

“What’s His Name?” - LESSON 5

“Prince Of Peace”

Main Focus:

In this world of conflict, Jesus brings us peace,



Power Verse:

“The Lord gives his people strength.
The Lord blesses them with peace.”
- Psalm 29:11



Whatchagaddaknow:

“When Life Gives Me Trouble,
Jesus Gives Me Peace!”

LEADER’S INFO

Life is full of trouble and difficult things. This world is filled with scary situations, especially for kids - divorce, death, war, tragedy, etc. These can cause children to fear or worry.

In this lesson, the children will learn that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. When they face trouble in this world, Jesus can bring peace to their lives.

In the Bible Story, they will learn that when the shepherds went to see Jesus they worshipped Him. The children will learn that when they spend time with Jesus, they can feel His presence and His peace.

When we face troubled times, Jesus gives us peace!



“The Spark” Intro Video

“I Need Some Peace”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Alexis teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Joy The Wrapper”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“That’s A Wrap!”



Bible Story

“Angels Appear To The Shepherds”



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Call To Action

“Prince Of Peace”



REWIND!

Review Game



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Lesson 5 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 5 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video

- “Lesson 5 - Whatchagaddaknow - Teaching” Video

- “Lesson 5 - Whatchagaddaknow - Trigger” Video

Character Skit

- “Joy The Wrapper” Theme Graphic/Music

- Joy Costume

- Wrapping Paper And Accessories

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video

- “That’s A Wrap!” Graphic

- Two Large Rolls of Christmas Wrapping Paper

- Two Pairs of Scissors

- Two Rolls of Scotch Tape

Bible Story

- “Lesson 5 - Bible Story” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 5 - Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Lesson 5 - Call To Action” Graphics

- A Snowglobe

REWIND!

- “Rewind!” Bumper Video

- “Lesson 5 - Rewind!” Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bible

- Two Sturdy Chairs

- Medium-Sized Stuffed Animal

- Jesus Gives Me Peace Print Piece

- Pencils, Crayons, Or Markers



Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey kids! Today, we are continuing our series, “What’s His Name?” It’s ALL about Christmas! We are learning about an important prophecy all about the day Jesus would be born. It contains lots of names used to describe Jesus. So far we learned that Jesus is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, and Everlasting Father.

We are going to get into the next name Isaiah used...but I have a question for you. Have you ever wished you could be a Prince or Princess for a day? If you were royalty, what would be the first thing you would do? Would you put your crown on for everyone to see? Would you enact a law that everyone could have 9 months off for school during the Summer? What would you do?

While it would be totally cool to be Prince or Princess, we need to get into our lesson. Today’s name for Jesus we are learning about has to do with Him being a Prince. Prince of what? Well, I think you should watch this video and find out...

(play “The Spark” Intro Video)

Leader: Today, we’re learning that no matter what we face - no matter how scared or worried we might be - Jesus brings peace to every situation. When life feels stressful or confusing, He can calm our hearts and remind us that He’s still in control. Even when everything around us seems wild and noisy, His peace is like a quiet voice that says, “I’m right here with you.”

The peace that Jesus gives isn’t about everything being perfect. It’s about knowing we’re not alone, even in the middle of the storm. Today, we are going to learn that Jesus is the Prince of Peace! We don’t have to live in fear or frustration. We can trust that He’ll give us strength, comfort, and confidence to face anything that comes our way.

But, right now, let’s check in to find out “Whatchagaddaknow?”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow - Teaching” Video)

CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Joy the Wrapper” (*Joy is an extreme Christmas wrapper - she really gets into her package wrapping! She’s a perfectionist and is here to get the job done. She dresses in festive Christmas attire, including a “toolbelt” full of Christmas wrapping supplies.*)

Joy: (*Enters, rushing around, analyzing the décor*) NO ONE MOVE! THIS... (*Picks up a present*) THIS CORNER IS CROOKED!!

Leader: (*Concerned*) Hello, Joy...

Joy: (*Shoves the gift toward Leader*) LOOK. Look at this wrapping job! It is EXACTLY 99% perfect, and that last 1% is RUINING MY CHRISTMAS.

Leader: Joy... it looks fine.

Joy: FINE? FIIIIINE? I spent 12 minutes aligning this tape. TWELVE. MINUTES. Do you know how long that is in wrapping years?!

