

Crossroads Connection

Lesson 1: God's Good Creation

Main Idea: God created everything, and he made people to reflect his character.

Key Points:

- God created the world and everything in it.
- God made people in his image, which means we can reflect his love, kindness, and creativity.
- People are special to God, and he gave us a special role in his creation.

Memory Verse

“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things.”

— Revelation 4:11a, NLT

What You Can Do at Home:

- Read Genesis 1 together as a family and talk about all the amazing things God created.
- Remind your child that they are made in God's image and can reflect his love in their words and actions.
- Look for opportunities to appreciate God's creation together—go outside, notice animals, plants, or the sky, and thank God for his creativity.

Thank You!

We appreciate your partnership in your child's spiritual growth. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Lesson 2: The First Sin

Main Idea:

Even when sin separates us from God, his love brings us close again.

Key Points:

- Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sin broke their perfect relationship with him.
- Sin separates people from God, but God still loves us and made a plan to rescue us.
- God promised to send a Savior (Jesus) to bring us back to him.

Memory Verse

“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things.”

— Revelation 4:11a, NLT

Activity:

- **Gospel Hand:** Students learned the Gospel message using hand motions to help them remember God’s rescue plan through Jesus.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Read Genesis 3 together and talk about how Adam and Eve’s choice changed everything, but God still loved them.
- Encourage your child to admit when they make mistakes and remind them that God is always ready to forgive them.
- Practice the Gospel Hand as a family and talk about how Jesus is the answer to the problem of sin.

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Lesson 3: Two by Two and Lots of Rain Too

Main Idea:

God always keeps his promises, even when we don't understand his plan.

Key Points:

- Noah trusted and obeyed God, even when it was hard and didn't make sense.
- God rescued Noah and his family and gave the rainbow as a sign of his promise.
- God always keeps his promises, and we can trust him even when we don't see the whole plan.

Memory Verse

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things."

— Revelation 4:11a, NLT

Activity:

- **Trust Walk:** Students guided each other blindfolded, learning what it feels like to trust someone when you can't see what's ahead.
- **Promise Chain:** Students created a chain of God's promises to take home as a reminder that God is always faithful.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Read Genesis 6-9 together and talk about how Noah trusted God even when others didn't believe him.
- Help your child think of ways they can show trust in God this week, even when they don't understand everything.
- When you see a rainbow, talk about God's promises and how he always keeps them.

Thank You!

We're so glad your child could join us for this important lesson about trusting God's promises. If you have any questions about what we covered or how you can continue the conversation at home, feel free to reach out.

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Lesson 4: A Big Promise from a Big God

Main Idea:

We worship a God who always keeps his promises.

Key Points:

- God made a big promise to Abraham to bless him and the whole world through his family.
- Abraham trusted God even when he didn't understand the whole plan.
- God keeps his promises, and we can trust him today just like Abraham did.

Memory Verse

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things."

— Revelation 4:11a, NLT

Activity:

- **Count the Stars Object Lesson:** Using a jar of sand and star stickers, students explored how God's promise to Abraham was bigger than what he could see.
- **Promise or Not a Promise Game:** Students played a game to learn which statements were true promises from God, helping them understand that God's promises are always trustworthy.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Read Genesis 12 and 15 together as a family. Talk about the promises God made to Abraham.
- Encourage your child to think about one of God's promises they can remember when they feel scared or unsure.
- Talk about ways your family can trust God together—like praying when facing something unknown or difficult.

Thank You!

Thank you for letting us be part of your child's journey of faith. We love seeing them grow in understanding God's promises and learning to trust him more each week. If you have any questions or would like ideas to continue the conversation at home, we'd love to support you.

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Lesson 5: The Big Test

Main Idea:

God is the one who provides—even when we don’t understand.

Key Points:

- God tested Abraham’s faith by asking him to sacrifice his son Isaac.
- Abraham trusted God, even when it didn’t make sense.
- God provided a ram at the right time, showing that he is our provider.

Memory Verse

“The Lord always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does.”

