

Lesson Plan

May 3rd, 2026

This Month's Truth: I am here to share Jesus

Bible Story: Paul told about Jesus (Acts 13–21)

Theme Verse: For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Romans 10:13)

Teachers rally with your team a few minutes before kids start to arrive: Rally is a pre-service time for you to be expectant and equipped before the kids start arriving. Go over the lesson and any ideas for the day. Pray over your space and for the kids that will be coming that they will be connected to the person of Jesus.

Share: This May, we are teaching kids about God's plan for us to share Jesus with people who do not know Him. Sharing Jesus is important because faith in Him is the only way to have a relationship with God forever and live in the true identities He planned from the beginning. In Acts 13, Paul shared about Jesus, and many Gentiles rejoiced because they learned that God sent Jesus for them. (Read Acts 13:47-48.) Let's help kids see today that sharing Jesus is important and can lead people to the best life ever in Him!

Pray: Lead the group in prayer, asking God to help kids understand how important it is to share Jesus with others.

Pre Service

Arrival time, please use this time to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.

Service

What To Do:

- **Teacher Start 5-minute countdown 5 minutes prior to service start time.**

Teacher Opener: Hey everyone! My name is ____, and I am so excited to be here with you! This month's theme is Nonstop! Can you look to a neighbor and give as many high fives as you can in 5 seconds? Ready? Go! 5-4-3-2-1! Great job! When we have something good to share, we can share it nonstop! If you are ready for some nonstop good times, say, "Nonstop!" (Nonstop!)

Nonstop Motion Game

Game Rules:

1. Start the video.
2. Follow the motion instructions.
3. Add the next motion while still doing the previous motions.
4. Continue adding motions until the video indicates that it is time to rest and reset.

What You Say: If you are ready for a nonstop game, let me hear you say, “Nonstop!” (Nonstop!) This game is called “Nonstop Motion.” Listen carefully because this game can be challenging! You will stand up, and I will start the video. There will be a motion on the screen that you will do for 10 seconds. How many seconds? (10!) Right! Then the video will change, and there will be a new motion for you to do. But there is a twist! Say, “Ooo, a twist!” (Ooo, a twist!) You will add the new motion while still doing the old motion! You will keep adding motions nonstop until the video tells you to rest and reset. Then you can take a short break before we start moving again!

Stand up and let’s get moving!

(Read the prompts as they appear, helping all kids to engage and participate. Demonstrate the motions so kids can follow along.)

That was a lot of moving! Turn to a friend and say, “Way to move!” (Way to move!) That game was nonstop. Today, we get to talk about something else we can do nonstop. Wherever we go, we can share Jesus with others around us. God made us to tell the good news of His love, and we can do that all the time. We can do it nonstop! Everyone, say, “I am here to share Jesus!” (I am here to share Jesus!)

Transition Script to go into the Intro Video: If you made a really cool invention, you would probably want to talk about it nonstop. Well, we get to watch a video about a guy named AJ who cannot wait to do just that! He is going to be on a show called The Fishbowl! Get our video started by saying, “Let’s go, AJ!” in 3-2-1! (Let’s go, AJ!)

Play Intro Video

What You Say: Brenda’s Better Blender can blend barbells and basketball shoes? Impressive! Even better than a better blender is the truth that we can share Jesus nonstop. Ask, “Why?”

(Why?) We can share Jesus nonstop because **sharing Jesus is important**. When we trust and follow Jesus, we believe He is God's only Son, and He makes the way for us to have a relationship with God. That is the most important truth we could ever share! Let me hear you say, **"Sharing Jesus is important!" (Sharing Jesus is important!)**

Worship

What You Say: Let's all stand together and worship this morning!

What To Do:

- Turn lights off
- 2 songs of worship
- **Teachers and Small Group Leaders worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids- but not in the back.**
- Dismiss the kids back to their seats when the songs are over

What To Do:

- Have the kids **open up** a physical Bible and find the Bible story for that day.
- Use the Bibles provided in the classroom if a kid does not have their own Bible with them.

