

PreK Lesson Plan

October 18, 2026

God Forgives Me—God Can Give Me Hope

Bible Story: The Bronze Snake (Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-17)

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

Share: In the book of Exodus, God’s People were rescued by deadly snakes when Moses obeyed God by creating a bronze snake. Everyone who was bitten and looked up to the snake would be healed. Jesus later referred to this moment, teaching that we can always look to Him for forgiveness and hope. Read John 3: 14-17. Preschoolers will learn that God gives us hope. We can trust that His love and forgiveness are always available to us through Jesus.

Pray: Lead the group in prayer, inviting God to help your team share His love with the kids you serve.

Pre-Service- Teachers choose playlist 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: We are so glad to spend time with you today! As we get started, follow me in these movements, but notice my feet are glued to the ground! They will never move—they are stuck! Let's reach up high with our arms. (*Demonstrate.*) Now reach out to the side and front. (*Demonstrate.*) And now let's reach down to our feet and across our bodies to give ourselves a hug. (*Demonstrate.*) Finally, turn to a friend, give them a high five, and say, "I am glad you are here!" (*I am glad you are here!*) Great job! Today we are learning about how God forgives us and how when God forgives us it sticks like glue. That means it never gets lost or goes away; it is always there! Let's say, "Stuck on you!" together. Ready? (*Stuck on you!*) Nice! When God forgives us it sticks like glue when we ask Him for it, and that is so exciting!

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: Today we learned a lot about the hope God gives us through Jesus. In our Bible story we learned that even though the Israelites made wrong choices, God provided a way for them to be saved. When we make wrong choices, this is called *sin*. Sin always has to be punished, but God can give us hope! God sent Jesus to take the punishment we deserve so we can be forgiven from our sins. God forgives us when we ask Him. That is such exciting news! I have had so much fun learning about how God forgives you and me today. I will see you next time!

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.*)

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

Small Group

What To Do: Let's make a snake craft. First we will use markers to decorate our sticks, then add a snake and sticker. Are you ready to get started? Let's go!

Loud And Clear: God gave the Israelites hope when He provided a way for them to be healed from the snake bites. When anyone who was bitten looked up at the snake statue, they were healed. God also gives us hope by providing a way for us to be forgiven for our wrong choices. God sent Jesus to rescue us. Jesus died on the cross for our wrong choices, and then He came back to life. Everyone who looks to Jesus and trusts in Him and asks God to forgive them gets to have a friendship with God!

Extra Activity

Preschoolers will decorate crosses with crayons and stickers.

Big Goal: Remember the Main Idea: **God can give me hope.**

Leader Prep: Print "Sticker Cross" printables on cardstock, one per child.

What To Do: Let's decorate a cross together! What are we decorating? (*A cross!*) That is right! Each of you has a cross that you can decorate by coloring and adding stickers.

Community Little Kids

Loud And Clear: Great job making your crosses! They look great! The words under our crosses are, **"God can give me hope."** Let's say that together. **"God can give me hope!"** *Hope* means trusting that something good is coming even when we cannot see it. Our crosses can remind us of God's hope. In our Bible story today, God gave people who had been bitten by a snake hope. He said, "Anyone who is bitten who looks at the bronze snake statue will get better." When someone was bitten by a snake, if he looked at the bronze statue, he was healed. Long after that, God gave us hope through Jesus. Jesus reminded a man named Nicodemus (*NIK uh DEE muhs*) about the bronze snake. Jesus told Nicodemus that everyone who believes in Him would have forever life with God. Just as the bronze snake rescued those bitten by snakes in the Old Testament, Jesus came to rescue people by dying on the cross and coming back to life. God gives us hope through Jesus. Jesus came to save the world.

Close out in prayer: *God, thank You for giving us hope through sending Jesus so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with You. Thank You that You forgive us and it stays with us. We love You! Amen.*

End of Service Activities, puzzles, read them a book to finish till parents pick up.

Closing: 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.