3PK

January 24-25, 2015

DATE

We are valuable to God

LESSON TITLE

Matthew 6:25-34
Jesus Storybook Bible (pp. 228-235)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God Takes Care of Us Because He Loves Us

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour: Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Don't just supervise; get on the floor and play *with* the kids. They might want to pretend you're Batman or a unicorn, but that's okay. Meet them at their level.

check-in/out

As kids leave, tell their parents to ask them about the picture they made.

large group heads up

Today we're learning about how God loves birds and flowers SO much that he always provides food for birds and "clothes" for flowers. We are so much more valuable to God than them, which means we can trust him to take care of us too!

CONNECT time

connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- Today, we're going to talk about why we don't need to be worried or scared.
  - Let me see your scariest face! (make scary faces)
  - What makes you guys scared? (Let kids answer or offer hints like: monsters on TV, the dark, loud noises, spiders, snakes—avoid heavy topics)
  - Do you think there's anybody who can take care of you, even around spiders or snakes or in the dark (improvise to fit your group's list)? (JESUS)
  - Yes, and does Jesus want to take care of you? (Let kids say: YES!)

Tell kids we're going to hear about some people who were worried—and why Jesus told them NOT to worry. We're going to find out why we don't have to be scared of anything!

Then practice putting on your listening ears. Say, "Shhh!" and remind them to stay quiet for Large Group. Tip-toe in together!

SMALL group

instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) retell today's story and (2) recognize that Jesus takes care of us because he loves us.

Why? Kids will begin to understand how much God values them, even at a young age.

Tip: Make today's activity into 2 activities. Focus on coloring food and "feeding" the bird first. Then "dress" the flowers.

small group

***Give kids a snack as you review the story.**

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What kinds of people were coming to Jesus? (Sad, happy, old, young, sick, healthy, short, tall, scared, and worried; basically, anybody!)
2. What kinds of things were the people worried about? (food and clothes) What kinds of things do you worry about?
3. Jesus taught the worried people to stop being scared. Which two things did Jesus talk about? (Give hints if you want: birds and flowers)
4. How does God take care of birds? (they always have food)
5. How does God take care of flowers? (they always look pretty; are dressed)
6. Who does God love even more than birds and flowers? (Let kids point to themselves!)

ACTIVITY: ACT OUT THE STORY

- Give kids **paper with a bird and flower**.
- Let them choose **1 food sticker** and **color** the food and birds (God gives food to birds—and us!)
- Give **clothes stickers** (about 5) and let them "dress" and color the flowers (God makes flowers beautiful—and us!)
- Give each kid a **heart sticker** to wear: God loves them the MOST!

***Pray together, thanking God that he loves us SO much!**

*Give kids a **flower and birds coloring page**. Still have time? Try the activity on the next page!*

Play Simon Says: Line the kids up in a row. Stand a few feet away, facing them. Explain that you will give them a command…it should be fun and silly like "touch your nose," "spin around," "jump on one foot," or "quack like a duck." Before most commands, you will say, "Simon Says." ("Simon says spin around!") If Simon says it, the kids should do it. But…if Simon doesn't say it ("Spin around!") the kids should stand still. To mix it up, let kids take turns playing Simon. Or turn it into "_____(kid's name) Says."

LARGE group

special notes

This video is not our original content and therefore cannot be previewed online. However, the script follows pages 228-235 in the Jesus Storybook Bible.

presenter tips

Make sure you use lots of eye contact and muster as much energy as possible as you present. Kids love it when you act silly and over-the-top, so go for it. They'll love it and it will help the lesson to stick.

script

Play intro slide with music when kids enter the room.

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 4 Share With Others *(About 1 minute)*

Wow, I can't wait to obey in Kids' Club today. Before we hear our story, can I see a big "thumbs up" from everybody who's ready to obey? (Let kids respond.) Great job! Now I think we're ready to hear God's story.

REVIEW THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S STORY
(Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) This is where we can read about God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN, something bad happened. A snake tricked the first two people, Adam and Eve, into thinking they didn't need to trust or obey God. So Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world… Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God…God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again. We've been talking about that King and Rescuer. His name is… (Let kids say: Jesus!) Yes, Jesus!

INTRO: JESUS CAME SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN KNOW GOD
Jesus came to rescue us and to show us how much God loves us! People came from all

around to see Jesus. All different kinds of people, people like you and me! Everybody, stand up! (Let kids stand.)

There were tall people. Everybody reeeaaacchhh high (model and let kids repeat). There were short people. Everybody squat low (model and let kids repeat). There were people who were happy and loved to laugh. Everybody laugh (say: "HAHAHA!" and let kids repeat). There were people who were sad. Everybody pretend to cry (say: "boohoo" and let kids repeat).

Great job! You can have a seat (let kids sit). And you know what? Just like you talked about while you were waiting for large group, some of the people who met Jesus…were scared. Everybody, pretend to be scared (make a scared face and let kids repeat).

GOD TAKES CARE OF BIRDS AND FLOWERS
Well, Jesus told people who were scared or sad or left out or hurt that God wants to take care of us…because he loves all of us so much! Jesus reminded people that God takes care of birds and flowers. And we are definitely more important to him than birds and flowers! Let's watch a video to see how God takes care of birds and flowers—and all of us!

Video: Jesus Storybook Bible / The Singer

Wow, Jesus is right, isn't he?! Has anybody seen a bird pushing a cart at the grocery store? (Let kids respond.) No! That's silly! How about flowers? Has anybody seen a flower wearing a dress? (Let kids respond.) Of course not! But birds eat and flowers are beautiful. **(*Show picture of flowers.*)** I mean, just look at those colors.