— Psalm 145:13b, NLT

Activity:

- **Would You Rather – Trust Edition:** Kids made choices about trusting someone even when it’s hard, helping them think about Abraham’s faith.
- **Story Motions:** During the Bible reading, kids used motions to engage with the story of Abraham and Isaac.
- **God Provides Craft:** Students created a picture of Abraham, Isaac, and the ram to remember that God provides at the right time.
- **Sacrifice Sorting Game:** Students sorted things that are easy or hard to give up, learning that trusting God sometimes means giving up things that are precious to us.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Read Genesis 22 together and talk about how Abraham trusted God even when it was difficult.
- Help your child think about times they had to trust God and remind them that God always provides what they need at the right time.
- Encourage your child to memorize Psalm 145:13b and talk about what it means that God always keeps his promises.

Thank You!

We’re thankful your child could be with us for this powerful story about trust and God’s provision. It’s a joy to see them learning how God is always faithful, even when life feels uncertain. Let us know if there’s any way we can encourage your family as you grow in faith together.

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Lesson 6: From Pit to Palace

Main Idea:

Even when bad things happen, I can trust God's good plan.

Key Points:

- Joseph went through many hard things, but he trusted God through every situation.
- Joseph forgave his brothers, showing trust in God's bigger plan.
- We can trust God to work for good in our lives and choose to forgive others.

Memory Verse

"The Lord always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does."

— Psalm 145:13b, NLT

Activity:

- **Bitter vs. Sweet Forgiveness:** Kids tasted lemons with and without sugar to feel how bitterness changes when we forgive.
- **Good Thing, Bad Thing—But God:** Kids helped act out Joseph's life, learning that God was with him through every hard and good moment.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Read Genesis 37-50 together and talk about the highs and lows of Joseph's life.
- Ask your child how they can show forgiveness this week—whether to a friend, sibling, or family member.
- Talk about times when your family faced hard situations and how you saw God's hand working for good.

Thank You!

We're so glad your child could join us for this lesson about trust and forgiveness. It's our prayer that these stories help them see how God is with them in every situation, just like he was with Joseph. Thank you for continuing to invest in their journey of faith at home!

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Lesson 7: Bugs, Frogs, and Pharaoh—Oh My!

Main Idea:

God's power shows that he cares for all his people—including me!

Key Points:

- God used Moses to lead his people out of Egypt.
- God showed his power through the 10 plagues to rescue his people.
- God is powerful and cares for his people, including us today.

Memory Verse

“The Lord always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does.”

— Psalm 145:13b, NLT

Activity:

- **Object Lesson - How Do You Respond to God?:** Using a rock and sponge, kids saw the difference between a hard heart (like Pharaoh) and a soft heart ready to listen and obey God.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Read Exodus 1-14 together and talk about the 10 plagues and how God showed his power.
- Discuss ways your family can have a “soft heart” toward God—listening, trusting, and obeying him this week.
- When your child faces a hard situation, remind them that God is powerful and always keeps his promises.

Thank You!

It's a joy to have your child with us as we discover God's power and care together. We pray these lessons help your family see that God is always faithful and ready to rescue us. If you'd like more ideas to continue the conversation at home, we're always here to help.

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Lesson 8: Top Ten From God

Main Idea:

God gave us his commands so we can love him and love others.

Key Points:

- God gave the Ten Commandments to help us love him and love others.
- No one can follow all God's commands perfectly—we all need his forgiveness.
- Jesus obeyed perfectly and offers us grace when we fall short.

Memory Verse

"The Lord always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does."

— Psalm 145:13b, NLT

Activity:

- **Commandment Chain:** Kids created a paper chain, each link representing a commandment or way to show love for God and others.
- **Missing the Mark:** Students experienced how hard it is to hit a target on their own—just like we can't keep God's commands perfectly without Jesus.
- **Real-Life Choices:** Kids identified commandments in everyday situations and shared ways they can live them out this week.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Review the Ten Commandments with your child and talk about which ones feel hardest to follow.
- Encourage your child to choose one commandment to focus on obeying this week.
- Remind your child that when they mess up, they can ask Jesus for forgiveness and trust his help to make better choices.

Thank You!

We love seeing your child grow in understanding God's truth! Our prayer is that these lessons help them see that God's commands are not about being perfect but about loving God, loving others, and learning to trust Jesus every day. Thank you for letting us partner with you on this journey.

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Lesson 9: Prophecies of the Messiah

Main Idea:

God the Father sent his Son to save the world—and to save me too.

Key Points:

- God promised long ago to send a Savior, and Jesus is the fulfillment of that promise.
- Jesus has many special names—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace—that show who he is and how he helps us.
- God kept his promise by sending Jesus because he loves us and wants us to know him.

Memory Verse

“The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!”

