

MEMORY VERSE

Imagine: an activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role play to enhance their learning

**These are written so that you may believe in Jesus Christ,
the Son of God” John 20:31**

WHAT YOU NEED: no materials needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Hold up the Bible:

This is God’s word to us and it’s true. We find our memory verse in the Bible. This week we have a new memory verse and it says, ‘These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,’ John 20:31.

Let’s practice the memory verse together first and then let’s add motions to help us remember that the Bible is God’s word and it is true.

These are written (pretend to write on your palm)

So that you (point to someone else)

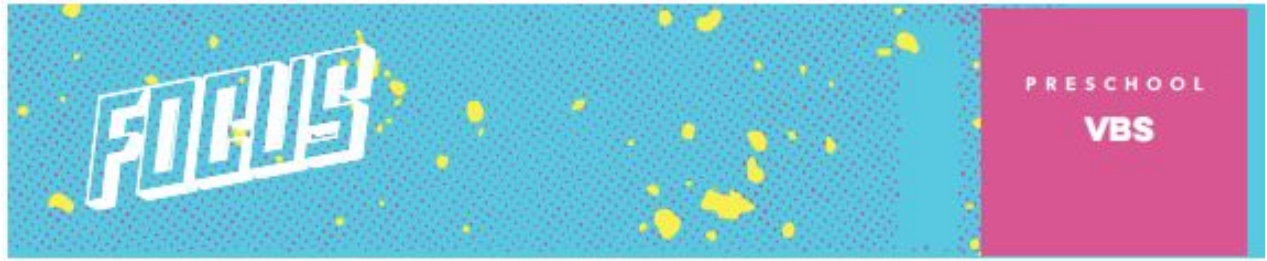
May believe (first finger to temple like think then clasp hands together American Sign language for believe)

In Jesus Christ, the Son of God (point to middle finger to each palm)

John 20:31 (Open hands like a book.)

SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

The Bible tells us about Jesus. When we read God’s words to us, we can believe in Jesus! **Who can believe in Jesus? I can believe in Jesus.**



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Explore: an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

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WHAT YOU NEED:

Three medium-sized smooth rocks, paint pens or markers, and a bag or basket

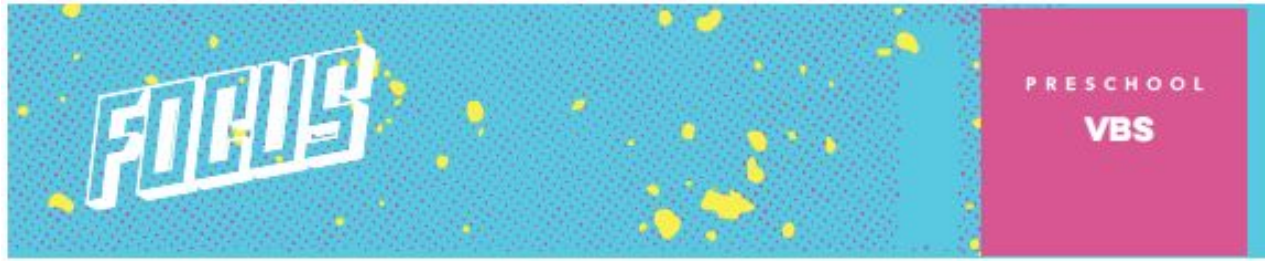
WHAT YOU DO:

SAY: We heard a wonderful Bible story today. We'll use these rocks to tell our Bible story. Together draw one picture on each rock: a person, the world, and a heart.

Paul went to a city where the people did not believe in Jesus. So, Paul taught the people about Jesus! He told the people that they should not believe in statues and that they should believe in the one true God. Let's choose a rock to see what Paul taught the people. (Choose a rock.) This rock has a heart on it. Paul told the people that God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, just for us! Let's choose another rock. (Choose a rock.) This rock has a person on it. Paul told the people that God made all of the people. EVERYONE! Let's see what the last rock has on it. (Pick up the last rock.) This rock has a world on it. Paul told the people that God made the WHOLE WORLD! Now, you may use the rocks to tell me about our Bible story." (Finish activity.)

SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

"Paul taught all of the people that they can believe in Jesus! Who can believe in Jesus? I can believe in Jesus!"



REFLECTION, JOURNAL, & PRAYER

Reflect: encourages personal application and prayer

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WHAT YOU NEED:

“I Spy” activity book opened to a blank page (or any blank paper) old magazines, printed family pictures, crayons.

WHAT YOU DO:

SAY: Everywhere we look, we can spy things God made! Our Bible story, today, was about a man named Paul. Paul went to a city called Athens so he could teach the people about God and His Son, Jesus. He taught them that God made the whole world and everything in it, including people. He taught them that God loves people so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to be their friend forever. And guess what? A lot of the people believed in Jesus! You can read all about it in the Bible. Paul made sure to write down some of his story so you and I can believe in Jesus, too. **Who can believe in Jesus? I can believe in Jesus!** You sure can! Our Bible verse even says that . . .

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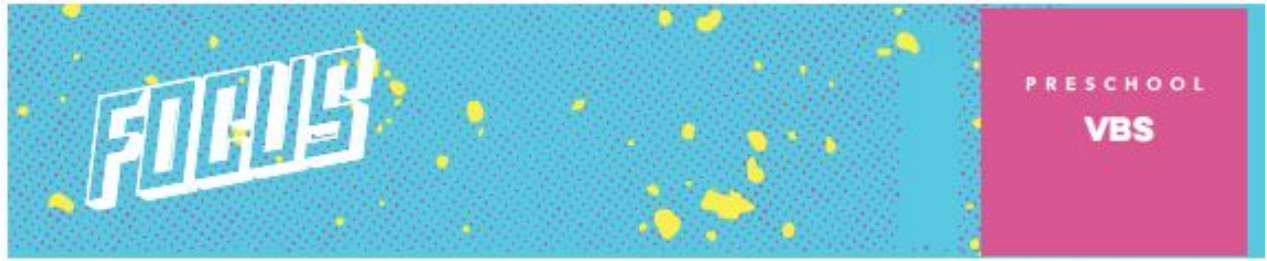
In Jesus Christ, the Son of God (point to middle finger to each palm)

John 20:31 (Open hands like a book.)

All of the stories in the Bible were written so that you can believe in Jesus. Let’s stand up and say that verse together with the motions.

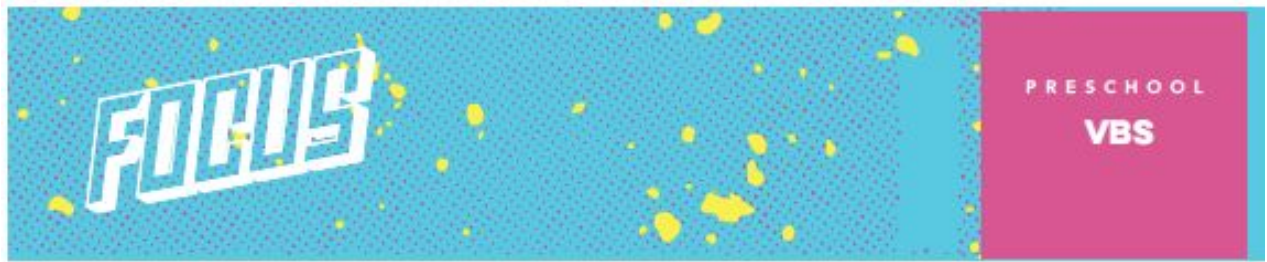
Just like Paul taught other people about Jesus, we can also tell people that Jesus loves them. I want you to think of who you can tell that Jesus loves them.

Write a few sentences that your child says about who they can tell about Jesus. Start with the same sentence starter to help your child with early reading skills. “I can tell ____ (mom, dad, sister, brother, neighbor, friend’s name) that Jesus loves them. Read the sentences with your child when done and allow them to draw pictures to match their sentences. For older kids, they may be able to write the names of mom, dad, family’s names, etc.



SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “

“Dear God, there is no one else like You. Thank you for people that wrote down stories so we can know about how much you love us. Thank you for people that help teach us about Jesus. Thank you for helping us learn how to teach other people about Jesus. And most of all, thank You for loving us so much that You gave us Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.



GAMES

Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

Let us keep looking to Jesus, Hebrews 12:2

WHAT YOU NEED:

Picture of a big city: you can draw one with sidewalk chalk, draw together on a large piece of paper, or find an image on a tablet or on your TV. Literature suggestion: Harold and the Purple Crayon, where Harold draws with his purple crayon and pretends to go to different places that he draws.

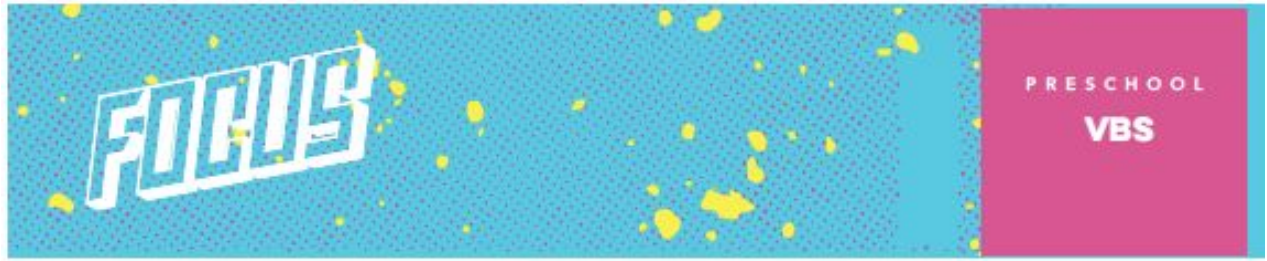
WHAT YOU DO:

If you are drawing a big city together, draw your city before starting the activity. |

Say: "Let's go to the city just like Paul did in our Bible story." (Point to the picture.) **DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "First, let's hop to the city. (Do activity.) Great job! Now, let's skip to the city! (Continue with different movements as time and interest allow.)"

SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

"Jesus loves us so much, and He wants us to share that love with others. We can look around and find ways to love people! **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever**



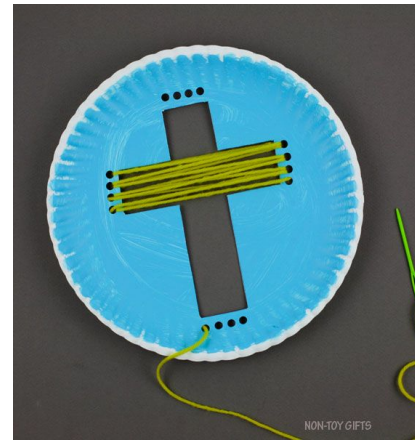
CRAFTS

CREATE: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by crafting

Let us keep looking to Jesus, Hebrews 12:2

WHAT YOU NEED:

- paper plate
- craft paint (color of your choice)
- yarn paint (color of your choice)
- pencil
- scissors
- craft knife
- tape
- hole punch
- plastic yarn needle
- paint brush



WHAT YOU DO:

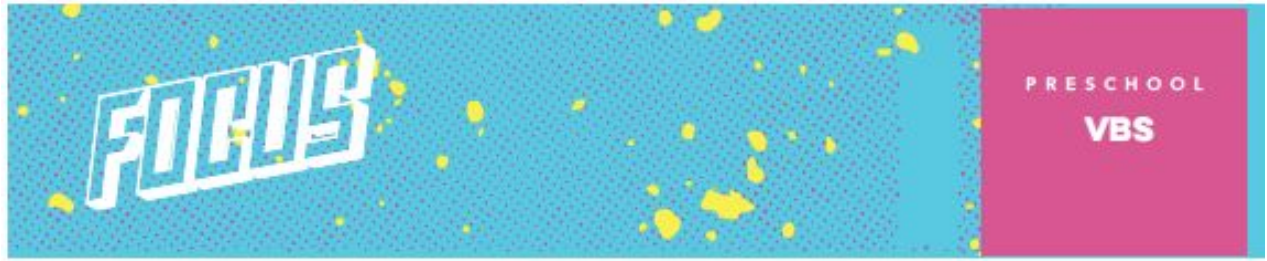
Start by painting the paper plate and set it aside to dry completely.

