



Kindergarten-2nd

January 9-10, 2016

DATE

Jesus

LESSON TITLE

Hebrews 4:15; 1 Corinthians 13:4

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus is a person who never sinned.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 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

Take time to listen to kids who are in your room. Ask them more than yes/no questions. Then, make eye contact and listen.

Here are some questions to get you started:

- What is your favorite book? What do you like about it?
- Who is your favorite relative? Tell me about him/her.

check-in/out

When kids check-in, make sure their nametags are on the front of their shirts so you can easily address them throughout the service.

large group heads up

Today we're talking about Jesus—how he was like us and how he was different (because he was perfect). We can try to be more like Jesus, too!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

LIMITATIONS

- Gather kids into one large group, and choose one volunteer to be the leader for this activity.
- Tell kids that we're going to have a contest to see who can finish as many tasks as possible (what kids don't know yet is that the tasks will be really hard, because there will be a limitation on each task that makes it hard to complete.)
- Pass out paper and a marker to each kid, and then ask them to do the following (they'll use the paper and markers for some of the tasks, but not all):
 - Spell your name, BUT you have to use the hand that you don't normally use (for example, if you're right handed, use your left hand.)
 - Hop and down, BUT you can only use one leg.
 - Get your paper and marker again, and draw your face, BUT you can't look at your paper while you're drawing.
 - Walk across the room, BUT you have to walk on your knees only.
 - Walk back across the room, BUT now you can't use any feet OR knees!
 - Sing the ABC's, BUT you have to sing them backwards!
- Give kids a few minutes, or how ever long it takes, to try and complete each task.

TALK ABOUT IT

- Why was it hard to do those tasks?
- Are there things that are hard for you to do? Things in school, at home, with friends, etc?

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand how Jesus lived and never sinned and (2) understand how we can live like Jesus and follow his ways

Why? Perfection is unattainable, but we really can follow Jesus and make good choices.

Tip: If you have extra time, join with other small groups to play “follow the leader” or find a fun way to “lead a life of love” together, like telling another small group God loves them or cleaning up toys.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What things do you do that Jesus did, too?
2. What does it mean to say Jesus was without sin? (he never disobeyed God—always made good choices)
3. Do you think Jesus felt sad when he was your age? What makes you feel sad? Did those things make Jesus feel sad, too?
4. How does it make you feel to know Jesus understands you?
5. Say this verse for kids and teach them some motions: **1 Corinthians 13:4**
 - **Love is patient** (point a finger to your wrist, and tap an imaginary “watch”)
 - **Love is kind** (hug yourself)
 - **It does not envy, it does not boast** (criss-cross your hand in front of you)
 - **It is not proud.** (shake head “no” and put your hands on your hips)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Ask kids to give one specific thing they will do to live like Jesus this week. Go around the circle and let each kid answer. It could be showing love to someone who needs it, serving someone, doing something kind that you don’t normally do, etc.
- Next, hand out **bookmark templates** and **markers**. Tell kids to write down what they shared on one side of the bookmark. On the other side, draw a picture of it.
- If kids want, they can write/draw multiple examples!

*Extra Time? Give kids a **coloring page**. After that, play the **Connect Time** activity, but this time, have kids take turns coming up with the “hard” tasks!*

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special notes

“Perfect” can feel unattainable. While Jesus was perfect, focus on the fact that he always made good choices by following him.

presenter tips

Many kids will remember the phrase “lead a life of love” if you say it the same way throughout the script. Do the motions and the kinesthetic learners will remember, too!

script

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WELCOME AND INTRO

Hey everybody! Welcome to Kids’ Club. You all did great with that activity, although it was pretty funny seeing everyone try to do the tasks! What was the hardest thing to do? (Let 2-3 kids answer.) Yep, it sure looked difficult! There are lots of things that are hard for us to do. Some of them are silly, like today, and some of them aren’t so silly. We’re going to talk about how Jesus lived in a way that we can’t, because he was perfect! But we’ll see how we can still live like him, and follow his ways.

REVIEW

Most of us probably just got done celebrating Christmas. But who remembers *why* we celebrate Christmas? (Let kids respond). That’s right, it’s Jesus’ birthday. Jesus, the promised king, was born in a manger. He was so important that EVERYBODY from lowly, unimportant shepherds and rich, wise men worshiped him. Did anybody here do something special to worship Jesus this Christmas? (Let kids respond. Share a personal example.)

JESUS IS LIKE US

Well, after Jesus was born, guess what? He grew up, just like you. He was a baby who had his diapers changed and had to learn how to walk and talk... Pretty crazy, huh? We’re going to watch a video. As you watch, try to figure out one way that Jesus was like YOU!

