Explore the Bible: Preschool Music & Print Extras

Parent Email Messages

Spring 2025

*Teachers: You have permission to use these brief messages to provide families an overview of the Bible focus for each week.*

**Spring 2025 Study Overview for Preschoolers & Kids**

In Spring 2025, Explore the Bible: Kids will dig deep into the genres of gospels, poetry and wisdom, and letters. The book of Mark highlights the end of Jesus’ earthly ministry and the ultimate sacrifice He made to rescue people from sin. The book of Psalms illuminates the truth and eternity of God’s Word. Finally, in his letter to churches, James encourages believers to live in ways that please God.

**Session 1.** Parent Note for Week of Mar. 2, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of Mark this week in your child’s class at church. Many fun and engaging activities are planned to help your preschooler use the Bible and learn how the Bible applies to his life.

Here’s a glimpse at this week’s Bible focus—

• Session Title: Jesus Cares

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: Jesus and Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)

• Text Truth: Jesus helps people because He cares.

• Bible Verse: Matthew 14:14

**PARENT TIP**

Jesus invited His disciples to a meal that is commonly labeled The Last Supper. At this meal, Jesus served food and drink to His disciples. Jesus then commanded the disciples to think of Him whenever they celebrated this special meal in the future.

 As your family eats dinner this week, spend time remembering Jesus. Lead your preschool child to say words of praise for Jesus.

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**Session 2.** Parent Note for Week of Mar. 9, 2025

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Here’s a glimpse at this week’s Bible focus—

• Session Title: A Place to Pray and Worship

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: Jesus Cleared the Temple (Mark 11:15-19)

• Text Truth: Church is a place to pray and worship.

• Bible Verse: Psalm 95:6 (BT); Isaiah 56:7 (P)

**PARENT TIP**

This week, help your preschooler hear and find two verses that remind us to pray and worship. Give your child a sticky note to place at Psalm 95:6 and at Isaiah 56:7. Read the verses, then say: “These words remind us that church is a place to pray.”

 Repeat the Bible verse paraphrases several times. Begin the verses and let your child finish them. Make up a tune to sing the verses.

Younger Preschooler: Come, let’s worship and pray. Psalm 95:6

Older Preschooler: God’s house will be a house of prayer. Isaiah 56:7

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**Session 3.** Parent Note for Week of Mar. 16, 2025

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Here’s a glimpse at this week’s Bible focus—

• Session Title: The Greatest Commandment

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: Jesus Answers a Question (Mark 12:28-34)

• Text Truth: Love God with all your heart.

• Bible Verse: Mark 12:30

**PARENT TIP**

Make a Heart Hanger

To help your child connect with the Text Truth, cut a large heart shape from a piece of poster board or a sturdy paper plate. Write this verse on the heart: *Love God with all your heart. Mark 12:30.* Punch two holes at the top of the heart shape and tie a ribbon through them to make a hanger. Give your child stickers to decorate the hanger. Help your child say the Bible verse with you as he works.

 Hang the heart reminder on a doorknob to remind family members to love God with all their hearts.

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**Session 4.** Parent Note for Week of Mar. 23, 2025

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Here’s a glimpse at this week’s Bible focus—

• Session Title: Love in Action

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: A Woman’s Gift for Jesus (Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-8)

• Text Truth: Show love for Jesus in what you do.

• Bible Verse: 1 John 3:18

**PARENT TIP**

This week at church your child will hear the moving Bible story about a woman who showed loved to Jesus in a very unique way. By washing Jesus’ feet with her tears and rubbing His feet with precious oil, the woman showed great love for Jesus. Through activities and conversation, your preschooler will learn that we, too, show love for Jesus through our actions.

 Seek opportunities for your family to put love into action. Help a friend and give encouragement to a family going through difficult times.

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**Session 5.** Parent Note for Week of Mar. 30, 2025

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Here’s a glimpse at this week’s Bible focus—

• Session Title: Remember Jesus

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: Supper with Jesus (Mark 14:12-16,22-26)

• Text Truth: Jesus wants us to remember Him.

• Bible Verse: Luke 22:19

**PARENT TIP**

Jesus invited His disciples to a meal that is commonly labeled The Last Supper. At this meal, Jesus served food and drink to His disciples. Jesus then commanded the disciples to think of Him whenever they celebrated this special meal in the future.

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**Session 6.** Parent Note for Week of Apr. 6, 2025

Hello, Parents,

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Here’s a glimpse at this week’s Bible focus—

• Session Title: Pray for God’s Help

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: Jesus Prays in the Garden (Mark 14:32-42)

• Text Truth: Pray for God’s help. (BT)
 Pray for help to do what God wants. (P)

• Bible Verse: Philippians 4:6

**PARENT TIP**

Prayer is defined as talking to God. At church this week, a teacher will tell the story about Jesus praying in the garden. This prayer time happened just before Jesus journeyed to the cross. In His prayer, Jesus did not ask God to remove the cross from His path but to help Him have the strength to endure God’s will.

 Pray and ask God to help you align your desires for your family with His will for it. Ask God to help you focus on prayer and know He will hear you call out to Him.

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**Session 7.** Parent Note for Week of Apr. 13, 2025

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Here’s a glimpse at this week’s Bible focus—

• Session Title: Hosanna!

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: Jesus Goes to Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-11)

• Text Truth: Praise and worship Jesus.

• Bible Verse: Mark 11:9

**PARENT TIP**

Old Testament prophesies foretold that the promised Messiah would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey. In response to seeing Jesus entering the gate, the people praised Jesus and shouted, “Hosanna.”

 This week at church, children will have fun praising Jesus and learning about Palm Sunday. At home, lead your preschooler to sing or say words of praise

to Jesus. Prepare your hearts for the coming of Jesus again.

