

NVC | W2

PRESCHOOL TIMETABLE

FREE PLAY (10 Minutes)

Set out simple toys and puzzles. Welcome kids as they arrive.

MOVE ACTIVITY (5 Minutes)

Do a short, fun movement activity.

PRAISE & WORSHIP (5 Minutes)

Lead kids in singing. Encourage them to join in.

BIBLE STORY (15 Minutes)

Tell the Bible story clearly and simply.

MEMORY VERSE (5 Minutes)

Say the verse together and practice the motions. Repeat a few times to help kids remember.

CREATE ACTIVITY (5 Minutes)

Help kids complete a simple craft that connects to the Bible Story.

SNACK TIME (5 Minutes)

Pray before eating. Watch for allergies.

HOME TIME (5 Minutes)

Help kids take their craft. Please make sure the child's tag matches the parent's tag before dismissal.



Bible Story

Hagar and Ishmael • Genesis 21:14-20

Key Question

Who is always with you?

Bottom Line

God is always with me.

Memory Verse

"God is with you wherever you go." • Joshua 1:9 NLT

5 min

Worship

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Yes!"

LEADER: "Start like this! Nod your head yes!"

(Nod your head up and down.)

"Good job! Now, nod your head no!"

(Nod your head left and right.)

"That's right. Let's sing this out, 'La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.'"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la"

LEADER: "Great work! "Let's try a quiet, tiny voice. Say 'Good morning!'"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Good morning!" *(whisper)*

LEADER: "Now a loud, big voice: 'GOOD MORNING!'"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "GOOD MORNING!" *(loud voice)*

LEADER: "Great job, everyone! Our voices are all warmed up and we're ready to go. What better way to use our voice than to worship God together! Get up on your feet!"

WORSHIP

SONG: "As for Me"

5 min

Amazing Music

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Move Activity

5 min

What Do You Hear?

Providing time for fun interaction

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

Print "What Do You Hear?" on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Tape the pictures in four different corners or areas of your room. Have your sound effects ready to play.

During the Activity:

Play one sound at a time and encourage children to find the picture that matches the sound.

What You Need

	"What Do You Hear?" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	Several
	Smartphone with sound recordings that match the pictures	1
	Painter's tape	1

After the Activity:

Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, hello friends! Come and play a listening game with me."

During the Activity: "I'm going to play a sound. I want you to listen carefully and then move to the picture that matches the sound! Everyone ready? Listen ... *(Play the sound of a child crying.)* What was that sound? *(Pause for responses.)* It was someone crying! Look around the room. Can you find the picture of the person crying? Let's go find it! *(Lead children to the picture.)* We found it! Okay, let's listen to the next sound. *(Play the sound of splashing water.)* What was that sound? *(Pause for responses.)* Water! Let's go find the water picture! *(Lead children to the picture.)* We found it! *(Continue with the other sounds.)*

After the Activity: "You are all such amazing listeners! You found every picture. Our true story from the Bible shows us that no matter what sound we make—if we're crying or laughing or talking—God hears us. Let's go hear today's true story from the Bible!"

15 min

Bible Story

10 min

Wonder Bible Story (Video)

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

PRAYER

"Dear God, thank You that You always hear us. When we are happy, sad, scared, or alone, You hear us and You care for us. Thank You for loving us and helping us like You helped Hagar and Ishmael. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

What You Say:

"Great singing, friends! Now it's time for our memory verse! These are God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

(Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, and on Pinterest.)

"God (point up) is with you (point to self) wherever you go" (march in place). Joshua 1:9 (open hands like a book).

"Can you do that with me?"

(Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.)

"Great job, friends! God is with us everywhere we go!"

5 min

Create Activity

5 min

Desert Sand Painting | Made to Create

What You Need

	"Desert Sand Painting" Activity Page	1
	Dot Markers	1
	Sandpaper Stickers	Several
	Baby wipes	1
	Permanent marker	Several

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Desert Sand Painting" on cardstock, one per child. Cover your table with the tablecloth. Fill cups halfway with water, one for every two children. Pour sand in bowls, one for every three children. Set out the paints, brushes, cups of water, bowls of sand and spoons on the table.

During the Activity: Encourage children to paint their picture with dot markers, then stick several pieces of sandpaper over the ground area.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come on over to the table friends. Let's create some special story art. Our story today happened in a hot, sandy desert, and our painting is going to look just like it!"

During the Activity: "In our Bible Story, a mom named Hagar and her son, Ishmael, were lost in the desert. They were so sad and thirsty because they had run out of water. But God heard them! God sent an angel to show Hagar a well of water.

"Paint your picture with dot markers. *(Allow children time to paint.)* Your pictures look wonderful! Now, take several pieces of sandpaper and stick them all over your wet painting. Great job! Now, let's carefully tap off any extra pieces onto the table. *(Pause.)* Look! You made a sandy desert picture! We'll let these dry so everything stays in place."

After the Activity: "Your desert paintings look amazing! They can help you remember our story. Even when Hagar and Ishmael felt all alone in a big, hot, sandy desert, God was with them. He heard them, and He helped them. God always hears us, too, no matter where we are. **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me.**"

Prayer

"Dear God, thank You that You always hear us. You are bigger than the whole sky, but You listen to our small voices. Please listen now as we talk to You. *(Read the list from the journal: "God, [Child's Name] wants to tell you about their red truck ...")* Thank You for being with us and hearing us all the time. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Supplies

What Do You Hear?	Quantity
1. "What Do You Hear?" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	Several
3. Smartphone with sound recordings that match the pictures	1
4. Painter's tape	1

Desert Sand Painting Made to Create	Quantity
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2. Dot Markers	1
3. Sandpaper Stickers	Several
4. Baby wipes	1
5. Permanent marker	Several