



Younger IK Groups- PreK- 1st grade

April 9, 2025

Bible Story: Worry- Matthew 6: 19-34

Big Idea: God takes care of us.

The Win: Kids who can identify and take their next step of discipleship by embracing a preschooler's physical needs or engaging an elementary kid in things that interest them.

Wednesday Share:

Tonight during Impact Kids, we looked at Matthew 6:19-34. Jesus tells his listeners not to store up treasure on earth or love money, which adds more worry to our lives. Instead, we don't need to worry about anything! Just as God clothes the flowers and provides food for the birds, he'll give us everything we need. We don't need to worry, because God takes care of us. What are you worried about? Write your worries on a piece of paper. Then fold it in half and hold the crease as you make it flap like a bird. While your paper bird flies, ask God to help you trust him.

Leader Devo:

<https://parkwaychurch.tv/blog/2025/04/02/apr-9>

Dig In to Prayer:

Ask God to take care of the kids in your group. If you know of any specific needs, pray for them. If not, try to find out during class and pray for them through the coming week.

Quick Tip:

Does your church provide a snack for kids? Due to allergy concerns, many churches shy away from snacks. But remember that there may be kids in your ministry who do worry about getting enough food, and God could use your Dig In time as a place to provide for them. Having basic snacks on hand, with Rice Chex as an allergy-friendly option, can be one way for God to use your ministry.

Wednesday Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM
Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM
K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM
4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM
K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM
4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM

Low Energy Game:

Talk About Pets

Say: Today we're learning that God takes care of us. Sometimes we can help take care of something, too.

Share an example of a pet you've cared for. Maybe you have a cat, your son has a hamster, or your sister has a pet rabbit you've taken care of while she was away.

Ask: • Tell about a pet you or a friend help care for. Kids may say they have a dog, their grandma has a pet bird, or their friend has a fish.

Play a Game

Say: Let's play a game and pretend to take care of some pets. I'll tell you which pet we're pretending to take care of. For example, if I say, "Pet the puppy," we can pretend to gently pet a puppy like this. Lead kids to pretend to pet an imaginary puppy.

Say: And if I say, "Feed the fish," we'll pretend we're shaking some food into the tank like this. Lead kids to pretend to shake food out of a jar.

Say: And if I say, "Cuddle the kitty," pretend to hold a kitty in your arms like this. Lead kids to pretend to rock a kitty back and forth in their arms.

- Have kids stand and spread out around the room.
- Give the three different instructions repeatedly in random order.
- Begin slowly, giving time for everyone to do the action before moving on to the next.
- Then move through the actions increasingly quickly.
- Continue playing as time allows, alternating between rapidly going through the actions and slowing down a bit.

Say: In our game it was fun to pretend to take care of pets. When we help take care of something, it can help us remember all the ways God takes care of us!

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch "Shiloh's Story"

Say: Jesus said that God takes care of us, so we don't need to worry.

Ask: • What are some things you worry about?

Say: Let's watch a video about a girl who was a little worried about starting at a new school.

Watch "Shiloh's Story."

Ask: • Tell about a time you felt like Shiloh. Share your own story first.

- How did you see that God took care of Shiloh?
- How have you seen God take care of you when you were worried?

Say: God takes care of us, just like he took care of Shiloh. Shiloh was worried about starting at a new school, but she made friends right away! Abby and Owen helped her fit in and get used to her new school. When you're worried, remember how God takes care of us.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bible
- play food
- dress-up items, such as hats, vests, and oversized clothing

Thank God for Giving Food

Say: It's so amazing that God takes care of the flowers and the birds, and God takes care of us. He knows what we need. There are lots of ways God takes care of us. He gives us yummy food to eat, like [name some of the play food]. Let's pretend to make some yummy food. Give kids a few minutes to pretend to prepare something with the play food. As they do, point out the different foods God made for us.

Say: God feeds the birds and all the animals. God takes care of us, too. He helps us have good food. Let's thank God for giving us yummy food. Lead kids to pray and thank God for giving them food.

Thank God for Giving Clothes

Say: God also gives us fun clothes to wear, like [point out some of the dress-up items]. Let's pretend these are clothes God has given us to wear. Give kids a few minutes to dress up in the play clothes. As they do, point out the different types of clothing people may need for jobs, play, or getting dressed up.

Say: God gives the flowers beautiful colors. It's almost like they have beautiful clothes. God takes care of us, too. He gives us the clothes we need. Let's thank God for giving us clothes. Lead kids in prayer by thanking God for the specific clothing items God has provided for individual children. For example, "Thank you, God, for giving Janessa a sweater to keep her warm," or "Thank you, God, for giving Michael tennis shoes he can run in."

Thank God for Friends

Say: God gives us special friends.

Share about one of your close friends and what makes that person special.

Ask: • Tell me about one of your special friends. As kids share about their friends, encourage them to share what makes that friend special.

Say: We have lots of special friends here in our class. Let's give a few of our special friends a high-five! Encourage kids to give high-fives to a few kids around them.

Say: It's fun to think about all the ways God takes care of us. We never need to worry. The Bible promises we can ask God for anything we need.

Listen to this! **Read aloud Philippians 4:19.** Let's thank God for all the ways he takes care of us. Lead kids to pray and thank God for taking care of them.