— Luke 2:11, NLT

Activity:

- **Matching Promises:** Kids reviewed previous stories by matching Bible characters to the promises God gave them, reinforcing that God keeps his promises.
- **Jesus’ Special Names Match-Up:** Children learned the names of Jesus from Isaiah 9:6 and connected them to real-life situations where Jesus helps us today.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Review Isaiah 9:6 together and talk about what each name of Jesus means to your child.
- Discuss how Jesus helps us today, just like he was promised to do.
- Encourage your child to pray to Jesus this week when they need help, comfort, or peace.

Thank You!

It’s such a joy to see your child learning how Jesus is the answer to God’s promises. Thank you for being part of this journey as we help kids see how much God loves them and how Jesus is with them every step of the way.

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Lesson 10: Surprised by God's Plan

Main Idea:

Because God loves us, we can trust his plan, just like Mary did.

Key Points:

- God sent an angel to tell Mary she would have a special baby—Jesus, the Son of God.
- Mary didn't understand everything, but she said "Yes" and trusted God's plan.
- God still invites us to trust him today, even when things feel surprising or scary.

Memory Verse

"The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"

— Luke 2:11, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Trust Fall:** Students experienced what it feels like to trust someone and connected it to how Mary trusted God.
- **God Can Use Me Cards:** Children made cards to remind them that, just like Mary, God can use them in his big story.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Read Luke 1:26–38 with your child and talk about how Mary trusted God, even when she didn't understand everything.
- Encourage your child to think of something they can trust God with this week.
- Remind them that God loves them and can use them to show his love to others.

Thank You!

Thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's journey of discovering God's big story. It's inspiring to see them learning that God can use anyone—no matter their age—to be part of his plan. We're excited to continue walking alongside your family as we grow in trusting Jesus together.

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Lesson 11: Following the Star, Finding the King

Main Idea:

When we hear the good news of Jesus, we can choose to respond with joy.

Key Points:

- Joseph, the Wise Men, and Herod each heard about Jesus—but they responded in very different ways.
- Joseph trusted and obeyed God, even when it was hard.
- The Wise Men were filled with joy and worshiped Jesus.
- Herod rejected Jesus because he only wanted his own way.
- Today, we can respond to Jesus with joy because he is the Savior God promised.

Memory Verse

“The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!”

— Luke 2:11, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **What's Your Response?:** Kids practiced recognizing positive and negative ways to respond to everyday situations.
- **Three Corners – Responding to the King:** Students explored how Joseph, the Wise Men, and Herod each responded to Jesus and reflected on their own response.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Read Matthew 1–2 with your child and talk about how people responded to Jesus' birth.
- Ask your child how they can respond with joy to Jesus this week.
- Use their Jesus craft as a conversation starter to share the good news with others.

Thank You!

Thanks for joining us as we continue to celebrate the best news ever—Jesus is the Savior! Your child is learning that they can respond to him with joy, just like the Wise Men did. We love seeing how their understanding of Jesus is growing week by week.

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Lesson 12: The Best Birthday Party Ever!

Main Idea:

When we hear the good news about Jesus, we can choose to respond with joy.

Key Points:

- The angels announced the good news of Jesus' birth to ordinary shepherds in the fields.
- The shepherds responded with joy, hurried to see Jesus, and told everyone about what they had seen.
- Jesus came for everyone—rich or poor, young or old, important or overlooked.
- We can respond to the good news of Jesus by celebrating and sharing it with others.

Memory Verse

"The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"

— Luke 2:11, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Good News Showdown:** Kids compared everyday good news to the best news ever—Jesus' birth.
- **Corner Quiz - The Shepherds' Surprise:** Children explored Luke 2 and responded to story questions by moving to different parts of the room.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Read Luke 2:1–20 together and talk about how the shepherds responded with joy.
- Ask your child how they can share the good news of Jesus with others this week.
- Use their Good News to Share card as a way to start a conversation about Jesus with friends or family.

Thank You!

Thank you for celebrating the best birthday ever with us! We are so grateful to partner with you as your child discovers that the birth of Jesus is not just a story—it's the best news that brings joy to our lives today and every day.

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Lesson 13: Water & Wilderness

Main Idea: Jesus obeyed God, and I can too—even when it’s hard.

