

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.” Philippians 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. Line Tangle

What You Need: “Tangle” Activity Page, three different colors of yarn, three chairs, scissors, wall tape, and clear tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Tape the pictures to the wall at preschool level in a horizontal line. Be sure the pictures are about six inches apart from each other. Cut about an eight-foot

section of each color of yarn. Tape one end of a section of the yarn to each picture. You should have one color of yarn taped to each picture. Weave the sections of yarn within each other to form a web. Tape the other ends of the sections of yarn to the chairs (one color of yarn per chair).

During the Activity: Invite the children to start at the chairs and follow the yarn to each of the pictures.

After the Activity: Identify the pictures and retell the Bible story with the children.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “We are going to follow a maze to get to special pictures. We have to be really patient and take our time to get to the pictures.”

During the Activity: “Start at the chair (*point*) and work together to follow the yarn. If your chair has a [green] yarn, then you follow the [green] yarn. I cannot wait to find our way to the pictures!” (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: “You were so very patient today and did a great job finding the pictures. Let’s look at these pictures. These pictures show us that we need patience. This picture (*point*) is of hot soup. We have to be patient and wait for it to cool before we eat it. Our next picture is of a present. We have to be patient and wait to open our presents. The next picture is of a cake. I love cake for dessert! We have to be patient and wait until after dinner for dessert. Simeon had to be patient in our Bible story today. He knew something amazing was going to happen, but he had to wait and be patient. He was patient, and Jesus was born! 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. Pom-Pom Lane

What You Need: Pom-poms, drinking straws (one per child), and floor tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place a five-foot line of tape on the floor in your activity area. Create a parallel line of the same length about a foot from the first to create a lane. Place two or three pom-poms on the floor at one end of the lane.

During the Activity: Pass out a drinking straw to each child, and have children line up at the end of the lane where you’ve placed the pom-poms. Show the children how to blow air through their drinking straws to move the pom-pom along, making sure to keep it inside the tape lines. Let each child have a turn moving the pom-pom all the way down the lane.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Do you see these pom-poms? I have a little challenge for you. I want you to move one of these pom-poms all the way to the other end of our lane here, but you can only move it by blowing air through your straw. It will take patience, but I know you can do it!”

After the Activity: “That was hard but so fun! I love the way you kept going and showed patience. It isn’t always easy to show patience, but we do have help. 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.**”

5. 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.