



Kindergarten-2nd

May 25-26, 2013

DATE

Celebration

LESSON TITLE

I Timothy 2:4-5 (Pg.1401); Psalm 95:1 (Pg.705)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Celebrate getting to be part of God's Story!

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes): Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (20-30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. *If you all have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.*

tips

Break kids into small groups before large group. Talk to them about their week and let them share celebrations. It'll be a great way for you to connect with each individual kid and begin establishing rapport. Then, after large group, they'll know just where to go for small group activities—and who'll lead them.

check-in/out

As parents pick kids up, encourage them to check out the pennants kids made—and to ask their kids why we decorated for a celebration.

large group heads up

Today looks a little different: we're going to talk about the Bible and how it's God's whole story with smaller parts, and celebrate that we get to be a part of God's Story. We also sing a little more than usual. After all, music and dancing are an important part of parties!



instructions

Goal: Kids will recognize how exciting it is that God wants all of us to be part of his family and his story.

Why? Sometimes, it's easy to hear Bible stories and learn about Bible characters but forget the best news: God wants us to be a part of his story, too! We want to step back and celebrate that today.

Tip: If kids ask you questions about the Bible that you don't the answer to, go ahead and admit it. Encourage them to ask their parents and talk to God about it this week.

small group

CONNECT

1. What was the best part of your week? (If you've already connected before large group, move directly to question #2)
2. Tell me about the best party you've ever been to ...and why it was so fun.
3. What are some reasons we celebrate? (Birthdays, holidays, graduation, etc.)

REVIEW/RELATE

4. (Hold up the **Bible**): Let's go back to this book. Each of you think of one thing you know about this book (pass it around and let them flip through):
 - a. It's God's Story
 - b. There are smaller stories about people who followed God and were part of his story
 - c. There are books, chapters, and verses to help us find things (point them out to kids)
 - d. Do you guys have any questions about the Bible? (Do your best to answer!)
5. What are some of your favorite parts of God's Story? (brainstorm favorite Bible stories—encourage new kids to think of something they heard today)
6. Do you know somebody (or the story of somebody) who's been a part of God's Story? Tell us about them. (Use Bible characters and people kids know.)
7. What are some ways that WE can be a part of God's Story? (Connect to the people you just discussed. Can also add: tell others about Jesus' Rescue and God's Story, show others how to follow Jesus by treating them with kindness, obeying our parents, putting others first, etc.)
8. Do you guys think we should celebrate that we get to be a part of God's Story? (Let kids discuss; guide them toward saying—yes, it's great news and means we'll one day get to live with Jesus forever in the perfect world he re-creates.)

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ACTIVITY

Well, we're going to create some party decorations to celebrate that we get to be a part of God's Story. Each kid gets a **paper pennant** (one triangle per kid) to color. You can draw a Bible, a picture of your favorite Bible story or character, a picture of YOU being a part of God's Story, a picture of somebody who told you about God's Story, a picture of Jesus, or just a picture of a party! Choose a group theme or let kids pick individual images!

- Draw Together
- Ask kids to share their image and why they drew it

***Pray together, thanking God that we can be a part of his story!**

JOIN TOGETHER

After each small group has completed their pennants, ask groups to hold up their pennants while a kid representative of each shares what they drew. Once all small groups have shared, hang up the pennants or lay them across a table/floor where parents will see them. Turn on some celebratory tunes!

(If kids want to take theirs home, pull it off for them and hand it to them as they leave. Otherwise, hang them up for the next service, if there is one!)

**Extra time? While the tunes set the tone, play a group game at your table. Or play a whole-group game of freeze dance!*

LARGE group

special notes

This day has a lot more singing—it's a wrap-up of ALL of God's story, from Creation to Re-Creation, and a reminder of the BEST part: God wants us to be part of his story.

presenter tips

The Bible isn't just a big old book: it's God's story...*that we can be a part of!* Reflect excitement about God's Word to kids.

script

Hi kids! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you all here. Today, I'm excited to tell you that we're going to be celebrating God's Story! That's right, today's like a party. But before we celebrate God's Story, let's talk a little bit about it.

INTRO: THE BIBLE IS GOD'S STORY

(Hold up the **Bible**.) First of all, we can read about God's Story in the Bible, which is a ____? (Let kids say: book!) Yes, but this isn't like every other book. It's pretty long...and inside this book, you will find lots of other, shorter books—66 of them!

And *then* inside each book are a whole lot of numbers called chapters and *verses*. Wow, that's a lot of numbers and a lot of books inside a book! To find out why the Bible has so many books and numbers, I need a little help. Let's visit somebody we haven't seen in awhile....Shrimpola!