Download the cross template (find it at the end of the article), cut out the cross and trace it in the middle of the painted paper plate.

Use a craft knife to cut out the cross. (This is an adult only step)

Use a hole punch to make holes along the four ends of the cross

Cut a strand of yarn, thread it through the plastic yarn needle and tie one end to the needle. Tape the other end of the yarn at the back of the paper plate. You can now start threading the yarn through the holes in the paper plate. You can go through the holes one or several times. Keep on threading until you reach the end of your yarn. Secure the end of the yarn to the back of the paper plate with tape



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BIBLE STORY

Paul in Athens

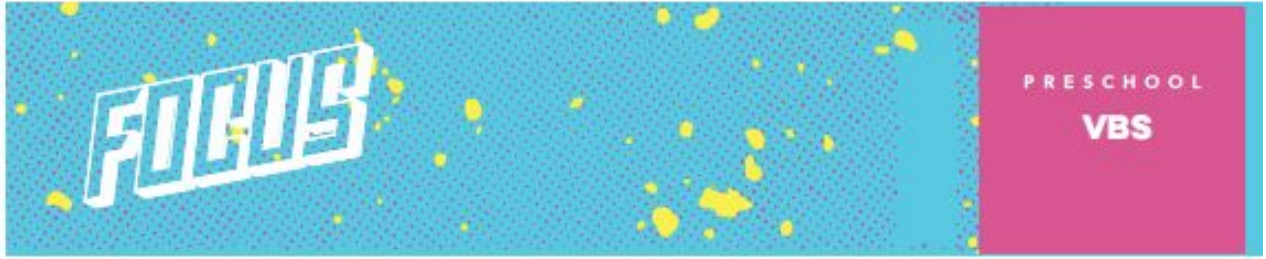
Check out week 6 from the 252 Devotional Book you received. This is all about Paul in Athens and his teaching to other people.

You can also read the following preschool friendly version of the story of Paul spreading the word of Jesus:

Our story this week is about a man named Paul. Paul believed in Jesus. He told everyone that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever. “One day, Paul went to a city called Athens. The people in Athens worshipped statues made of stone instead of believing in Jesus. Paul looked around at all of the stone statues, and he told the people, ‘Hey, you have a lot of statues, but you’re missing something. You’re not worshipping the one true God. The God who made everything!’ “The people wanted Paul to tell them more, so he did! He told them how God made the whole world and everything in it. Paul told them how God made the sky, water, sun, moon, stars, trees, flowers, birds, fish, animals—God made all of it! The people were amazed, and wanted Paul to tell them more. So, he did! “Next, Paul told them how God made people. He told them God made all people to know him. Hmm . . . people. Get your binoculars ready! (Hold hands like binoculars.) “I spy, with my little eye, someone special God made. They have hair on their head . . . and two eyes . . . and a great big smile. Do you see someone special God made with hair on their head, two eyes, and a great big smile? Look with me! Look in front of you and beside you, to this side and to that side. It’s people! God made people. Boys and girls, short and tall, God made us all!

The people in Athens heard this and still wanted Paul to tell them more. So, he did! “Next, Paul told the people about Jesus. He told them that Jesus is God’s son, that Jesus is alive, and He wants to be their friend forever. When Paul finished talking, some of the people believed in Jesus! It was amazing!

“And the good news is that EVERYONE can believe in Jesus. That means you can believe in Jesus, too! So, when I ask you, ‘Who can believe in Jesus?’, I want you to say, ‘I can believe in



Jesus! Ready? Who can believe in Jesus?"

If your family is in need of Bible or a Storybook Bible for your child, please email Lindsay Williamson: lwilliamson@prov.church

SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

Let's pray to God.

"Dear God, we praise You because You are the one true God. You made the whole world and everything in it. Then, You gave us Your Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. You are so amazing, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name, amen"