

PreK Lesson Plan

October 11, 2026

God Forgives Me-God Can Make Me Whole

Bible Story: Jesus Forgave Peter (Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-27; 21:12-19)

Theme Verse: "With you there is forgiveness." (Psalm 130:4a)

Share: Peter lied and betrayed Jesus, which seems unforgivable. Yet, when Jesus rose from the dead, He showed His forgiveness and restoration by inviting Peter to be a part of His ministry. Read John 21:15. Today we will teach kids that God's forgiveness makes us whole and complete, leading us to live the way He created us to live.

Pray: Lead the group in prayer, asking God to help kids recognize their need for forgiveness and accept the gift of God's love through Jesus in the future.

Pre-Service- Teachers choose playlister and start the preservice slide with music, Co-Teacher/volunteers: Arrival time, please use either one of these options as kids arrive for the morning to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.

Pre-Service- any extra activities provided, preservice coloring pages and allow kids to have playtime.

Leader Tip: Announce a 2-3 minute signal before asking them to clean up their toys. Giving your group a mental head start will begin to cue their minds for what is next.

Clean-up time:

What to do: Teacher plays a clean-up song, encouraging all kids to help get things put away and ready for service.

Service

Teacher Opener: Hi, everyone! I am so glad to spend time with you today. Let's start by doing some movements. When I say, "Stuck!" I want you to stop whatever you are doing. When I say, "Unstuck!" you can keep moving. Here we go! Reach low to your toes. Stuck! (*Lead preschoolers to touch their toes and then stay in place.*) Unstuck! Walk slowly toward a friend. Stuck! (*Guide preschoolers to move to a friend then stay in place.*) Unstuck! Turn to a friend and give them a high five. Stuck! (*Lead preschoolers to give high fives.*) Unstuck! Wave your arms really fast, high in the air. Stuck! (*Continue starting and stopping different motions.*) Great job! When something is stuck, it cannot move without help, like when you glue something to a piece of paper. This month we are learning about how God forgives us. When God forgives us, He lets go of our wrong choices and no longer sees our sins. He sees what Jesus did for us and invites us into a friendship with Himself. When God forgives us it sticks to us like glue. This means when God forgives us, we don't have to worry about His forgiveness ever going away or wearing off. It sticks forever! Let's say our Theme, *Stuck on You*, together. Ready? "Stuck on You!" Way to go! We are going to have so much fun learning about God together today.

Worship Song #1: Teachers, Co-Teachers, and volunteers 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.

Bible Story Video

What to do: Play the bible story video and use the script below after the video to help make the connection for the kids.

Making the connection script: In our Bible story today, a man named Peter did not tell the truth about knowing Jesus. When Peter realized what he had done and the wrong choices he had made, he cried. He was so sad and sorry for lying about knowing Jesus. After Jesus died on the cross and came back to life, He appeared to Peter and invited him to have breakfast. After breakfast Jesus asked Peter three different times, "Do you love Me?" All three times, Peter told Jesus he loved Him. Jesus forgave Peter, and God made Peter whole. Jesus told Peter, "Feed My sheep." Jesus was telling Peter to follow

Community Little Kids

Him. Jesus gave Peter an important job to do—to share the special news about Jesus with others. Peter made a wrong choice and was broken because of his sin. We also make wrong choices and are all broken because of our sin, but God can make us whole.

Let's all stand and sing one last song to God together today!

Worship Song #2: Teachers, co-teachers, and volunteers 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.

Memory Verse Video:

Let's stand up together and learn our Theme Verse!

Theme Verse Motions:

With you (*Bring your right arm beside your head and point to the sky.*)

There is forgiveness. (*Bring both arms down in front of you, flat palms facing up.*)

Psalm 130:4a (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

Small Group Time: Option #1

"Wipe away the sad face"

- **The concept:** Peter was deeply sad after he denied Jesus. But when Jesus met Him on the beach, He took that Sadness away and restored their friendship.
- **Supplies:** paper plates, Jesus picture, glue, washable marker and baby wipes.

What to do:

1. Have the kids glue a small picture of Jesus on one side of the paper plate after they color Him.
2. On the other side, help them draw a simple sad face using the washable marker to represent Peter feeling sorry.
3. The big reveal: when you get to the part of the story where Jesus forgives Peter, have the kids take a wet baby wipe and completely wipe the marker off the plate.
4. Teacher: Look! The sad face is completely gone! When we tell Jesus we are sorry, His love wipes away our mistakes and gives us a clean, happy start.

Option #2

Preschoolers will glue the missing puzzle pieces in the correct places to make a broken pumpkin whole again.

What To Do: Let's do a craft together called "Make It Whole." What is it called? (*Make It Whole!*) That's right! Look at your picture of a pumpkin. Oh no! It is broken! There are missing pieces. Let's make it whole by finding pieces that will fit and gluing them to the pumpkin. After you have made the pumpkin whole, you can use crayons to color the pumpkin. Under the pumpkin it says, "**God Can Make Me Whole.**" Let's say that together. Ready? "**God Can Make Me Whole!**" Good job!

Close out in Prayer:

What to do:

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

God, thank You that even though we are broken, You can make us whole again. Thank You for forgiving us. Amen.

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