

Toddler 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.

Option 1: Let the kids play with toys and get to know them.

Option 2: Coloring sheet.

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: I am so excited to see you here today. We are going to have a lot of fun!

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.

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

“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.

Close out in Prayer:

What to do:

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

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.