Video: God’s Story / Jesus

Alright, put up one finger if you found at LEAST one way that Jesus was like you. Who wants to share? (Let kids respond – take 3-5 answers and list off the others if the kids don’t get them. Some responses might be: played with his friends, took naps, celebrated, went to parties, picked his nose, played games, help his mom with chores, played with his brothers and sisters,



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climbed trees, played outside, etc.>) Was anybody ELSE surprised at how many things Jesus did...just like us?

WE HAVE HUMAN LIMITATIONS

Celebrating and playing with our friends is really fun. But not everything about being a person is fun or easy. For instance, look at that wall. (Point to a nearby wall.) Can anybody see what's on the other side of that wall? Nope, we can't see through walls.

Now, everybody stand up. Reach as HIGH as you can, on your tiptoes. Can anybody touch the ceiling? Go ahead and jump to try. (Let kids respond.) Nobody? Huh. Interesting. Have a seat. (Let kids sit.) I guess we just can't do everything we want with these human bodies.

There are other tough things about life: (**show picture of sick kid**) Stick out your tongue if you've ever been sick before (demonstrate). Yeah, sometimes our bodies get sick. (**Show picture of scraped knee.**) Or if we fall on the ground, we scrape our skin. It hurts! And sometimes we bleed. (**Show picture of sleeping person.**) And we ALL have to sleep every night! Our bodies get tired—we just can't stay awake having fun all the time.

WE ARE TEMPTED TO MAKE BAD CHOICES

You know what else? Ever since all the wrong things in the world began, we sometimes make bad choices...and hurt other people.

Cross your arms if you've ever tried to get your way. (Let kids respond.) Maybe you've wanted to play your OWN game. Or you were playing video games and you didn't want to share. Maybe your mom made cookies and you really wanted to take the best for yourself....has anybody ever done that? I know I sure have!

JESUS WAS PERFECT

Well, when Jesus came to earth to rescue us, he was willing to be a person. So he got tired and had to sleep, and he probably got sick sometimes and scraped his knee. He couldn't jump up to the ceiling or see through walls. He was *just like us* in many ways!

But he was different, too. Jesus was NEVER, EVER selfish or greedy or mean. He NEVER hurt anybody. He never made a wrong choice. He was perfect. See, *unlike* you and me, Jesus never made a bad choice. He followed God every single day. The Bible says this in Hebrews.

SLIDE: Hebrews 4:15 We have a high priest who can feel it when we are weak and hurting. We have a high priest who has been tempted in every way, just as we are. But he did not sin.

When it says a high priest, it's talking about Jesus, sent from God! Isn't that amazing?! Jesus understands exactly how we feel when we're tired or sick or want to take the biggest cookie for ourselves. The difference is, Jesus NEVER EVER made a bad choice.

WE CAN FOLLOW JESUS BY LOVING OTHERS

The great news is, since Jesus lived on earth, he showed us how we can follow him, even as humans in our weak bodies. Even without any superpowers. And God wants us—his children,



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to follow Jesus. As we read the next verse, see if you can figure out what kind of love Jesus showed us, and what he wants us to show others.

SLIDE: 1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

Can someone tell me what love is supposed to be like, according to this verse? (Let a few kids answer.) That's right. It is patient and kind. It does not envy or boast. That means that we should not get mad when others have things that we wish we had. And we should never brag or act better than others. This is the kind of love Jesus shows us, and the kind of love we can show to others too.

LOVING LIKE JESUS

Let's look at some examples of how we can put this verse into practice, and live like Jesus did! (**Show picture of cookie.**) Let's say you REALLY want the biggest, gooiest cookie—the one with the most chocolate chips. You know you can grab it before your little brother or sister...CHOICE: What is the loving choice to make? (Let kids respond.) Yep, give it to them. Lead a life of love (cross arms over chest).

(**Show picture of lonely person.**) Now, you see a person sitting alone. They don't have anyone to talk to. You are with all of your friends having a GREAT time. Maybe your friends even laugh at that person. You feel bad that person is lonely, but you don't want to stop being with your friends. CHOICE: What is the loving choice to make? (Let kids respond.) Yes, go talk to them or invite them over with your friends. Lead a life of love (Cross arms over chest)

RESPOND

Let's all think about one way that WE can show love in our own lives. Maybe it's with our parents, or our brother or sister. Maybe it's with a friend, or someone we don't know very well. Everybody close your eyes for a few seconds. Ask God to show you one person you could show love to this week. (Pause and Okay, now turn to a friend next to you, and tell them how you're going to do it!

Remember, Jesus lived on earth like us. He showed us how to make good choices. Can we do that, too? (Let kids respond.) Yes, we sure can! Jesus showed us how!

PRAY

God, thank you for sending a rescuer that lived with us and showed us how to live and love others. We love you so much, amen!

WORSHIP

Let's spend some time with Jesus by singing about how much we love him. Everybody stand up, and get ready to worship!