 Clap your hands and chant: “Yes, yes, yes, I love Jesus! Yes, yes, yes, I love Jesus!” Encourage your child to follow your lead and clap her hands.

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**Session 8.** Parent Note for Week of Apr. 20, 2025

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Here’s a glimpse at this week’s Bible focus—

• Session Title: He Is Alive!

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: The First Easter (Mark 14:43–16:8)

• Text Truth: Jesus is alive. (BT)

 Jesus died, but He is alive again. (P)

• Bible Verse: Mark 16:6

**PARENT TIP**

It’s not difficult to get caught up in the “stuff” associated with Easter: baskets, bunnies, new clothes, family gatherings, and traditions. But Easter is so much more. It is a celebration of Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection. Jesus is alive!

 At church, your child will repeat the Bible verse: *Jesus is alive. Mark 16:6*. Say this verse often with your child at home this week.

 Observing nature is a great way to see the love and power of God. Walk outdoors with your family. Talk about the beautiful things God has made for His world. Praise God through whispered thank-yous and songs. Remark: “We praise God for Jesus. Jesus is alive. Easter is the time to remember Jesus’ love.”

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**Session 9.** Parent Note for Week of Apr. 27, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of Psalms this week in your child’s class at church. Many fun and engaging activities are planned to help your preschooler use the Bible and learn how the Bible applies to his life.

Here’s a glimpse at this week’s Bible focus—

• Session Title: Give Thanks

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: A Thanksgiving Poem (Psalm 100)

• Text Truth: Give thanks to God. (BT)

 Thank God and serve Him with joy. (P)

• Bible Verse: Psalm 100:1 (BT)

 Psalm 100:2 (P)

**PARENT TIP**

Psalm 100 is a song of thanksgiving. In this timeless psalm, the writer praised God for creating people, for loving and caring for them. The writer praised God for making us His children. Your child will learn about this psalm of praise through music, activities, Bible explorations, and play. Teachers will guide your child to worship God and thank Him for His goodness.

 As a family, take time to worship God. Read a Bible story, sing a Bible song, and thank God in prayer for creating, loving, and caring for you.

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**Session 10.** Parent Note for Week of May 4, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of Psalms this week in your child’s class at church. Many fun and engaging activities are planned to help your preschooler use the Bible and learn how the Bible applies to his life.

Here’s a glimpse at this week’s Bible focus—

• Session Title: The Most Important Book

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: The Bible (Psalm 119)

• Text Truth: The Bible is the most important book.

• Bible Verse: Psalm 119:160 (BT)

 Psalm 119:105 (P)

**PARENT TIP**

Your child will learn the importance of reading the Bible when he sees you read the Bible. Each day, look at the Bible and read brief portions of it to your child. In time, your child will be able to use the Bible at home with his family.

 Help your child learn about the Bible. Give your child a Bible that has the full Bible text and colorful, realistic pictures. Use the Bible to show your child parts of the Bible, special verses, and other features. Say: “The Bible is the most important book.”

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**Session 11.** Parent Note for Week of May 11, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of Psalms this week in your child’s class at church. Many fun and engaging activities are planned to help your preschooler use the Bible and learn how the Bible applies to his life.

Here’s a glimpse at this week’s Bible focus—

• Session Title: Known and Loved

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: A Psalm About People (Psalm 139)

• Text Truth: God made people and knows all about them.

• Bible Verse: Psalm 139:13

**PARENT TIP**

God made us, He knows us, and He loves us. This is the message that teachers will share with your child at church. Preschoolers will learn about Psalm 139, a beautiful song in which David praised and thanked God for making him and loving him. This week, remind your child that God made him and loves him.

 Play a game this week to help your preschooler remember that God made him. Tell your child to stand about 2 feet away from a laundry basket. Lead your child to toss a ball into the basket while saying the phrase “God made me.” Give the ball back to your child and tell him to say, “God made \_\_\_\_\_\_.” (Use another person’s name.)

 Open a Bible to Psalm 139:13 and read the words to your preschooler.

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**Session 12.** Parent Note for Week of May 18, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of James this week in your child’s class at church. Many fun and engaging activities are planned to help your preschooler use the Bible and learn how the Bible applies to his life.

Here’s a glimpse at this week’s Bible focus—

• Session Title: Hear and Do

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: James’ Letter to Churches (James 1–3)

• Text Truth: Live in a way that pleases God.

• Bible Verse: James 1:5

**PARENT TIP**

Even at a young age, your child can begin to learn that the Bible teaches people how God wants them to live. James wrote about what people should do to show God’s love. This week, find ways for your child to serve and love others.

 Give your child a Bible and help her find the book of James. Mention that this book is in the New Testament part of the Bible.

 Find James’ name on a page and point to it.

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**Session 13.** Parent Note for Week of May 25, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of James this week in your child’s class at church. Many fun and engaging activities are planned to help your preschooler use the Bible and learn how the Bible applies to his life.

Here’s a glimpse at this week’s Bible focus—

• Session Title: Talking to God

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: James’ Helpful Words (James 4–5)

• Text Truth: God hears people ask for help.

• Bible Verse: Psalm 145:18

**PARENT TIP**

In the letter James wrote to the church outside Jerusalem, James talked about the importance of talking to God. James urged the early church to call on God to help them. James reminded the church of God’s constant care and help.

  This week at home, model prayer for your child. Pray for your family’s needs and the needs of others.

 Consider making a prayer poster for your family. Talk about people for whom the family can pray: people who are sick, hurting, having financial troubles, and so on. Print the names of the people on a large piece of paper. Give your preschooler markers, crayons, stickers, or ink stampers to decorate the prayer poster. Display the poster in a place where your family will be reminded to pray and ask for God’s help.

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