Key Points:

- Jesus chose to be baptized by John, not because he sinned, but to show obedience to God and set an example for us.
- After his baptism, Jesus went into the wilderness where he was tempted by the devil.
- Jesus used God’s Word to resist temptation and obey God’s plan.
- When we face temptation or hard choices, we can follow Jesus’ example and use Scripture to help us obey.

Memory Verse:

“In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

— Matthew 5:16, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Would You Follow That Example?:** Kids discussed good and bad examples and learned that Jesus is our perfect example.
- **Object Lesson - Washing Our Hands:** Visual demonstration of obedience and baptism using soap and water.
- **Is this a Bible Verse?:** Kids learned how to recognize God’s Word and how Jesus used it to stand strong against temptation.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Talk with your child about times they feel tempted to do something wrong.
- Practice a Bible verse together (like Joshua 1:9 or Proverbs 3:5) they can remember when facing tough choices.
- Discuss what baptism means and how it shows we want to follow Jesus.

Thank You!

Thank you for helping your child see that Jesus is the best example to follow. As they face hard choices or temptations this week, encourage them to remember how Jesus stayed strong by trusting God’s Word—and remind them they can do the same!

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Lesson 14: From Fishermen to Followers

Main Idea: Jesus asked the fishermen to leave everything and follow him, and he calls me to do the same.

Key Points:

- Jesus called ordinary fishermen, like Peter and Andrew, to leave their boats and follow him.
- They didn't hesitate—they obeyed Jesus even though it meant giving up everything they knew.
- Jesus calls us today to follow him, trust him, and show his love to others.
- Even as kids, we can follow Jesus at home, at school, and with our friends.

Memory Verse:

“In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

— Matthew 5:16, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Yes or No? Decision Dash:** Kids practiced making quick choices to follow Jesus' way, showing how everyday decisions can show we are followers of Jesus.
- **Follow Me Fish Craft:** Kids made a fish craft to remind them that Jesus calls ordinary people—like them—to follow him.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child what it means to follow Jesus in their everyday life.
- Encourage them to look for one way this week to obey Jesus—like being kind, including someone, or helping without being asked.
- Use the fish craft they made as a reminder to talk about how Jesus calls all of us to follow him.

Thank You!

Thanks for encouraging your child to follow Jesus, just like the first disciples did. This week, celebrate even the small ways your child can obey and follow Jesus—it's often the small steps that lead to big faith.

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Lesson 15: Rainy Days and Rocky Foundations

Main Idea: We all have hard days, but when we trust Jesus with our lives, he helps us stand strong.

Key Points:

- Jesus told a story about two builders: one built on rock (hearing and obeying Jesus) and one on sand (ignoring Jesus).
- When storms came, the house on the rock stood firm, but the house on the sand fell.
- When we listen to Jesus and follow his words, we are building our lives on a strong foundation.
- Even when life is hard or confusing, Jesus helps us stand strong and shine his love to others.

Memory Verse:

“In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

— Matthew 5:16, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Build on the Rock Challenge:** Kids experienced how different it feels to build on a solid rock versus wobbly sand, helping them picture what it means to build their life on Jesus.
- **Jesus is My Rock Craft:** Kids decorated their own rock to take home as a reminder that Jesus is their strong foundation.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child to explain the difference between building their life on the rock versus the sand.
- Put their decorated rock somewhere they can see it this week as a reminder to listen to Jesus and trust him through hard times.
- Encourage them to think of one way they can "build on the rock" this week by obeying Jesus at school, at home, or with friends.

Thank You!

Thanks for helping your child build their life on Jesus! Let's keep pointing them to his love and truth so they can stand strong and shine bright, even on hard days.

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Lesson 16: Finding True Treasure

Main Idea: When I follow Jesus as my King, I gain the greatest treasure: life in his Kingdom.

Key Points:

- Jesus told a story about a man who found a treasure so valuable, he gave up everything to get it.
- God's Kingdom is the greatest treasure—it lasts forever and is better than anything we can have on earth.
- We can't earn our way into God's Kingdom by being good or rich; we only enter by trusting Jesus as King and following him.
- God's Kingdom is so special that it's worth giving our whole lives to.
- When we follow Jesus, we are part of his Kingdom and can tell others how they can be part of it too.

