

## 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:** ball

**WHAT YOU DO:**

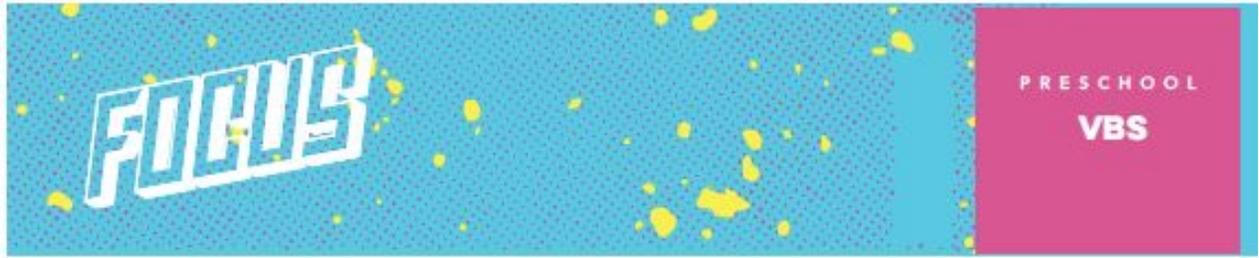
Let's practice our new memory verse

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.)

Use a ball to pass back and forth between you and your child (or more if you have more than one child) with each taking turns starting the verse and saying each part of the verse.

**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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the Son of God" John 20:31**

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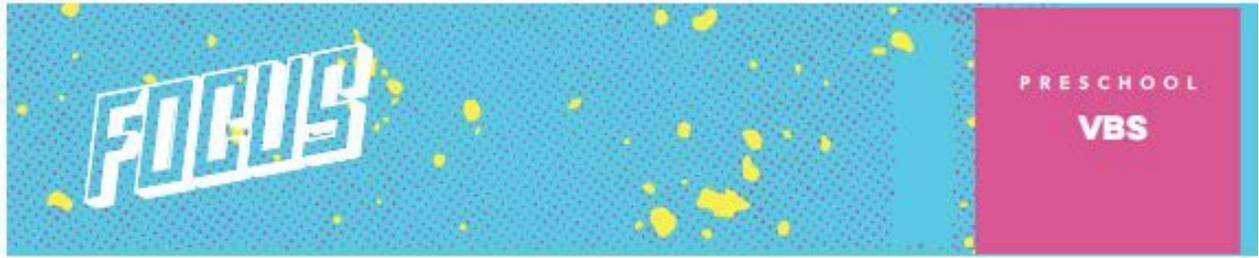
Three medium-sized smooth rocks, paint pens or markers, and a bag or basket

### WHAT YOU DO:

Retell the Bible story using hand motions for key points. Encourage the children to do the hand motions with you: thumbs up, rock a baby, hug yourself, and sign "Jesus loves me." (How to sign "Jesus loves me": Touch middle finger of right hand to left palm then middle finger of left hand to right palm, hug yourself, then point to your chest.)

SAY: "Paul went to a city called Rome to tell them that they can believe what Jesus says, because He always tell the truth. (Give two thumbs up.) "We can believe Jesus when He says He is God's Son. Jesus is God's Son. Say that with me while you pretend to rock baby Jesus, like this. (Pretend to rock a baby.) Jesus is God's Son. "We can believe Jesus when He says He loves us. Jesus loves me! Say that with your mouth while we say it with our hands like this. (Sign 'Jesus loves me.')

Jesus loves me! "We can believe Jesus when He says He wants to be our friend forever. Jesus wants to be my friend forever! Say that with me while we give ourselves a big hug like this. (Give yourself a hug.) Jesus wants to be my friend forever! "We can believe in Jesus, because He always tells the truth. (Give two thumbs up.) Who can believe in Jesus? I can believe in Jesus." (Repeat the words and motions to the Bible story review if time allows.)



## REFLECTION, JOURNAL, & PRAYER

Reflect: encourages personal application and prayer

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the Son of God” John 20:31

### 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:** Our Bible story this week, was about a man named Paul who loved Jesus. Paul traveled to a city called Rome so he could tell the people about Jesus. He told them that everything Jesus says is the truth (give two thumbs up), because Jesus always tells the truth. (Give two thumbs up.) We can read Paul’s story in the Bible. (Hold up the Bible.) “Paul wrote down what he knew about Jesus so we could read it and believe in Jesus, too. Who can believe in Jesus?”

And when we read the Bible, it helps us believe in Jesus. Our Bible verse even says that . . . “These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, John 20:31. “All of the stories in the Bible were written to help us believe in Jesus. Let’s stand up and say that verse together with the motions.”.

