jesus wants us to serve others so that people all over the world can hear and believe that He died on the cross and rose again.
- **OLDER Kids:**
  - What is another word for women whose husbands have died? (widows)
  - What did the church provide to widows every day? (food)
  - Why did the Greek-speaking Jews complain? (Their widows were being overlooked when food was given out each day, Acts 6:1)
  - How many men did the apostles ask the believers to choose? (seven, Acts 6:3)
  - What kind of men did the apostles say the believers should choose? (good men, wise and full of the Holy Spirit; Acts 6:3)
  - What was the job of the seven men? (take care of the daily distributions)
  - Name one of the seven men. (Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, Nicolaus; Acts 6:5)
  - To what did the apostles devote themselves? (prayer and preaching God's Word)
  - Who prayed for and laid hands on the seven men? (the apostles, Acts 6:6)
  - Who can do God's work? God gives every believer skills for doing His work.
- **Say** • The apostles needed help making sure the work of the church was being done well. Both jobs were important, but the apostles knew they must keep teaching God's Word. Hearing the Word is how people repent of their sin and trust in Jesus as Savior.

## MAKE IT STICK

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- **Activity for PREK:**
  - **Make thank-you cards for church leaders**
    - Provide construction paper and art supplies, such as crayons, stickers, and washable markers. Invite the children to make thank-you cards to leaders in the church. While the children work, tell them about different jobs that people do throughout the week in order to serve the church. Remind kids that the church is the people, not the building! Make arrangements to deliver the cards this week.
    - **Say** • Did you know that each week lots of people work together to help people learn about Jesus? Some people like our pastor pray and teach about Jesus. Other people work as greeters who smile and say “hello” and hold open the door to welcome you to church. Each helper is important. Everyone works together to spread the good news about Jesus! Who can help at church? Everyone can help at church.
- **Activity for 1ST-2ND GRADE:**
  - **Speed stack**
    - Place kids in teams. Provide 10 plastic cups for each team. Guide kids to stack the cups: four cups on the bottom, three cups on the second level, two cups on the third level, and one cup on the top level. Each team member must stack at least one cup. The first team to stack the cups correctly wins. Play several times.
    - **Say** • Great job working together as a team. Everyone had to help to complete the task of stacking the cups. In our Bible story today, we will learn how the early church worked together to accomplish God’s work.
- **Activity for 3RD-5TH GRADE:**
  - **Interview a deacon**
    - Invite a deacon or another church helper to come to your class. Ask them to share how they serve and what skills God has given them to do His work. Give children an opportunity to ask questions.
    - **Say** • Hearing how God is using different people with different skills to serve the church is exciting. Who can do God’s work? God gives every believer skills for doing His work. We can ask God to show us what skills He has given us to serve the church and its mission as well.

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## LET'S PRAY

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- Encourage kids that **Jesus hears them** any time they are talking to him! This is a great way to grow closer to your children and to hear their heart. Ask Jesus to help you believe and do what you've learned together.
- **Praying Together:**
  - Start a family journal where you can remember together what you are learning, what you and your children are praying for and praising God for
  - Ask your children for one thing they want to thank or praise God for and one way they want God's help so you can pray about that together.
  - Preschoolers can learn how to pray by repeating small phrases after you as you pray aloud.
  - Visit our Family Resources page for more ideas!



**BONUS!**

## The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they know what the word "gospel" means. Clarify that the word gospel means "good news." It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.

- **God rules.** Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.
- **We sinned.** Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)
- **God provided.** Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.
- **Jesus gives.** Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.
- **We respond.** Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.