Transition Script to go into the Bible Story Video: (Open the Bible to Acts 13–21.) Now we get to hear a story from the Bible. The Bible is God's true message to us about Himself. The Bible has two parts that are each filled with different books. Our story today comes from a book in the Bible called Acts. Everyone, say, "Acts!" (Acts!) The word "Acts" might make you think about the word "action," and there is a lot of action in our Bible story today! Let's see how a man named Paul taught about Jesus. If you are ready, say, "I am ready!" (I am ready!)

Play Bible Story Video

Questions to consider asking after the video:

- What is something that you learned about God from the video?
- What is something that you learned about people?
- What can you take away from the video?
 - How can you apply the lesson from today into your life?

Making The Connection Script: This Bible story teaches us that we can have confidence when we share Jesus with others. Paul knew sharing Jesus was so important, and he needed to share Jesus with everyone. With who? (Everyone!) Even though Paul faced some hard times, like people disagreeing with him, going to jail, and even being hurt badly, Paul never stopped sharing about Jesus. Since Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with God, Paul knew it was the most important thing to share. Say it after me, **“Sharing Jesus is important!” (Sharing Jesus is important!)** Because Paul never stopped sharing Jesus, many people believed and started following Jesus!

Use the Three Circle Graphics on the Playlist

(Circle 2) We may wonder why Paul faced so many challenges when he was sharing such good news. People got angry, doubted Paul, and did not believe him. This happened, and it continues to happen because our world and our lives are deeply broken. Brokenness in our world is a result of sin, which is when we choose to do things our way instead of God’s way. Sin breaks our relationship with God, and no matter how hard we try, we cannot fix this brokenness on our own. But Paul knew—and we can know—God loved us so much that He stepped in to rescue us from sin.

(Circle 3) God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserved for sin. Jesus died on a cross to take that punishment, then came back to life on the third day. Jesus showed that He is more powerful than both sin and death. Paul knew the truth that only Jesus could forgive sin. He knew that turning from sin to follow Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with God. This is why Paul spent all those years traveling to tell people about Jesus! Say, “Sharing Jesus is important!” (Sharing Jesus is important!)

(Circle 1) Jesus promised that one day He would return and make everything new. Everyone who trusts and follows Jesus will be made new too! These followers of Jesus will get to enjoy a perfect relationship with God forever, just like God designed in the very beginning. Paul wanted as many people as possible to trust and follow Jesus so they could have this forever relationship. That is why Paul shared Jesus nonstop.

Not only can we trust and follow Jesus, but we can also share the truth about Him with others, like Paul did. You may ask yourself, “What if people make fun of me or think I am weird when I talk about Jesus?” That did not stop Paul, Barnabas, Timothy, and Titus, and it does not need to stop us. We can pray and ask God to give us courage. And we can work together with others to share Jesus, like Paul and Barnabas did. Sharing Jesus is important, and God is with us when we

share. That does not mean sharing Jesus will always be easy. But when we remember how important it is and how much God loves the people around us, we can share the truth about Jesus in a kind and helpful way. Sharing about who Jesus is, why He came, and why we trust and follow Him is important. Let me hear you say, "Sharing Jesus is important!" (Sharing Jesus is important!)

If you want to know more about trusting and following Jesus, talk with me or your Small Group Leader. We believe sharing Jesus is important and would love to tell you more.

Offering

What To Do:

- Play video explaining offering to kids
- Play offering time video while kids pass the bucket
- Ask a student(s) to come up and pray over the offering

Theme Verse Review:

Theme Verse Motions:

For everyone who calls (Bring both hands to your mouth like you are shouting.)

on the name of the Lord (Point up with both hands.)

will be saved. (Cross arms over your chest. Rotate arms out to your side with your fists pointed up.)

Romans 10:13 (Hold both hands out like a book.)

What You Say: Let's learn our Theme verse together! Learning Bible verses helps us remember important truths that we can share nonstop.

Play Theme Verse Video

What You Say: This Bible verse points us to the truth that everyone who calls to God and asks for forgiveness through Jesus will be saved! That means everyone who turns from sin to trust and follow Jesus will be saved from sin and separation from God. This is why sharing Jesus is important. We can let the world know that Jesus is the only way to have a forever relationship with God. Say, "Sharing Jesus is important!" (Sharing Jesus is important!)