Memory Verse:

"In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

— Matthew 5:16, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Treasure Hunt or Treasure Box Activity:** Kids learned that just like treasure is exciting to find, the Kingdom of God is the greatest treasure we can have.
- **Kingdom Treasure Match Game & Would You Rather:** Kids compared earthly treasures to God's everlasting Kingdom, helping them see that God's Kingdom is more valuable than anything.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child what they think makes God's Kingdom more valuable than toys, money, or treasures on earth.
- Encourage them to share the "good news" about Jesus with a friend this week—just like telling someone about a hidden treasure.
- Help them look for ways to show they are part of God's Kingdom by loving others, obeying Jesus, and doing good deeds that shine his love.

Thank You!

Thank you for helping your child understand that following Jesus is the greatest treasure of all. Let's keep encouraging them to live as citizens of God's Kingdom every day.

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Lesson 17: Through the Roof!

Main Idea: Jesus fixes what's broken—inside and out.

Key Points:

- Four friends brought a paralyzed man to Jesus, believing Jesus could heal him.
- Jesus did something even greater—he forgave the man's sins first, showing that fixing our hearts is even more important than fixing our bodies.
- Jesus has the power to heal our bodies and forgive our sins because he is God.
- No problem is too big for Jesus—he wants to help us inside and out.
- When we bring our problems to Jesus, he can help us, forgive us, and make our hearts clean.

Memory Verse:

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

— Hebrews 13:8, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Which is Harder? Challenge:** Helped kids explore that while healing a body is amazing, forgiving sins is the greatest miracle.
- **Healing Hearts & Bodies Match Game:** Kids learned that Jesus cares about both our outside needs (sickness, injury) and inside needs (hurt feelings, sin).
- **Forgiveness Relay: Drop the Weight:** A hands-on activity showing how Jesus takes away our sins—we don't have to carry them anymore.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Talk to your child about a time they felt hurt on the inside (like being left out or feeling guilty). Remind them that Jesus wants to heal those hurts and forgive sins.
- Encourage your child to talk to Jesus this week when they feel sad, scared, or do something wrong.
- Use the paper heart or sticker from the lesson as a reminder that Jesus heals and forgives.

Thank You!

Thank you for helping your child learn that no problem is too big for Jesus. Keep encouraging them to bring both their outside problems and heart problems to Jesus—he is ready to help and forgive them every time.

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Lesson 18: 5 Loaves, 2 Fish, and 5,000 Full Bellies

Main Idea: When we trust Jesus, we see his power to care for us.

Key Points:

- A large crowd followed Jesus, and they were hungry after listening to him teach all day.
- A young boy shared his small lunch of 5 loaves and 2 fish, and Jesus used it to feed over 5,000 people!
- Jesus showed his care by meeting the people's needs and his power by multiplying the food.
- God can use anything we give him—even small things—to help others and show his love.
- Jesus wants us to trust him with what we have and use it to care for others.

Memory Verse:

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

— Hebrews 13:8, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Pass the Basket:** Helped kids see that Jesus can use even small things (like kindness or sharing) to make a big difference.
- **Would You Give It?** game: Encouraged kids to think about what they would give to Jesus to help others.
- **Care Cards:** Kids created encouraging cards to give to someone in need, practicing how they can care for others just like Jesus does.
- **Bible Story with Snack Sharing:** Reinforced the story by letting kids experience how a little can be shared with many.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child: What is one thing you can share or give to help someone this week?
- Encourage your child to look for ways to care for others—at school, at home, or in their neighborhood.
- Remind them that no act of kindness is too small for Jesus to use.

Thank You!

Thank you for helping your child see that Jesus cares for their needs—and that he can use what they have to help others. Encourage them to trust Jesus and be willing to share and serve this week!

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Lesson 19: Waves, Wind, and Worship

Main Idea: Jesus shows his power and care by coming to his disciples in their trouble.

Key Points:

- Jesus' disciples were caught in a storm on the sea, and they were scared.
- Jesus walked on the water to them, showing his power over nature.
- Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus, but when he looked at the wind and waves, he got scared and began to sink.
- Jesus immediately reached out and saved Peter, showing his care and power.
- This story teaches us that faith means trusting Jesus, even when life feels scary or confusing.

Memory Verse:

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

— Hebrews 13:8, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Would You Rather: Trust Edition:** Helped kids think about what it feels like to trust someone in scary or uncertain situations.
- **Floating Faith Experiment:** Used raisins in soda to show how we can rise above fear when we trust Jesus, but sink when we take our eyes off him—just like Peter.
- **Trust Reminder Drawing:** Kids drew situations where they feel scared and added Jesus to the picture to remind them that he is always with them.
- **Object Lesson: Trust the Chair:** Showed that trust is more than just saying we believe—it's acting like we believe, just like sitting in a chair or stepping out of the boat.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child: What is something that makes you feel scared or worried? How can you trust Jesus in that situation?
- Encourage your child to pray when they feel scared, remembering that Jesus is always near, even when life feels like a storm.
- Talk about ways to trust Jesus this week at home, school, or with friends.

