Explore the Bible: Preschool Music & Print Extras

Parent Email Messages

SUMMER 2025

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

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

In Summer 2025, children will dive into the genres of history, prophecy, and gospels. Stories from 1 & 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles guide boys and girls to understand how God’s people continually disobeyed His direction and the consequences their sin brought. Minor Prophet stories help kids see that God is in control, and He can always be trusted. John’s Gospel highlights Jesus’ early ministry and confirms that Jesus is the Messiah sent from God.

**Session 1.** Parent Note for Week of June 1, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of 1 Kings 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 One True God

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: People Saw God’s Power (1 Kings 18:2,18-39)

• Text Truth: God can do anything. (BT)

• Text Truth: God is powerful. (P)

• Bible Verse: Matthew 19:26 (BT); Psalm 24:8 (P)

**PARENT TIP**

This week at church, your child’s teachers will tell an exciting story about Elijah on the mountain. Elijah showed the king and his many pagan prophets exactly what only God can do. Bible explorations and fun activities in our room will help your child discover that God is powerful, and He can do anything! Review the story during the following days to help your child learn this important foundational truth about God.

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**Session 2.** Parent Note for Week of June 8, 2025

Hello, Parents,

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

• Session Title: Don’t Give Up

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: Elijah Wanted to Give Up (1 Kings 19:1-18)

• Text Truth: God helps people.

• Bible Verse: Isaiah 41:10

**PARENT TIP**

God’s Word, the Bible, helps us understand God’s faithfulness to people as we see Him at work in the lives of Bible people. This week at church, your child will hear the story about Elijah’s fear and frustration and how God helped Elijah. Remind your preschooler that when we are afraid, upset, or tired, we can ask God to help us.

 Help your child find the book of 1 Kings in your Bible. Look for the Bible story passage. Point to Elijah’s name. Tell your child that this book tells about good kings and bad kings in Bible times.

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**Session 3.** Parent Note for Week of June 15, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of 2 Kings 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: Always Obey

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: God’s People Disobeyed (2 Kings 17:1-23)

• Text Truth: God wants people to obey Him.

• Bible Verse: Jeremiah 7:23

**PARENT TIP**

Write on a white index card this Bible verse paraphrase: *Obey Me, and I will be your God. Jeremiah 7:23.*

 Show the card to your preschooler and read the words. Invite

your child to decorate the card. Provide some colorful stickers and crayons.

While your child works on his marker, say: “Those are important words

for us to remember. God wants us to obey Him, too.”

 Help your child turn to Jeremiah 7:23 in his Bible or a family Bible

and insert the marker.

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**Session 4.** Parent Note for Week of June 22, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of 2 Chronicles 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: Trust and Honor God

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: King Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26:1-21)

• Text Truth: God blesses people who trust in Him.

• Bible Verse: Jeremiah 17:7

**PARENT TIP**

Teachers at church are currently telling stories from the Bible that introduce your child to Old Testament leaders, prophets, and ordinary people who either followed and obeyed God or did not. This week’s story tells about King Uzziah, at first a good and blessed king, then a disobedient king.

 *Uzziah* is not a common name that your child may hear. Write the name *Uzziah* on a card and help your older preschooler find the name in the Bible story passage.

 Help your younger preschooler say the name *Uzziah* a few times.

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**Session 5.** Parent Note for Week of June 29, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of 2 Chronicles 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: A Place of Worship

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: Hezekiah Cleans God’s Temple (2 Chronicles 29)

• Text Truth: Church is a place to worship God.

• Bible Verse: Psalm 132:7

**PARENT TIP**

Church is a place where people gather to learn about God, pray, read the Bible, and worship. Your young child is beginning to associate happy experiences with being at church. Every activity planned for your preschooler helps him hear about God and learn from the Bible.

 This week’s Bible story focuses on King Hezekiah, a man who loved God and desired to make the temple a beautiful place to worship God.

 Thank God for your church and the people who worship there.

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

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of 2 Chronicles 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 Your All to God

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: Josiah’s Temple Discovery (2 Chronicles 34:1-21,29-32)

• Text Truth: Love and obey God with all your heart.

• Bible Verse: 2 Chronicles 34:31

**PARENT TIP**

This week at church, your preschooler will hear about King Josiah. Because Josiah loved God, this king wanted to clean and restore the temple. During the cleanup, Josiah’s workers found a special book. It was the scroll. Josiah recognized that he and God’s people had not been faithful to follow God’s commands detailed in the book.

 At home, read the Bible with your family. Help your child learn that the Bible is special. It guides us to know how to love and obey God.

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

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of 2 Chronicles 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 End of Judah

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: God’s People Turn Away (2 Chronicles 36)

• Text Truth: God is not pleased when people do wrong.

• Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 28:14

**PARENT TIP**

God wants people to obey Him. He has given us the Bible to help us know what is good and right to do. In this week’s session at church, your child will learn about a time when God was not pleased with His people. Over and over God instructed the people to change their ways, but they did not. This was not good.

 Help your child learn that we should obey God and love Him. Pray with your family for wisdom to make choices that please God.