Video: Ask Shrimpola / The Bible

Alright, so why are there books inside the Bible—with chapters and verses? (Let kids respond.) Yes, to help us find parts of God's Story!

See, the WHOLE Bible is God's Story—from the time God created the world to the picture he gives us of the brand new world he will re-create for God's entire family!

THE PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE ARE PART OF GOD'S STORY

(**Flip through the Bible.**) But then there are lots of different *parts* of God's stories—the stories of people who are part of God's Story, like Noah and Abraham and Moses and Joseph and David...and John the Baptist and Paul and Silas and Timothy! And more!



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WE CAN BE PART OF GOD'S STORY...

And has the new world been re-created yet? The perfect one that God's going to make for his whole family? (Let kids say: NO!) No, it hasn't! Do we still get sick? (Let kids respond.) How about sad? (Let kids respond.) How about hurt? Has anybody here been hurt? (Let kids respond.) Me, too! That means God hasn't re-made the world into a perfect place yet...

...Which means the story isn't over! God's Story is still happening and you and I can be a part of it! To find out how, let's go back to our friend Shrimpola. As we watch, let's see if we can figure out why we can STILL be a part of God's Story!

Ask Shrimpola: God's Story

So why can we all still be a part of God's Story? (Let kids say: God is still saving us today!) That's right, Jesus rescued us and God is still rescuing us today—new people are still choosing to believe in Jesus' rescue and be a part of God's family!

And God wants *everyone* to know about Jesus' rescue! I Timothy 2:4-5 says this:

I Timothy 2:4-5: God wants everyone to be saved and to know the whole truth, which is, there is only one God, and Christ Jesus is the only one who can bring us to God. Jesus was truly human, and he gave himself to rescue all of us.

(Act confused.) So... how do you think people will find out about Jesus' Rescue? (Let kids say: they will read the Bible or people will tell them.) Oh, great ideas! (Act concerned)...but who do you think can tell them? (Let kids say: we can!) Fantastic idea! That's right, WE can!

...AND THAT'S A REASON TO CELEBRATE!

Wow, so every single one of us knows we can be a part of God's Story and tell others about Jesus' Rescue! That brings us to the "party" part of today! Because being a part of God's Story gives us a reason to celebrate. It's amazing that God invites us to be part of his story *and* his family! So let's celebrate together now!

Music Video: Celebrate (*ask kids to stand or sit, depending on what's best for your group; there are no hand motions to learn ahead of time, but there are simple dance moves done on screen that kids can follow along with*)

God is so great! It's pretty amazing that he loves us and invites us to be a part of his story! Let's think of our favorite ways to celebrate. Stand up if you like singing and dancing. (Let kids respond.) Stand up if you like playing with your friends. (Let kids stand.) Okay, now stand up if you prefer shouting! (Let kids stand.) And everybody stand up anyway, even if you're not sure how you like to celebrate!

Psalm 95:1 says this: SLIDE: ***Psalm 95:1-Come, let us sing with joy to the LORD. Let us give a loud shout to the Rock who saves us.***



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We sang to the Lord already, but why don't we give a LOUD shout to the one who rescues us! On the count of three, we're going to shout, "Jesus rescues!" And we're going to shout it LOUD. Ready? 1-2-3: "Jesus Rescues!" Oh, I think you guys can do better than that: 1-2-3 "Jesus rescues!" Whew! Pretty good. I know Jesus LOVES hearing that!

WORSHIP

Before we go celebrate some more in our small groups, let's worship God together. First, we're going to sing a song about following Jesus to remind us that we all can be a part of his story!

Song: *Grow Up Like Jesus* (hand motions and lyrics are on-screen)

(If you have time for one more, sing another!) This next one reminds us that God wants us to follow Jesus and be a part of his story!