Thank You!

Thank you for helping your child learn that Jesus is powerful, caring, and always with them. Keep reminding them to keep their eyes on Jesus, especially when life feels hard or confusing.

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Lesson 20: Shining Like the Son

Main Idea: Jesus, the Son of God, is fully God and fully human.

Key Points:

- Jesus is God's Son—he is fully God and fully human at the same time.
- On the mountain (the Transfiguration), Jesus' friends saw his glory shine like the sun. This showed them that Jesus is truly God.
- Even though Jesus is God, he lived as a human, experiencing hunger, sadness, and tiredness—just like us.
- Jesus understands us because he was human, and he can help us because he is God.

Memory Verse:

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

— Hebrews 13:8, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Object Lesson: The Coin:** Helped kids picture Jesus being both God and human—like a coin with two sides but always one coin.
- **Follow the Leader – The Mountain Adventure:** Kids pretended to follow Jesus up a mountain, imagining how the disciples felt when they saw Jesus shining brightly.
- **“Like Us” Sorting Game:** Helped kids see what Jesus did as a human (like sleeping, eating, and praying) and what he did as God (like miracles, forgiving sins, and rising from the dead).
- **Jesus Is Both Poster:** Kids created group posters to show how Jesus is the only one who is both fully human and fully God.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child: What are some ways Jesus is like us? What are some ways he is different?
- Encourage your child to remember that because Jesus was human, he understands how they feel. And because he is God, they can trust him to help them.
- Remind your child that they can “shine like Jesus” this week by being kind, forgiving, and loving—showing others who Jesus is.

Thank You!

Thank you for helping your child know that Jesus is both God and human. Keep encouraging them to trust Jesus in every part of their life and to share his love with others.

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Lesson 21: The King Arrives

Main Idea: Jesus is God’s promised King, and he came to save us from our sins—not as the people expected, but as a King of love, sacrifice, and forgiveness.

Key Points:

- The people expected a powerful king to defeat their enemies, but Jesus came as a humble King to rescue them from sin.
- Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey, showing he was the King God promised, but in an unexpected way.
- Jesus saves us not with armies or riches but by giving his life for us on the cross.
- Jesus invites everyone into his forever kingdom, and we can follow him by trusting in him and living like he did.

Memory Verse:

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

— John 3:16, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **This or That – The Unexpected King:** Helped kids see the difference between what people expected and how Jesus actually came as a humble, servant King.
- **King Comparisons & Bible Verses:** Kids compared what kind of king the people wanted vs. the kind of King Jesus is, using Scripture to see the truth.
- **Invitation to God’s Kingdom Craft:** Kids made their own invitations to God’s kingdom, helping them remember that Jesus invites everyone to follow him.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child: What’s the difference between the kind of king people wanted and the kind of King Jesus is?
- Talk about ways your family can celebrate Jesus as King every day by showing love, forgiveness, and kindness.
- Encourage your child to share their invitation card with someone at home or a friend, telling them how Jesus invites us into his kingdom.

Thank You!

Thank you for helping your child see that Jesus is the true King who rules with love and sacrifice. Keep reminding them that following Jesus is the best choice they can make every day.

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Lesson 22: Broken Bread, Poured Out Love

Main Idea: The Lord's Supper is a special meal that helps us remember Jesus' sacrifice and look forward to his return.

Key Points:

- Jesus shared a special meal (The Lord's Supper) with his disciples before he went to the cross.
- In the meal, the bread reminds us of Jesus' body given for us, and the cup reminds us of his blood poured out for us.
- The Lord's Supper is not only a way to remember Jesus' love and sacrifice, but also a reminder that he promised to come back and celebrate with us in God's kingdom.
- We can live in hope of Jesus' return by loving others, serving, sharing the Gospel, and following Jesus every day.