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

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of Habakkuk 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: God’s Way

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: God Answers Habakkuk (Habakkuk)

• Text Truth: Trust God. (BT)

• Text Truth: Trust God’s plan. (P)

• Bible Verse: Habakkuk 3:19

**PARENT TIP**

Give a Bible to your child and help him find the book of Habakkuk. Remark that Habakkuk had to learn to trust God and wait for His plan. God assured Habakkuk that He had a plan, and Habakkuk could trust God to see that plan through. Hundreds of years later, God sent Jesus at just the right time to rescue God’s people.

 Write the word *TRUST* in large letters on a card. Show the card to your child and say the word.

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

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of Zephaniah 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: Seek God

• Bible Story & Reference: Zephaniah Encouraged People (Zephaniah)

• Text Truth: God loves people and wants them to obey Him.

• Bible Verse: Zephaniah 3:9

**PARENT TIP**

Your child’s early experiences following directions, doing what is asked, and completing tasks are just a few ways he or she will learn to obey. These experiences form a foundation for understanding what it means to obey God.

 Look for moments each day to say to your preschooler: “God loves you” and “Serve God and obey Him.”

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**Session 10.** Parent Note for Week of August 3, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of John 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: Go with Jesus

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: Jesus’ First Disciples (John 1:35-50)

• Text Truth: Jesus told people to follow Him.

• Bible Verse: John 1:43

**PARENT TIP**

As a parent, you are already aware of the importance of leading your

preschooler to know and love Jesus. Teachers at church partner with you

to use every opportunity to teach about Jesus.

 This week at home, talk about Jesus often. Help your child sense your

love for Jesus. Guide your preschooler to know what the Bible says about Jesus. If your child has a Bible of his own, use it to locate the passage related to this week’s Bible story. Mark the location with a sticky note, flag, or a ribbon.

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**Session 11.** Parent Note for Week of August 10, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of John 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: Miracles Begin

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: A Wedding Surprise (John 2:1-12)

• Text Truth: Jesus showed He was God’s Son.

• Bible Verse: Hebrews 1:3

**PARENT TIP**

The book of Hebrews shines light on the identity of Jesus. Turn to Hebrews 1:3, then guide your child to say a paraphrase such as “Jesus is God’s Son” or “Jesus is God’s Son and shows God’s glory and power.”
 Explain that the Bible tells about Jesus. Use a picture Bible at home with your child. Turn to pictures of Jesus and talk about what is happening. Mention that God loves people and sent His Son, Jesus, to help people.

 Here is an activity to help your child connect to the Bible story.

**Pour Water**

Place assorted plastic cups, bowls, and a small pitcher in a shallow plastic

pan. Pour water in the pitcher. Invite your child to pour water into the

cups and bowls, holding the pitcher over the pan. Wipe up spills together.

  Say: “Jesus went to a wedding party. Servants poured cups of special juice for the guests to drink. Mary told Jesus the special drink was all gone. Jesus did what no one else could do—Jesus made the water change to juice. This showed people that Jesus was God’s Son!”

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**Session 12.** Parent Note for Week of August 17, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of John 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: Believe

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: A Man Believed Jesus (John 4:46-54)

• Text Truth: Believe what Jesus can do.

• Bible Verse: John 14:1

**PARENT TIP**

Your young child is learning more about Jesus and how special Jesus is. Jesus did what no one else could do. He miraculously made sick people well. Jesus cared about people’s needs and showed it.

 This week’s story of healing recalls the effort of a desperate father to get to Jesus to beg for His help. The man believed that Jesus had the ability to heal.

 Offer your preschooler a toy medical kit, a baby doll, and some bandages. Comment that doctors use medical tools to care for sick people. Suggest that your child pretend to care for the sick doll. Comment that Jesus did not need tools or special medicines to make sick people well!

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**Session 13.** Parent Note for Week of August 24, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of John 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: A Miracle at the Pool (John 5:5-16)

• Text Truth: Jesus cared about people.

• Bible Verse: Matthew 9:36

**PARENT TIP**

Each week at church, your child’s teachers use the Bible to help guide your child to learn about Jesus. You can reinforce this learning by using the Bible with your child. Read favorite passages aloud as you and your preschooler sit together. Give your preschooler a Bible of his own to hold and use during family devotion times. Look for the story passages in the Bible and touch Jesus’ name.

 Make devotional time a priority for your family. Find times, situations, and places to gather to read from the Bible, sing, and pray.

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**Session 14.** Parent Note for Week of August 31, 2025

Hello, Parents,

We are exploring the book of John 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: Truly the One

• Bible Story & Scripture Reference: People Wondered About Jesus (John 7:1-52)

• Text Truth: Jesus is the One God sent to help people.

• Bible Verse: John 7:29 (BT); John 7:28 (P)

**PARENT TIP**

In this week’s story from the book of John, we find Jesus once again showing the people who He is. Jesus continued to reveal His identity as the One God sent in human form to love, serve, teach, and save people.

 This week, talk and sing about Jesus so that your child recognizes the name of Jesus and learns that indeed, Jesus is God’s Son.

Lead your child to say one of these paraphrases to learn more about Jesus.

Younger Preschooler: Jesus said, “God sent Me.” John 7:29

Older Preschooler: I have not come on My own. God sent Me. John 7:28

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