Large Group Closing:

What You Say: Let me hear you say, “I am here to share Jesus!” (I am here to share Jesus!) We can know that it is important to share Jesus with others. Jesus makes the only way to have a forever relationship with God, and that is news the world needs to hear. If we ever feel nervous or unsure about sharing Jesus, we can remember that God is with us, and He helps us. This truth is too good for us to keep to ourselves! Say, “Sharing Jesus is important!” (Sharing Jesus is important!) Let’s close out our time by talking with God. Let’s pray in 3-2-1.

Closing Prayer: God, thank You for the incredible truth of how much You love us. Thank You for sending Jesus to make the way for us to have a relationship with You. Help us to be bold and courageous to share Jesus. Help us to share the truth in love and with kindness, knowing You are always with us. Amen.

Transition to Small Group Time: Split the kids into small groups. This can be done either by age, grade, or gender.

Small Group Time:

Option #1: Connection Questions

What To Do: Let’s talk about the truth that sharing Jesus is important and how we can share Him nonstop!

1. Who could you talk with nonstop? What do you like to talk about? (Allow kids to answer and share their own answer.)
2. Why do people use keys? What makes them important? (Keys are the only way to open locks.) How can a key remind us that **sharing Jesus is important?** (Jesus is like a key because following Him is the only way to have a relationship with God.)
3. The Bible tells us that we are here to share Jesus, and that **sharing Jesus is important!** Let’s open our Bibles to **Acts 13:47-48** and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) Paul and Barnabas shared Jesus with many different people. Paul said that God called them to be a light to the Gentiles. God called

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them to be a what? (Light!) How did the people respond when they heard about Jesus? (Many people were happy and believed in Jesus!)

4. Paul kept sharing about Jesus, even when it was hard. What can help us be brave when it is hard to share about Jesus? (We can remember that **sharing Jesus is important**. We can know Jesus died and rose again to make the only way to have a relationship with God. We can pray and ask God to help us share Jesus.)
5. The Bible tells us that we are here to share Jesus, which is an important purpose. When we trust and follow Jesus, we never stop telling people about Him! What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)

Option #2: Share Everywhere

What To Do: Let's get crafty! We are going to make some spinners that will help us remember that we can share Jesus everywhere we go because sharing Jesus is important.

First, decorate each section of your spinner. You will see the names of different places where you can share Jesus. Draw pictures that remind you of those places or pictures of people you know from those places. When we say, "Community," think about the places that you go to often. That may be a sports team you are part of, a place you go to every day after school, or even a store where everyone knows your name. For "Everywhere I go," that can be somewhere you love visiting, like your grandparents' house! (Allow time.)

Finally, fasten the arrow and the circle together. Now you can spin your spinner. Each time you spin, and it lands on a space, think about someone at that place who you can tell about Jesus!

Keep It Going: Assign kids to pairs or small groups. Direct kids to take turns spinning the arrows on their spinners, then sharing with others the names of people in those places with whom they can share Jesus.

Loud And Clear: Wow! Your spinners look awesome. Now, let's do something with them. Everyone, take your spinner and spin the arrow for me. (Allow kids time to spin.) Those spinners can keep spinning and spinning and spinning! It seems like they can spin nonstop! Everywhere we go, there are people we can share Jesus with nonstop! Since believing in Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with God, it is important that we share Jesus with others. So let's share everywhere!

Option #3: Activity Page

What To Do: This activity page helps us remember some big things we have learned about today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

Leader Tip: This is a great time to get to know the kids better. You can ask them what they remember about the Bible story, or you can remind them that, like Paul had courage, we can have courage to share Jesus. It is important to share Jesus with others. God works through us to help others believe.

Loud And Clear: God has a purpose for us. We are here to share Jesus with others. Sharing Jesus is important because He makes the only way for us to have a relationship with God. When we feel nervous or unsure, we can ask God to help us share with courage and kindness. We are here to share Jesus.

Close out in prayer:

What To Do:

- Ask for any specific prayer requests
- Pray with the group
- Lead the group in the prayer below.

What You Say: God, thank You for sending Jesus to make the way for us to have a relationship with You. This is important good news we can share with others! Help us have an attitude like Paul and Barnabas, where we want to share You everywhere we go. Help us be brave and kind when we share Jesus with others. Thank You for loving us. Amen.

Dismissal:

Leader Tip: Work with your team to dismiss the kids in a fun, manageable, and safe way. As kids leave, make sure they have all of the crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.