

WEEK 2 PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

PAGE-TURNER

THE BIG IDEA

God is more powerful than evil.

THE BIBLE

Jesus Chases Away Demons:

Luke 9:37-43a

WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Epic Praise!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *You can lead the kids in worship with any songs you like, but here are a few songs that go along with this month's theme. Make sure you have purchased any licenses required to play or perform these songs. For more information, [read this!](#)*
 - "Jump Around" (Kidspring)
 - "My God is So Big" (Life Kids)
 - "Power Up Dance Moves" (Orange Music)
 - "Looking At My Heart" (Kidspring)

ACTIVITY | Glowstick Treasure Hunt

- Welcome back to Page-Turner! We are using our imaginations to travel to lands we've read about in books. Today, we are imagining that we are on a treasure hunting adventure . . . at night! Ooh!
- We are going to turn off most of the lights in the room and look for the treasure. I think you will find that even in the dark, you will be able to find what you are looking for because they will be . . . glowing!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before the kids arrive, hide glowsticks around the room. After you've given instructions for the activity, dim the lights. Turn on a lamp, if needed, to provide some light.*
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Hide the glowsticks in more obvious places for younger kids.*
- You found all the glowsticks! Even with the lights off, you were able to find the treasure because the light is always more powerful than the dark!

ACTIVITY | Heavy Lifting

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Divide the kids into equal teams and line them up at a starting line. Designate a second line at the opposite side of the room where the kids will, while carrying an object, run to it and back to pass off the object to the next team member. Have the “dumbbells” you made according to the Shop & Prep List hidden for a funny reveal.
- Okay, everybody, we’re going to do some heavy lifting today! We are going to carry 200 pounds!
 - **Do you know what weighs 200 pounds?** It’s like how much a refrigerator or a piano weighs! Do you think you can lift it?
- So this is what you’re going to do. You’re going to carry a dumbbell (you know, those bar things with weights on them that people use to exercise?) that weighs 200 pounds all the way to the line over there, and back. Then, you are going to pass the dumbbell to your teammates. Once you finish, go to the back of your team’s line and sit down. The first team to have everyone carry the weight, return to their line, and sit down wins!
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Instead of creating a relay race for younger kids, put them in teams of two. Have them work together to carry the “dumbbell” across the room and back. The first team to finish the race wins! If the kids are up for it, you can even have them do the race twice.
- **Was that easier than you thought it would be?** You might have thought when I said “200 pounds” that you might have to pick up a refrigerator but it wasn’t anything like that.
- Sometimes, things are not as hard as we imagine them to be!

TEACHING TIME

BIBLE STORY | Jesus Chases Away Demons

- Once again, our story is from the greatest book ever! **Do you remember what the name of the book is?** *[Hold up a Bible.]* Yes! The Bible! Our story today is about the greatest hero ever!
- We talked about the greatest hero ever last week. **Do you remember who the hero is?** Yes! Jesus!
- *[Flex your muscles as you say this out loud.]* Can you say with me: Jesus is our hero? Let’s say it together: Jesus is our hero! *[Have the kids flex their muscles.]*
- Today, we are going to act out our story. I will do the motions and I want you to follow my lead. It will be so fun! Let’s stand up and dive into our story!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** As you tell the story, act out the motions indicated below, and have the kids mimic your actions.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Place small carpet squares or rugs on the floor so the kids stay in place as they do the motions during the story.
- Our story today is from the book of Luke, chapter nine in the Bible. Jesus and a few of the disciples – which is a fancy word for followers of Jesus – were on a mountain and Jesus began to glow as bright as the sun!
 - Let’s pretend to put on sunglasses. *[Pretend to pick up a pair of sunglasses and put them on your face.]*