**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)**

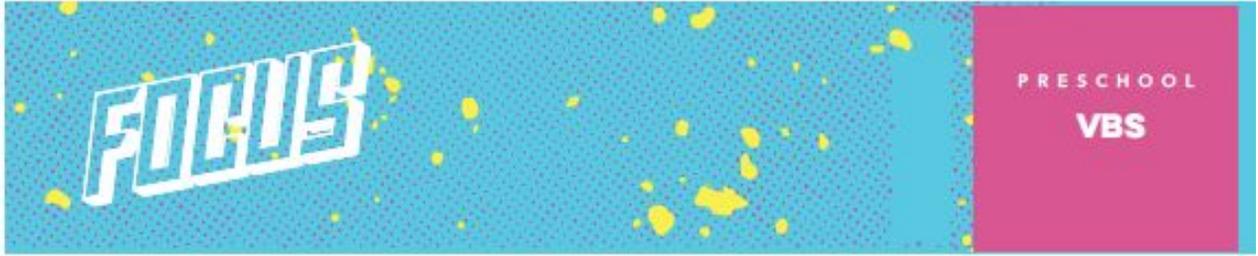
**In Jesus Christ, the Son of God (point to middle finger to each palm)**

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

“Paul wanted us to know that everything Jesus says is the truth. So, what are some of the things Jesus said? Let’s think together and make a list of some of the things Jesus said.

“Wow! Jesus said A LOT of great things, and they are ALL true. Let’s use our list to thank God for all the things Jesus said. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

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. “Jesus said \_\_\_\_”. (Jesus

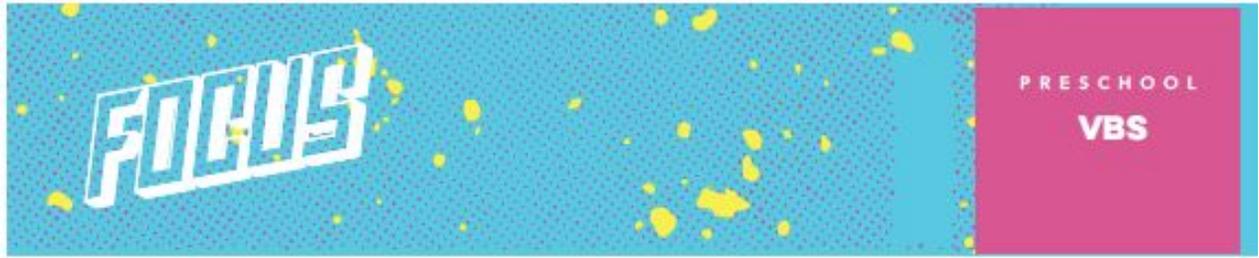


said He is God's Son. Jesus said He loves everyone. Jesus said to follow Him. Jesus said to love people the way He loves us. Jesus said He will always be with us. Jesus said He will hear us when we talk to Him.)

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 some of the words.

**SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “**

“Dear God, it is so wonderful to know that we can believe in Jesus and everything He said, because everything Jesus said is true. Because Jesus said it, we believe that Jesus is God's Son. Jesus loves everyone. Jesus wants us to follow Him. Jesus wants us to love people the way He loves us. Jesus will always be with us. Jesus will hear us when we talk to Him. Jesus wants all children, to come to Him. I pray we will always believe in Jesus and what He said. 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:

Give each child a play scarf. Show them how to gently toss their scarf in the air and catch it as it floats back down. Next, encourage them to try and toss their scarf in the air, spin around once, and then catch it. End your time with a few moments of scarf dancing as you play your favorite preschool songs.

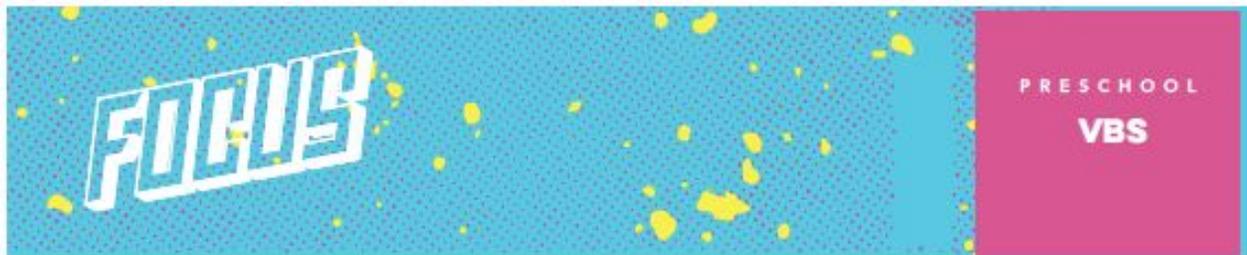
(Note: Play songs with slow, medium, and fast tempos. Encourage the children to move with the sound.)

### WHAT YOU DO:

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

**Say:** We have been learning this summer to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Paul kept his eyes fixed on Jesus and kept telling all the people he visited about Jesus, no matter where he went and no matter if it was morning or night, no matter if they believed him or not, no matter what! Today we are going to keep our eyes fixed on our scarf and throw it in the air and catch it to the music. Keep your eyes on your scarf and dance to the music!

Note: you can also toss scarves to each other and try to catch them or give your child several scarves.



