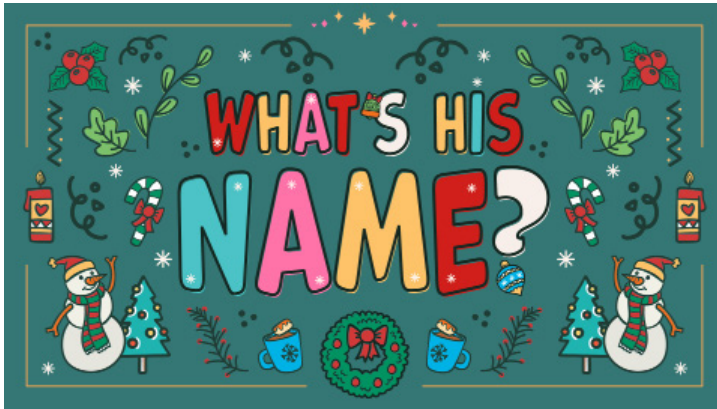




Preschool Lesson



Lesson 4: “Everlasting Father”



Whatchagaddaknow:

“My Heavenly Father Is The Best!”



Power Verse:

“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!”

- 1 John 3:1

Before the Lesson

- * Collect the items for the activities you plan to use, referring to the Classroom Supplies and Lesson Manual Supplies listed in the chart.
- * Pray for your students and for God’s direction in teaching the class.

This Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Classroom Supplies	Lesson Manual Supplies
Bible Story – This week, the kids will learn from the story of the angel visiting Joseph with the news that he would be Jesus’ dad (Matthew 1:20-25).		Bible Story Pictures (pg. 5-8)
Hands-On-Learning – The kids will learn they have the BEST Heavenly Father!	Completed My Heavenly Father Coloring Page	
Craft Option #1 – Bible Story Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 9)
Craft Option #2 - God Is The Best Craft	Crayons or markers, scissors, glue, craft sticks	God Is The Best Craft Print Piece (pg. 10)
Craft Option #3 – My Heavenly Father Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	My Heavenly Father Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 11)



Bible Story

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Pictures (provided on pg. 5-8)

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

Say- We are learning about the Christmas story. Last time we learned about Mary.

Say- Mary was an ordinary girl, but God had BIG plans for her life. The angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her that she was going to be the mother of Jesus, God’s son.

Say- Mary was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph. Joseph was having a hard time believing all the things that were happening to Mary.

Say- Joseph loved Mary, but he was very confused. (show pic) Joseph decided it would be best if he and Mary did not get married. Just before Joseph told Mary they would not be getting married, he had a visitor.

Ask- Who do you think visited Joseph?

-Allow time for response-

Say- The angel Gabriel visited Joseph!

Say- Joseph was afraid that an angel had appeared out of nowhere! (show pic) The angel told Joseph, “Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. You are supposed to be married to her.”

Say- Joseph listened carefully to the instructions the angel gave him. (show pic) The angel said, “She will have a son and you will name him Jesus.”

Say- Joseph could have told the angel “No!” Joseph could have disobeyed God.

Say- (show pic) But Joseph listened to God and obeyed! He did exactly what the angel told him to do. Because he obeyed, Joseph became the earthly father of Jesus!

Pray



Hands-On Learning

Supplies Needed: *Completed My Heavenly Father Coloring Page*

Teacher Instruction: *Before class begins, gather classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.*

Say- Kids need adults to help take care of them. Moms, dads, grandmas, and grandpas take care of you in so many ways.

Say- You need adults to make sure you have food, clothes, and a safe place to live. You need them to drive you places, help you learn, and keep you safe.

Say- You might have a dad in your family who helps take care of you. You might not have a dad at home. Everyone’s family is different.

Say- Did you know that followers of Jesus have more than one family? It’s true! *(Show the completed My Heavenly Father Coloring Page)* You are part of God’s family, and He is your Heavenly Father. Say “Heavenly Father” with me. *(Say the phrase along with the kids)*

Say- God created everything, even you and me! God lives in heaven, which is why we call Him our Heavenly Father.

Say- God has a perfect love for you. God’s love will never fail. God’s love will never change. God will never stop loving you, no matter what!

Say- God has a plan for your life that is special and perfect. He will always take care of you. God will NEVER leave you! What an awesome Heavenly Father!

Say- Let’s say this together: My Heavenly Father is the best! *(Say the phrase aloud with the kids)*



Craft #1: Bible Story Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 9); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



Craft #2: God Is The Best Craft

Supplies Needed: God Is The Best Craft Print Piece (provided on pg. 10); Crayons or Markers; Scissors; Glue; Craft Sticks

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the God Is The Best Craft Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough craft pages for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for crafting.