I see yellow. If you are wearing yellow, point to it. (Let kids point.) Hmmm, I also see pink. If you are wearing pink, point to it. (Let kids point; continue with several other colors that your group is wearing). And if you didn't find the color you're wearing, that's OK! I know there are flowers in here (refer to picture) the same color.

WE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN BIRDS OR FLOWERS
God loves taking care of birds and flowers. But remember, He loves taking care of people WAY more! Stand up if you are more important than a bird or a flower (let all kids stand). That's right!

Let's pray together and thank God that he loves us SO much!

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for loving us! Thanks for taking care of us! We love you too. A-MEN.

WORSHIP
Now let's stand and show our love to God by singing to him.

Song: Jesus Loves Me (with hand motions)
Song: Be Strong
Extra Song: King of the Jungle

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)

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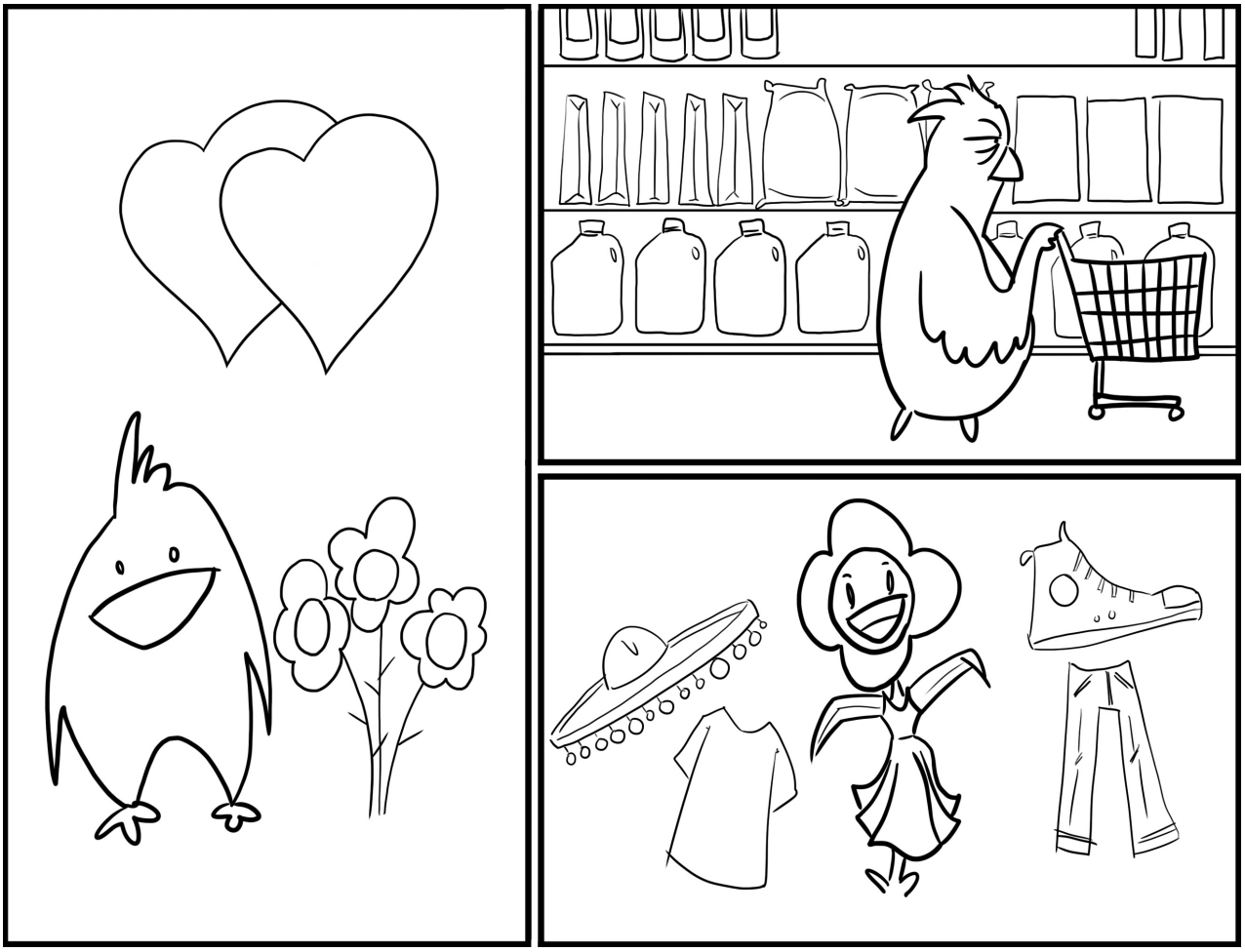

PREP needs

connect time supplies

no need to worry discussion - No supplies needed

small group supplies

Per group
Markers/crayons

Per kid

- 1 paper with a bird and flower on it (template provided)
- 1 food sticker printed on Avery 5294 labels
- 1 outfit's worth of clothes – approximately 5 stickers (OT: IN-48/9695; please separate the clothes and human stickers; use clothes only)
- 1 heart sticker (something like OT: IN-12/1885)
- Coloring page: Bird/Flowers

large group supplies

Jesus Storybook Bible (p. 228, "The Singer")

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS 4 Share With Others (http://vimeo.com/99633584)
3. Video: Public>Kids Club>Kids Club Media Videos Songs>Videos>Jesus Storybook Bible> The Singer)
4. Image: flowers (with many colors)
5. Song: Jesus Loves Me (with hand motions)
6. Song: Be Strong
7. Extra Song: King of the Jungle

connect questions

Why does God take care of birds and flowers?
Why does God take care of me?

parent page

Today, we're learning about how God loves birds and flowers SO much that he always provides for them. The good news is, we can trust God to take care of us too…because we are far more valuable to him! Read about it together in Matthew 6:25-34 in the Bible.