

June 23, 2019

Bible Story Focus: When Jesus is your friend, He gives you the power to be patient.

Simeon at the Temple • *Luke 2:22-39*

Memory Verse: “I can do everything by the power of Christ.” Philipians 4:13, NIV

Key Question: Who gives you the power to do everything?

Bottom Line: Jesus gives me the power to do everything.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

8:50 – 9:10 / 10:50 – 11:10 GREET

One teacher greets parents and children at the door and places name tag stickers on clip board, while other teacher(s) play with the children with a toy activity (i.e. blocks or trains).

9:10 – 9:15 / 11:10 – 11:15 INTRO ACTIVITY

Lead the children in this activity as an introduction to the theme for Story time.

1. Red Light, Green Light

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Guide the children to stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Say, “Green light,” and ask the children to walk toward you. When you say, “Red light,” instruct the children to stop. Tell the children to stand still for 20 seconds. Repeat the activity several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “We are going to play super fun game today.”

During the Activity: “When I say, ‘Green light,’ everyone walk to me. When I say, ‘Red light,’ then everyone FREEZE! Be sure not to move until I say, ‘Green light,’ again. Are you ready?” (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: “Great job! You were so patient during our game. Today we are going to talk about how Jesus gives us the power to be patient.”

Transition: Move to Bible story time by taking the long way to the story area.

9:15 / 11:15 STORY TIME

Walk your class to the Story Room for today’s lesson.

9:35 / 11:35 ACTIVITY & CONNECTION TIME

1. Inside the Verse

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Guide the children to stand in a circle.

During the Activity: Start with one child and say the memory verse by inserting their name at the beginning. [Child’s name] can do everything by the power of Christ, Philippians 4:13. Repeat with each child’s name.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Our verse tells each and every one of us that Jesus gives us the power to do anything!”

During the Activity: “God knows all of our names and He talks to all of us.” (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: “We are very special to God, and He gives us the power to do anything. **Who gives you the power to do everything? [Bottom Line] Jesus gives me the power to do everything!**”

2. Wait for the Baby

What You Need: A ball of yarn and a small plastic doll

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Wrap the doll in the yarn.

During the Activity: Let each child take a turn unwrapping the doll.

After the Activity: Retell the Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “There is something hid inside here.” (*Hold up the yarn and the doll.*)

During the Activity: “Let’s work together to unwrap the yarn and to find out what is inside. (*Do activity.*) WOW! That took a long time, but it was so worth it! We found a doll. Just like in our Bible story, Simeon was patient and God sent Jesus to be our friend forever!”

After the Activity: “God wants us to be patient, and Jesus gives us the power to be patient! **Who gives you the power to do everything? [Bottom Line] Jesus gives me the power to do everything!**”

3. Tunnel

What You Need: Preschool tunnel

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the tunnel in the middle of the activity area.

During the Activity: Invite a child to crawl through the tunnel. Encourage the other children to watch the end of the tunnel for the child to come out.

After the Activity: Continue the activity until all of the children have had a turn to crawl through the tunnel.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Yay! A tunnel! Let’s crawl through the tunnel!”

During the Activity: “Let’s watch [child’s name] crawl through the tunnel. Everybody watch at the end for him to come out!” (*Repeat for each child.*)

After the Activity: “You were all so patient while you were watching your friends crawl through the tunnel. Jesus gives us the power to do everything! **Who gives you the power to do everything? [Bottom Line] Jesus gives me the power to do everything!**”

4. Power Hat

What You Need: “Hat” Activity Page, sentence strip, glue sticks, star stickers, scissors, and clear tape

What You Do:

During the Activity: Help children glue the star in the middle of the sentence strip. Allow children to decorate the sentence strip with the star stickers.

After the Activity: Fit the sentence strip around the child's head and secure it with tape.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We are going to make a POWER hat!"

During the Activity: "Jesus gives us the power to do everything. This hat will tell everyone that Jesus is our friend and He gives us the power to everything." (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Your POWER hats look amazing! **Who gives you the power to do everything? [Bottom Line] Jesus gives me the power to do everything!**"

10:15 / 12:15 DISMISSAL

One teacher stands at the door and checks security tag and asks guardian to sign the check-in label. Other teacher(s) play with the children as they wait to be picked up.