Leader: No, Joy, I don’t.

Joy: And then I THOUGHT I had the perfect bow, but then... (*winces*) THE BOW WAS CROOKED TOO.

Leader: Joy...

Joy: And then I tried to fix it, but the more I fixed it... the WORSE IT GOT! My heart is doing the cha-cha. My brain is doing the Macarena. My SOUL is doing... I don’t know... something dramatic.

Leader: You know, Joy, it sounds like you just need to take a break and (*inhales and exhales slowly*) breeeeeathe.

Joy: (*Moves to cover the Leader’s mouth*) CAREFUL! You could blow that ribbon one centimeter too far to the left! Then I’ll have to re-wrap the whole gift!

Leader: Seriously, Joy. You need to calm down! These presents are not the end of the world!

Joy: Well, they are to me! Christmas, wrapping presents, making everything look festive and pretty – that’s my favorite thing of all! If it’s not perfect, why bother?

Leader: You know, this reminds me of something important. This world — life, school, friends, families, schedules — it can all feel like a lot. Stressful, chaotic, even overwhelming. But Jesus came as our Prince of Peace. His peace is strong, steady, and real — even when everything around us feels crazy.

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CHARACTER SKIT *(continued)*

Joy: Wait... so while I’m going crazy over tape... Jesus is offering... PEACE?

Leader: Yes, Joy.

Joy: Real peace? Not “I fixed the bow” peace... but “my heart isn’t dancing the cha-cha anymore” peace?

Leader: Exactly. Peace that comes from Jesus is real peace, not something that can be taken away by a little bow on a gift.

Joy: So you’re telling me that I don’t have to make everything perfect?

Leader: Nope.

Joy: I don’t have to fix every little mistake?

Leader: Not at all.

Joy: I don’t have to panic over crooked tape EVER AGAIN?!

Leader: Joy... Jesus’ peace that goes beyond perfect wrapping.

Joy: This might be the greatest news I’ve ever heard!

Leader: When your peace comes from Jesus, it isn’t shaken by the chaos around you.

Joy: (peacefully sets down the gift) Wow. I think I’m going to... *(takes a dramatic breath)* ...relax. My tape may be crooked, but my heart is calm. I’m Joy the Wrapper. Merry almost Christmas, everyone. Keep on wrapping!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME!

“That’s A Wrap!”

Items Needed For Game:

Two large rolls of Christmas wrapping paper; two pairs of scissors; two rolls of Scotch tape

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Preparation:

Choose three boys and three girls to play this game.

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How To Play:

Have the teams pick one person to be the “gift” and two people to be the “wrappers.” When you say, “Go!” the “wrappers must try to wrap the “gift” up in as much wrapping paper as they can. Give them 90 seconds to wrap the “gift.” At the end of the 90 seconds, choose a winner based on which “gift” is wrapped up the most.



Bible Story

“The Angels Appear To The Shepherds”

Materials Needed:

The Bible Story graphics for Lesson 5; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the passage in Luke 2:4-20; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is from the book of Luke, chapter 2. (*show pic*) It all starts with a group of shepherds taking care of their sheep out in the middle of a field late at night. As you can imagine, they were probably bored as could be. This was something they did a lot. Taking care of sheep can be quite boring sometimes, but they were about to get the surprise of their lives.

(*show pic*) Suddenly, up in the sky, there appeared a huge group of bright, shining angels. They spoke to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid. We bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.” The shepherds were amazed by what they saw. Then, the angels began to sing, “Glory to God in the highest,” and “Peace on Earth!”

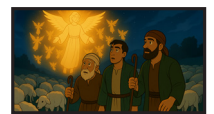
They told the shepherds all about the baby, Jesus, who had just been born in the town of Bethlehem. This baby, Jesus, was the Son of God who had come to Earth to take away the sins of all people. Jesus came to bring peace to the world!

Then, just as quickly as the angels had appeared, they disappeared. The shepherds didn’t know what to make of all of this. (*show pic*) They looked at each other, then said, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened!” They ran as fast as they could until they reached the town of Bethlehem.

The shepherds went straight to the stable where Mary and Joseph were. Mary and Joseph had to stay in the stable because there was no room in the inn. After all, the city was full of people because everyone had traveled there in order to pay their taxes. (*show pic*) The shepherds gathered all around Jesus, the Savior of the World, and worshipped Him.

