

Toddler Lesson Plan

October 4, 2026

God Forgives Me—God Can Forgive Me

Bible Story: Jesus Forgave and Healed a Man (Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26)

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

Share: This October we are teaching kids that because of Jesus, they can experience God’s forgiveness and new life in Him. Today we are teaching the story of when friends brought their paralyzed friend to see Jesus, hoping for healing. Jesus offered something better than physical healing—He offered forgiveness. Read Mark 2:9-11. Kids will learn they can be forgiven by God through Jesus, which is the best gift ever!

Pray: Lead the group in prayer, thanking God for His forgiveness and how His love leads your team to 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.

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.

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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:

Option #1: Coloring sheet, and retell the bible story to the kids as they color.

Option #2: "Stuck on you" printable

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Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print "Stuck On You" printables, one per child.
2. Encourage preschoolers to decorate the words with markers, bandages, and stickers.

What To Do: Let's make a craft. Our craft is called "Stuck on You!" What is it called? (*Stuck on You!*) Great listening! Each of you will get a paper that says, "Stuck on You! God Forgives Me and You!" There are crayons to use to decorate the words of our Big Deal. After you decorate the words, you can add stickers and colorful bandages all around the page to remember that God's forgiveness sticks like glue.

Loud And Clear: Great job decorating the Big Deal, everyone! Our Big Deal today talks about how God forgives us. It says, "Stuck on You! God Forgives Me and You!" Who does God forgive? (*Me and you!*) Great job! Let's say our Big Deal together. Ready? "Stuck on You! God Forgives Me and You!" Way to go!

Close out in Prayer:

What to do:

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

What you say:

God, thank You for the true story in the Bible that shows us how You forgive and heal. Thank You for forgiving us when we ask. We are so thankful that You make a way for us to have a friendship with You. 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.