- After this, God’s voice came from a cloud and said, “This is my son. Listen to Jesus!”
 - So, let’s lean in and listen. *[Lean forward and cup your hand around one of your ears.]*
- The next day, Jesus and Jesus’ friends came down from the mountain.
 - Let’s walk in place and pretend that we are coming down from a large mountain. *[March in place.]*
 - Oh, don’t forget your sunglasses. Are they still on your faces? *[Pretend to check for your sunglasses.]*
- As Jesus and the disciples came down from the mountain, there was a large crowd.
 - Let’s pretend that we are coming down and seeing a large crowd. Let’s wave and say hello! *[Wave and say, “Hello!”]*
- A man came to Jesus and told Jesus that his son was not feeling well. The boy was acting strange and was a danger to himself and to others. Jesus’ disciples didn’t know what to do.
 - Let’s pretend that we are the disciples. *[Put your hands palms up, and say, “I don’t know.”]*
- The disciples were kind of scared. The disciples saw a big problem, but Jesus knew what to do.
- Jesus went over to the boy, and said, “Go away!” to the mean thing inside of the boy that was making him behave this way.
 - On the count of three, let’s shout, “Go away!” 1 . . . 2 . . . 3 . . . “Go away!” Yes! That is what Jesus did, and guess what? The boy was all better!
- Everyone in the crowd was amazed at the power of Jesus! Now, on the count of three, I want you to give three of your friends in our class a high five and say, “Jesus is powerful!” 1 . . . 2 . . . 3 . . . Go!

BIG IDEA | God is more powerful than evil.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Seat the kids on the floor. Display the Big Idea storybook on an easel or have a leader hold it up for the kids to see.*
- **How many of you remember your dreams at night?**
 - Raise your hand if you remember a really good dream.
 - Raise your hand if you have ever had a dream about castles!
 - Raise your hand if you have ever dreamed about flying!
 - Raise your hand if you have ever dreamed about being a star in sports.
 - Raise your hand if you have ever dreamed about a unicorn!
 - Raise your hand if you have ever dreamed about swimming with huge fish and whales in the ocean!
- Now, raise your hand if you have ever had a scary dream. I know that I have. When I was a kid, I used to have bad dreams just like you.
- Sometimes, I still have bad dreams. I have had bad dreams about getting hurt or lost. Have you? Other bad dreams have monsters or dragons in them. Yikes!
- Guess what? Just like Jesus told that mean thing inside the boy to go away, God can make our bad dreams go away, too. And not just in our dreams. God can even make bad things in real life go away, too. God is more powerful and way stronger than any bad thing!

- **Do you know what “evil” means?** Evil is the opposite of good. In dreams or stories, dragons or monsters are evil, because they don’t care about others. They are mean, and they can be kind of scary, can’t they? Here’s the good news, though . . . **God is more powerful than evil!**
- And that is our Big Idea for this week: **God is more powerful than evil.** Can you say that with me? **God is more powerful than evil!**

VIDEO | Page-Turner, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week’s episode of [Cali’s World](#).*

ACTIVITY | More Powerful than Everything

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Put up two large pieces of butcher paper or construction paper on the wall within arm’s reach of the kids. Place a piece of paper vertically that says “God” above the other blank sheet of paper. Have the kids tape pictures on the bottom paper. The pictures include images like lightning, a grizzly bear, a snake, sickness (someone blowing their nose), a gymnast, a lightbulb, a rocketship, a football player, ocean waves, and a lion.*
- There are a lot of powerful things in the world, but we are going to discover that God is the most powerful of all!
- I have found pictures of a number of powerful things. I am going to show you what the picture is, and then one at a time, I am going to invite you to take turns and come and place them on the paper.
- All of these things are pretty powerful, but nothing is more powerful than God!
- *[Hold up the word “evil” printed on a piece of paper.]* This word, says “evil.” Remember how we talked about how evil is the opposite of good?
- God is so good. And **God is more powerful than evil.** *[Tape the word to the lowest piece of paper.]* That means God is more powerful than everything!