Music Video: Jesus Loves Me

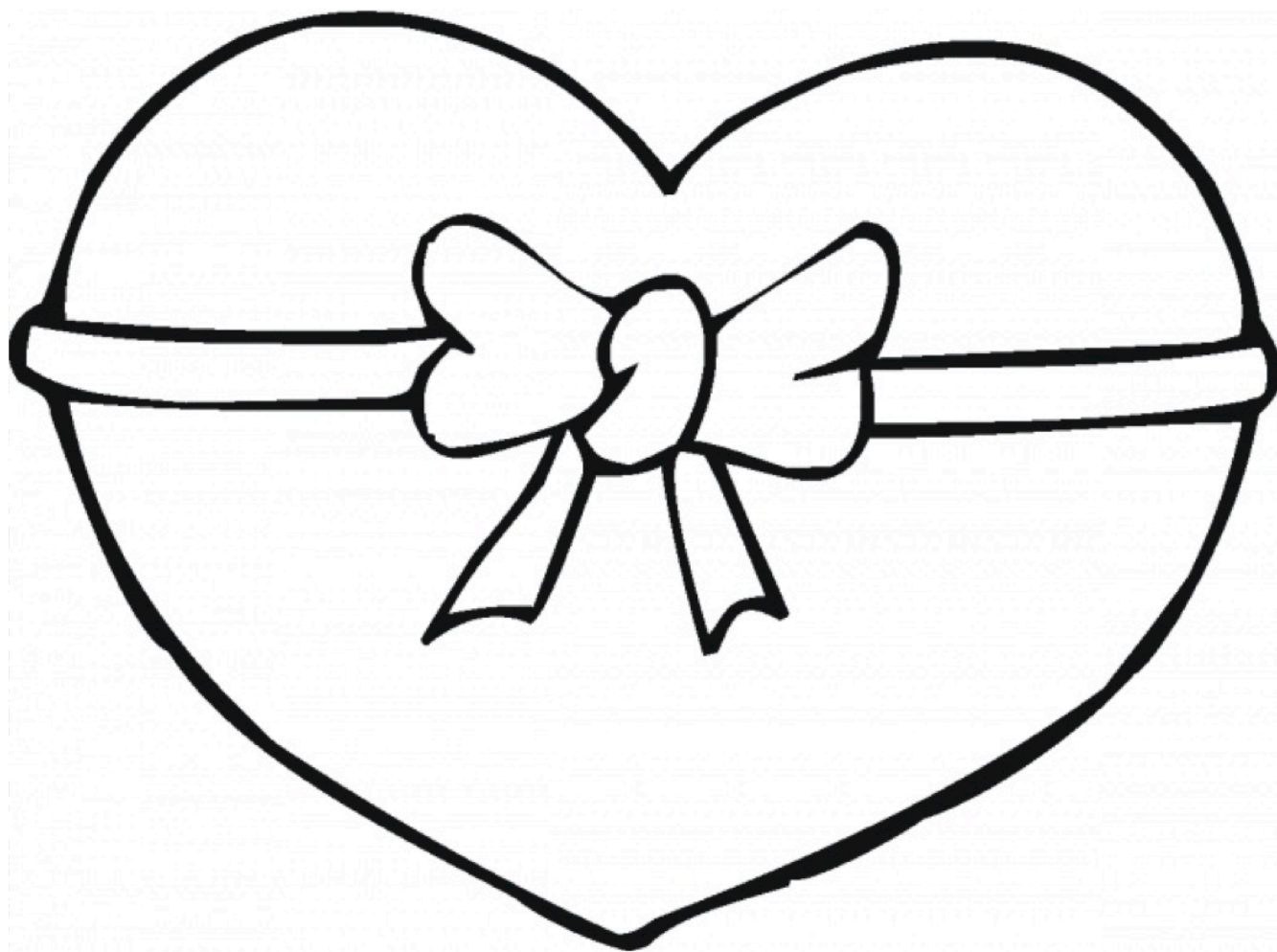
Song: Before I Go



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**Dismiss kids to small groups*

name



PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per kid

1 piece of white paper, markers

small group supplies

Per kid

Coloring page, bookmark (printed on cardstock paper, double sided)

Per group

1 Bible, markers

large group supplies

Bible

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: God's Story / Jesus (<https://vimeo.com/30271655>)
3. Image: sick kid
4. Image: scraped knee
5. Image: sleeping person
6. Slide: Hebrews 4:15 We have a high priest who can feel it when we are weak and hurting. We have a high priest who has been tempted in every way, just as we are. But he did not sin.
7. Slide: 1 Corinthians 13:4 love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
8. Image: cookie
9. Image: lonely person
10. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (<https://vimeo.com/44164426>)
11. Song: Before I Go (KC & SM media_videos songs>songs>songs with slides>Before I Go)

connect questions

How was Jesus like you?

How was Jesus different?

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