Song: *Come With Me* (new music video version the kids haven't seen—can do hand motions or just watch)

PRAY

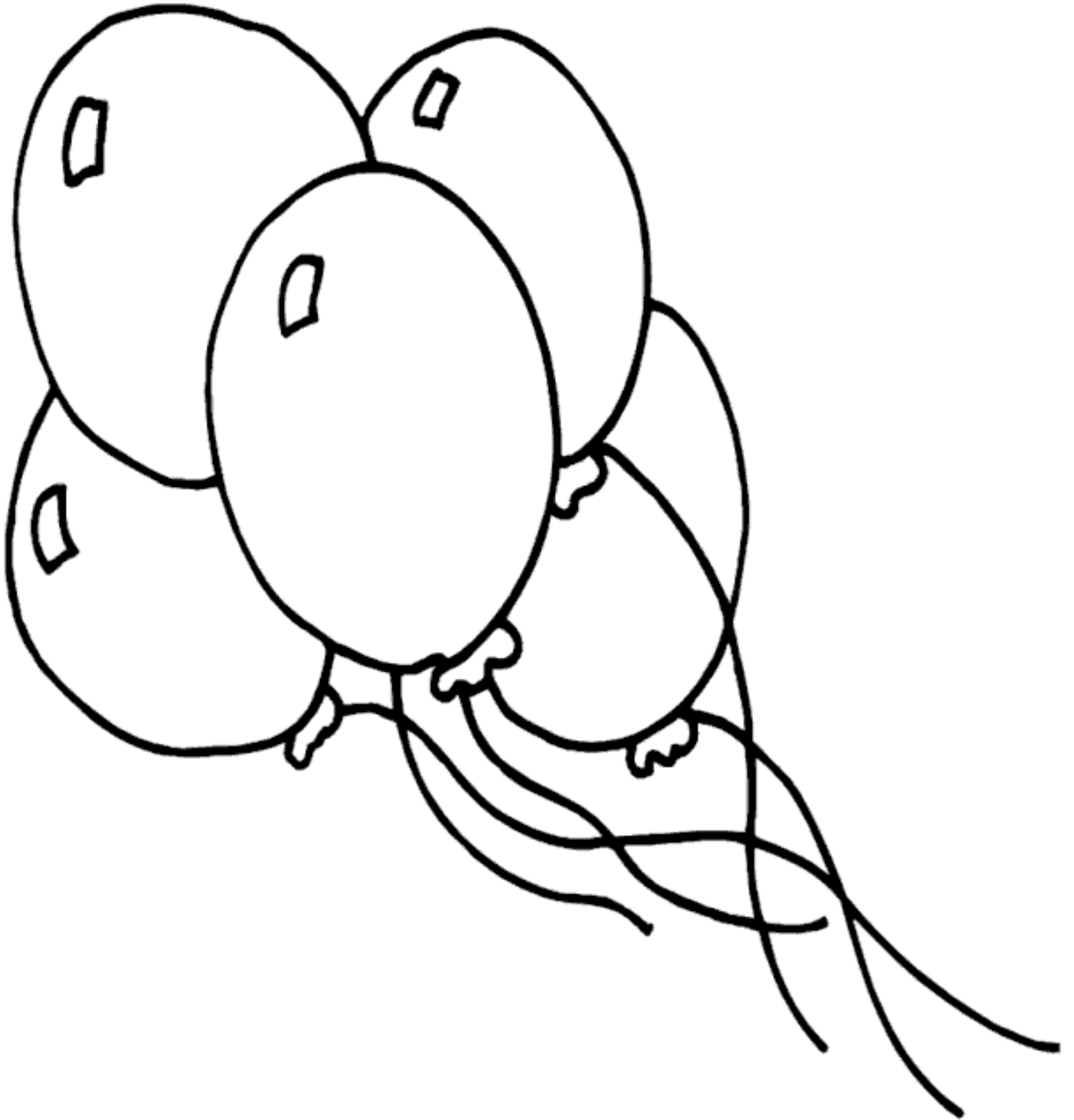
Ask someone to come thank God for letting us all be a part of his story!



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring pages: Balloons

- Do-It-Yourself Pennant Kits (OT: IN-13596792)- Each kid will need 1 triangle "pennant". Each group will need one string/cord to hang up the pennants that the group will make.
- 1 Bible per small group (Adventure Bible for Early Readers (pp. 705, 1401))
- markers

large group supplies

Adventure Bible for Early Readers (pp. 705, 1401)

a/v needs

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4. Music Video: Celebrate (on Vimeo)
5. SLIDE: Psalm 95:1-Come, let us sing with joy to the LORD. Let us give a loud shout to the Rock who saves us.
6. Song: Grow Up Like Jesus (version with person doing hand motions)
7. Music Video: Come With Me (fast version with the musicians being filmed and played back at high speed)

special room set-up

none

connect questions

Tell me about the Bible.

Why did you celebrate today?

parent page

Today was a bit of a Bible review and celebration. First, we talked about how the whole Bible is God's Story but how there are smaller books inside with stories of people who were *part* of God's Story. The best part is, we can be part of God's Story, too. We did a lot of celebrating today, because that's *great* news!