PRAYER

- Dear God, we are so glad we have someone so strong on our side. You are more powerful than evil. You are more powerful than everything! I’m glad I don’t have to be afraid because you are with me. Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Yum-bells

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid a paper plate with several pretzel sticks and marshmallows. Show them how to assemble them to look like a [dumbbell](#), and instruct them to make their own.*
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Create some pre-made pretzel and marshmallow dumbbell snacks for toddlers.*
- Today, we are going to make our dumbbell snacks. They will look like weights that strong people lift to remind us that God is strong and powerful!
- As you enjoy your snacks, I have a few questions for you!

- **What did Jesus do to help the boy in today's story?** Jesus told the mean spirit to go away and the boy got better right away!
- **Does anyone remember our Big Idea for today?** Yes! **God is more powerful than evil!**

VIDEO | "God is Bigger Than the Boogie Man"

- **Do you know what the boogie man is?** It's a made-up monster that a lot of people used to tell scary stories about. Even though it's not real, the stories made people afraid.
- But what did we learn today? Let's listen to this song to help us remember.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show this video, "[God is Bigger than the Boogie Man.](#)"
- God is bigger than the boogie man, and every other scary thing we can think of. **God is more powerful than evil.**
- **What are some things in your life that seem scary?**
- Because God is more powerful than evil, we can be strong and brave. We don't have to be afraid because God is with us. And God is our friend!

ACTIVITY | Ocean Waves

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show the kids a large stuffed animal shark (or a ball and pretend that it is a shark). Then, surprise them by pulling out a parachute or large blanket. Have them surround the parachute or blanket and wave it to represent ocean waves.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Provide a separate blanket or parachute for the younger kids so they can enjoy the activity on a smaller scale. They may not be able to hang onto the parachute as older kids participate in the activity.
- Do you see this shark? Yikes! Sharks are scary! Look at those big teeth! Sharks are pretty powerful.
- **Do you think a shark is more powerful than ocean water, or do you think ocean water is more powerful than a shark?** Raise your hand if you think a shark is more powerful than ocean water. Now, raise your hand if you think ocean water is more powerful than a shark.
- Let's do a little experiment. I want you to start moving the parachute up and down. **This is like ocean waves. They don't seem super powerful, right now, do they?**
- Now, let's add the shark to the waves. Keep making the waves! See how the shark is being tossed back and forth by the waves? The shark is actually not as powerful as we first thought!
- Ocean waves seem gentle and we like to play in the waves, but ocean waves can also sweep a shark onto the shore where it can't breathe! The ocean is more powerful than a shark . . . even if the shark has sharp teeth!
- God's power is like the ocean waves. God's power is stronger than any scary thing, and **God is more powerful than evil!**

MEMORY VERSE | II Thessalonians 3:3 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Seat the kids in chairs or on the floor. Ask two leaders to volunteer to help.
- For this next activity, I am going to repeat the memory verse three times, but then I am going to disappear! Another leader is going to come in with some clues, but they are going to need your help to crack the code and learn the memory verse! So, listen carefully as I share today's verse with you.

- *[Another leader walks up to the front of the room.]* **Are you the super spies who are going to help me crack this code?** *[Read the Bible verse with two or three words missing.]*
- **Do you know what words I'm missing?** You cracked the code! Let's say the memory verse all together now!

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTION:** *Print and distribute this week's coloring page along with crayons or markers. Discuss today's Bible story and Big Idea as the kids color.*

ACTIVITY | Crush It

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Set up a bunch of paper cups upside down with sad faces drawn on them. Have kids roam around the room while the song is playing, but when you stop, they have to crush as many paper cups as possible by stomping on them. Keep playing until the song ends or you run out of cups (you might want to prepare a lot!). Play a song like ["Not Afraid" by Rend Co. Kids](#) while kids play.*

ACTIVITY | Play-Doh Art

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Seat the kids at a table. Give them each some Play-Doh or clay.*
- *As you think about what we heard about today, I want you to create something that will remind you of our Big Idea – that **God is more powerful than evil!***

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.