How To Do Craft - Allow the kids to decorate and cut out the God Is The Best craft piece. Fold the piece in half and place the craft stick in the middle of the folded halves, attaching them with glue. As you help the kids with the craft, talk about how God is the BEST Heavenly Father!



Craft #3: My Heavenly Father Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: My Heavenly Father Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 11); Crayons or markers

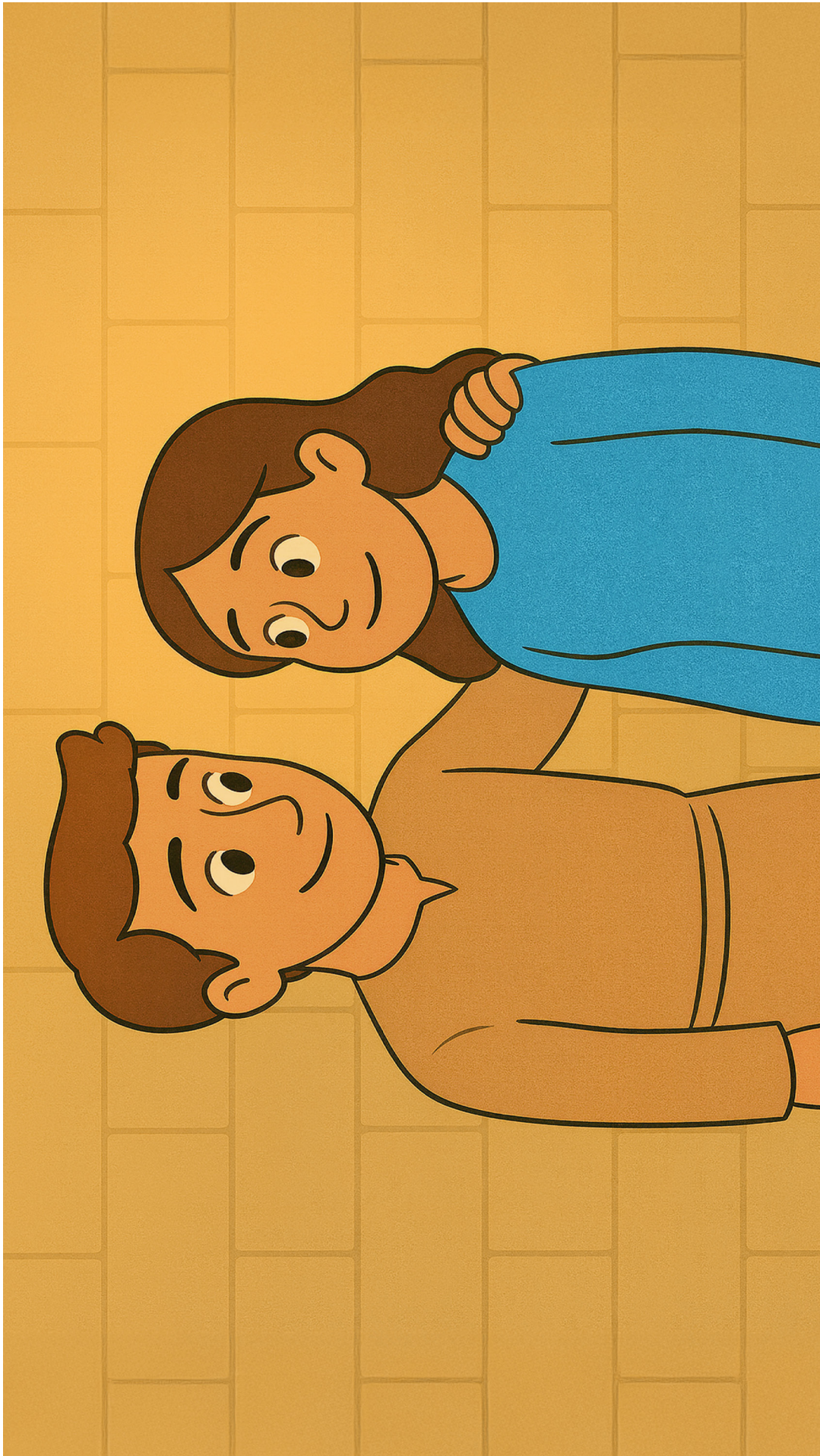
Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the My Heavenly Father Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.











**THE ANGEL TOLD JOSEPH HE WOULD BE
THE FATHER OF JESUS. JOSEPH OBEYED
WHAT GOD TOLD HIM TO DO!**





MY HEAVENLY FATHER IS THE BEST!