The shepherds learned that day that Jesus came to bring peace. When they worshipped Him, they felt the peace and the presence of God all around them.

In your lesson today, you are going to learn the same thing - Jesus brings you peace! When you face troubled times, Jesus will be there to give you peace!





Call To Action **“Prince Of Peace”**

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 5; a snowglobe

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled “Lesson 5 - Call To Action - Title”



The Message: *(title slide)*

This world is full of trouble. You may have seen on the news or heard your parents talking about it. There are a lot of bad things in the world - wars, violence, hate, and all kinds of evil. It’s easy to hear about those things and get a little scared. Have you ever been afraid or nervous because of something you heard about going on in the world? *(allow the children to respond by raising their hands)*

Well, you’re not alone. There are tons of people who are afraid and worried about the troubles of this world. There always has been. But when Jesus came to Earth, He brought something with Him - something to help us with all that fear and worry during troubled times. Remember in our Bible Story...



The Angels Announced Peace On Earth” *(slide)*

Now, because we have Jesus, we don’t have to be afraid during troubled times. The angels let us know - Jesus brought peace to Earth! Now when we hear about all of the terrible things going on in the world, we don’t have to be afraid - we can receive Jesus’ peace. When you face trouble in your family like death, sickness, or divorce, you don’t have to be worried. Jesus can give you peace. He came to bring peace on Earth. However...



“Peace” Does Not Mean “No Trouble” *(slide)*

When the angels announced “Peace on Earth,” they didn’t announce “No more trouble on Earth!” Nope - Jesus didn’t take away all the trouble in this world. Instead, he came to help us during our troubled times by giving us peace. In fact, later in Jesus’ life, He said in John 16:33, “*I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.*” There will be trouble, but there can be peace too!

Let me explain. *(hold up snowglobe)* In this snowglobe there IS snow. *(shake up snowglobe)* It’s everywhere. All throughout the globe there is snow. *(set the snowglobe down)* However, when you set it down, all of the snow falls to the bottom. See? *(once it settles, continue)*

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Call To Action *(Continued)*

Now, is there still snow in this snowglobe? *(allow response)* Of course! It’s still there, but it’s settled down. It’s not as overwhelming now. It’s not all over the place. It’s still there, but it isn’t as obvious.

That’s how life is. In your life, there will be trouble *(shake the snowglobe again)*, but with Jesus, it doesn’t have to be so overwhelming. *(sit the snowglobe down again)* When you allow Jesus to bring His peace into your life, even though there is still trouble in the world, you don’t look or feel as worried or anxious. Jesus’ peace settles down your troubled heart!

In other words, you may still have a bully at school, sickness in your family, or struggles with your math grade, but through all of those troubles, Jesus is right there with you. Jesus can handle your problems, and since you know that - you don’t have to worry. Instead, you can have peace! As a follower of Jesus, I can guarantee that...



When Trouble Comes, Jesus Gives Me Peace *(slide)*

When you face difficult times, just call on Jesus and He will give you peace. When you begin to get scared or nervous about the things going on around you, ask Jesus to give you peace. Instead of worrying, worship. Spend time in God’s presence, praying, reading your Bible, or singing songs to God. When you worship, just like the shepherds worshipped Jesus in the manger, you will begin to feel God’s presence and His peace in your life.

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Take some time to worship. And spend some time praying for any children who need peace. Pray that Jesus would bring peace to their lives.



Materials Needed:

“REWIND!” Lesson 5 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “When Life Gives Me Trouble, Jesus Gives Me Peace!”

2. What were the group of people in our Bible Story?

Answer: Shepherds

3. True Or False: The shepherds were watching a pride of lions.

Answer: False

4. What appeared to the shepherds?

Answer: A Group Of Angels

5. Where did the shepherds go after the angels disappeared?

Answer: Bethlehem

6. What words did we learn about today that Isaiah used to describe Jesus?

Answer: Prince Of Peace

7. According to our lesson today, “The _____ Announced ‘Peace On Earth.’”

Answer: Angels

8. According to our lesson today, “‘Peace’ Does Not Mean ‘No _____.’”

Answer: Trouble

9. According to our lesson today, “When Trouble Comes, _____ Gives Me Peace.”

Answer: Jesus

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Psalm 29:11