## 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:

- flour; salt; hot water; large bowl; mixing spoon; rolling pin; three-inch heart cookie cutter; pony beads; jewels; small paper plates (one per child); quart-sized zip-top bags (one per child); permanent marker;

#### WHAT YOU DO:

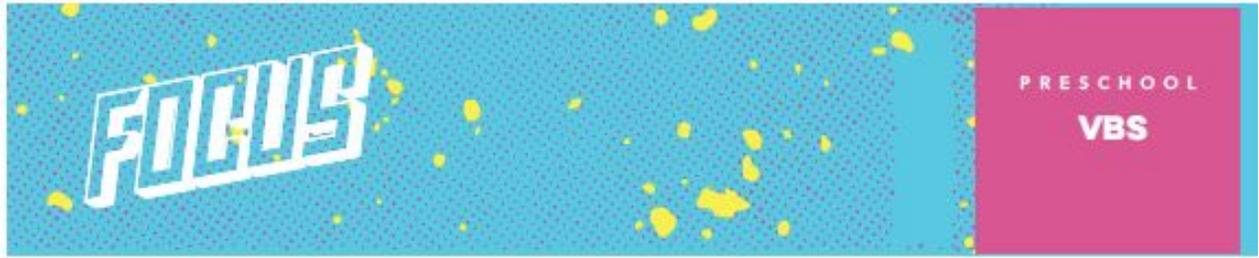
Make the salt dough (2 cups flour (plus more for rolling out) 1 cup of salt,  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 cup of water.

1. Mix the flour and salt together in a bowl
2. Slowly pour the water in while mixing until you get a nice dough consistency. Salt dough ornaments are very forgiving. Too much water? Add more flour. Not doughy enough? Add more water.
3. Now you are just rolling them out to about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick. Use a dusting of flour to help you roll them out. If you make them too thick, they won't bake right, too thin and they will crack easier.
4. Cut into heart shapes

We've been learning about our good friend Jesus. He loves us so much that He wants to be our friend forever. What shape makes you think of love? (Pause.) Yes! Hearts make me think of love, too!"

During the Activity: "Everyone gets a heart to decorate so you remember how much Jesus loves you! Make your heart special by adding beads or jewels or both to it.

Look at these hearts! They are all different, but each one is amazing!



## OPENING STORY & WORSHIP SONG

Available in our Virtual Bible Summer Newsletter

### BIBLE STORY

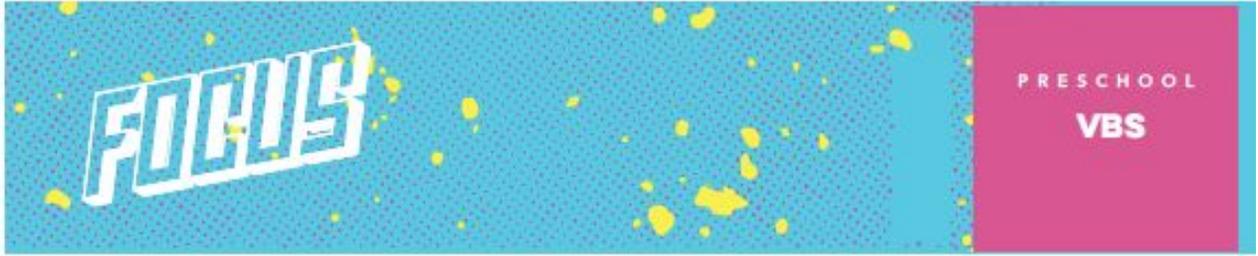
#### Paul in Athens

Check out week 7 from the 252 Devotional Book you received. This is all about Paul being shipwrecked and how we can change our focus so our problems don't feel so big.. (Acts 27.1-28.10)

You can also read the following preschool friendly version of the story of Paul

Our true story is about a man named Paul. You can find his story right here in the Bible. Paul believed in Jesus. He wrote letters to people telling them that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever. Paul also traveled to cities to tell people that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever. One of the cities Paul traveled to was called Rome. Rome is a big beautiful city, and lots of people live there. The people in Rome are very smart, and they like to talk about important things. So, while Paul was in Rome, he talked with the people about Jesus. Paul knew that nothing is more important than Jesus! Lots and lots of people came to hear what Paul had to say about Jesus. Paul would start talking about Jesus when the sun came up early in the morning. Paul would keep talking about Jesus until the sun went down and the moon came up late at night. From morning until night, Paul told the people in Rome that Jesus tells the truth. Jesus tells the truth when He says He is God's Son. Jesus tells the truth when He says that if you believe in Him you will be His friend forever. Jesus tells the truth when He says He loves us and will never leave us. Everything Jesus says is the truth, so we can believe in Him. Many of the people who heard what Paul said about Jesus believed in Jesus and decided to follow Him. And because Jesus tells the truth, we can believe in Him, too! So, tell me, 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](mailto:lwilliamson@prov.church)



## SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

Let's pray to God.

Dear God, telling the truth is so important. Thank You that we can always trust Jesus, because everything Jesus says is the truth. Jesus IS Your Son. Jesus IS alive. Jesus DOES loves us. And Jesus DOES want to be our friend forever. Help us believe, God. In Jesus' name, amen."