Memory Verse:

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

— John 3:16, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Backpack Journey or Suitcase Craft:** Kids packed “spiritual items” (like love, God's Word, service) to remind them how to live ready for Jesus' return.
- **Luggage Tag Craft:** Kids made luggage tags to remind them that they are part of God's family and to live prepared for his return.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child: Why do we still take the Lord's Supper today? What does it help us remember?
- Talk about how your family can live in a way that shows you are ready for Jesus to return.
- Encourage your child to place their luggage tag on their backpack or Bible as a reminder that Jesus is coming back.

Thank You!

Thank you for helping your child remember Jesus' sacrifice and look forward to his return. Keep encouraging them to live in a way that reflects Jesus' love and to celebrate the hope we have because of him!

Crossroads Connection

Lesson 23: The Price He Paid

Main Idea: Jesus died on the cross so that I can be forgiven and live with God forever.

Key Points:

- Sin is like a heavy burden that separates us from God—and we can't remove it on our own.
- Jesus took the punishment we deserve by dying on the cross. When we trust him, our sins are forgiven, and we are given a new heart and a new life with God.
- The two criminals next to Jesus show that everyone has a choice to trust or reject him.
- Jesus offers forgiveness and eternal life to all who choose to trust in him as Savior and King.

Memory Verse:

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Activity Highlights:

- **Impossible Carry Challenge:** Kids tried carrying more and more items, feeling the burden get heavier—like sin weighing us down.
- **Bridge Illustration:** Kids saw how Jesus' cross makes a bridge between us and God, something we can't do on our own.
- **Salvation Prayer and ABC of Salvation:** Kids were invited to consider personally trusting Jesus as their Savior and understanding how they can respond to his gift.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child: Why did Jesus have to die for our sins? What does it mean to accept him as Savior?
- Review the **ABC of Salvation** together (Admit, Believe, Choose).
- Talk about how Jesus' gift of forgiveness changes how we live—free from guilt, showing love, and forgiving others.
- Encourage your child to talk to Jesus when they feel guilty, worried, or make mistakes, trusting him to forgive and help them.

Thank You!

Thank you for helping your child learn about the amazing gift of Jesus' sacrifice. Keep encouraging them to trust Jesus every day and to tell others about his love and forgiveness.

Crossroads Connection

Lesson 24: Not Here—He’s Alive!

Main Idea: Jesus is alive, so I’m never alone and I know God’s power is real.

Key Points:

- Jesus' friends were surprised when they found the tomb empty—but it was the best surprise ever because Jesus had risen, just like he said.
- The resurrection shows that God’s power is real and that Jesus is alive today.
- Because Jesus is alive, we are never alone. We can trust him with our fears, choices, and our whole lives.
- The empty tomb isn’t just a past event—it changes everything for us today.

Memory Verse:

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— John 3:16, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Power You Can’t See:** Kids saw how invisible things (like air) can have real power—just like Jesus’ unseen presence is real today.
- **Where Do You See Jesus’ Power?:** Kids reflected on ways they see and feel Jesus’ power in their lives right now.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child: How did Jesus’ followers feel when they found the empty tomb? How does knowing Jesus is alive change how we live today?
- Encourage them to look for ways they see God’s power in their daily life (answered prayers, peace when scared, courage to do the right thing).
- Help them remember that Jesus is always with them, even when they feel alone or afraid.
- Challenge them to share the good news of Jesus’ resurrection with someone this week.

Thank You!

Thank you for celebrating the best news ever with your child—that Jesus is alive! Keep encouraging them to trust his power and share his love with others.

Crossroads Connection

Lesson 25: Better Together

Main Idea: I can be part of God's church by growing in my faith with others—just like the early church!

Key Points:

- The early church grew in faith together by praying, sharing, worshiping, and caring for each other (Acts 2:42-47).
- The Church isn't just a building—it's God's people living out their faith together.
- Today, we can grow in our faith by being part of church, small groups, and helping others.
- Following Jesus isn't something we do alone—we need each other!

Memory Verse:

“And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.”

— Ephesians 3:18, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Build It Together:** Kids worked as teams to build towers, learning that we grow stronger and better when we work together—just like the early church.
- **This Is the Church?:** Kids explored what makes a church (God's people), not just a building.
- **Be the Church Together:** Kids experienced the early church by praying, worshiping, sharing, and enjoying a snack together—showing how we can live out our faith with others.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child: What are some things the early church did together? How can we do those things today?
- Talk about how your family can grow in faith together—through prayer, worship, serving, or joining a church community.
- Encourage your child to invite a friend to church or show God's love by sharing or helping someone this week.

Thank You!

Thank you for helping your child see that they don't have to follow Jesus alone. Together, we are part of God's family, and we grow stronger in our faith when we do life together!

Crossroads Connection

Lesson 26: Saul Meets Jesus

Main Idea: When I meet Jesus, my life changes.

Key Points:

- Saul was against Jesus' followers, but when he met Jesus on the road to Damascus, everything changed (Acts 9).
- Jesus forgives everyone, no matter what they've done, and gives them a new purpose.
- When we trust Jesus, our hearts change—we start living differently by loving, forgiving, and helping others.

Memory Verse:

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Activity Highlights:

- **Forgiveness Wash:** Kids erased words like “mean” and “selfish” from a whiteboard to see that Jesus forgives all sin.
- **Inside-Out Glasses:** Kids learned how Jesus changes how we see the world and others.
- **God's Purpose Path:** Kids walked a path and picked up cards showing ways they can live for Jesus (help, pray, share, etc.).
- **Heart Change Craft:** Kids showed Saul's life before and after meeting Jesus, then shared how they want Jesus to change their lives too.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child: How did Jesus change Saul? How is Jesus changing you?
- Talk together about ways your family can show a changed heart (forgiving, kindness, helping others).
- Encourage your child to write or say: “Because I know Jesus, I can...” and live that out this week.

Thank You!

Thank you for helping your child understand that Jesus' love and forgiveness can change anyone's life—including theirs. Jesus gives us a new heart, a new purpose, and helps us live for him every day!

Crossroads Connection

Lesson 27: A New Creation in Christ

Main Idea: Because of Jesus, I am a new creation! He changes me to live for him.

Key Points:

- When we trust in Jesus, he doesn't just fix us—he makes us completely new (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- Jesus told Nicodemus that being “born again” means starting a new life with God, not as a baby, but with a heart made new (John 3).
- As a new creation, we live differently—we show love, kindness, forgiveness, and share Jesus with others.

Memory Verse:

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— Ephesians 3:18, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Old vs. New Matching Game:** Kids compared old and new objects (like a caterpillar and butterfly) to explore how Jesus changes us.
- **Tear It Up, Make It New:** Kids saw how Jesus gives us a whole new life, not just a cleaned-up old one.
- **Butterfly Craft & Art Transformation:** Kids made butterflies and transformed sad drawings into joyful ones, reminding them of the new life Jesus gives us.
- **Clean Slate Activity:** Kids saw how Jesus wipes away our sin, giving us a fresh start.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child: What does it mean that Jesus makes you a new creation?
- Help them think of one way they can live differently this week because they know Jesus (kindness, forgiveness, helping someone).
- Remind them that Jesus doesn't just make us better—he makes us new!

Thank You!

Thank you for helping your child understand the amazing truth that because of Jesus, they are a new creation. Encourage them to live out this new life by showing love, forgiveness, and kindness this week!

Crossroads Connection

Lesson 28: The Armor of God

Main Idea: When I put on the full armor of God, I can stay strong through every challenge.

Key Points:

- God gives us special spiritual armor to help us stand strong in our faith and face life's challenges (Ephesians 6:10-17).
- Each piece of the Armor of God helps protect our hearts, minds, and actions—so we can follow Jesus even when it's hard.
- We don't fight battles with fists—we fight by trusting God, knowing his truth, living rightly, sharing peace, holding up our faith, and using his Word.

Memory Verse:

“And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.”

— Ephesians 3:18, NLT

Activity Highlights:

- **Shield of Faith Craft:** Kids made their own shield to remind them to trust Jesus when life gets hard.
- **Armor Match-Up:** Kids connected the armor pieces to Bible heroes, seeing how God helped them stand strong—and how he helps us too.
- **Old vs. New Choices Game:** Kids practiced thinking through how to respond to everyday situations with God’s armor.

What You Can Do at Home:

- Ask your child: Which part of the Armor of God do you think you need the most this week?
- Help them think of ways to "put on" God’s armor each day (praying, reading the Bible, choosing to do what's right, etc.).
- Use the Shield of Faith craft or their Armor of God poster as a reminder that they are never alone—God is always with them and gives them everything they need to stand strong.

Thank You!

Thank you for encouraging your child to stand strong in their faith. Remind them that even though Crossroads Club is almost over, God is always with them, and they can keep putting on his armor every day—at home, at school, and everywhere they go!