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# Joseph Takes His Family to Safety in Egypt

## WEEK 1

Kindergarten

JANUARY 3, 2026



## Bible Point

God takes care of us.

## Key Verse

If we believe in Jesus, we become God's children (adapted from John 1:12).

## Big Picture

Children will trust God to take care of them every day.

## **Joseph Takes His Family to Safety in Egypt**

**Matthew 2:13-23**

Five- and six-year-olds understand that they need someone to take care of them. The thought of trying to find their way home alone from the store would strike fear into most young children's hearts. Children have a sense of security knowing that there's someone they can trust to lead them safely along. Encourage kids to trust God to take care of them every day. Explain that God cares for them as much as he did for Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. God always takes care of us along the path God has chosen for us.

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# BIBLE Time!



This week's Scripture (Matthew 2:13-23) tells us that God cares for us. Your child learned that God's angel appeared to Joseph with a warning. "Get up," the angel said. "Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." So Joseph took Mary and Jesus to Egypt and stayed there in safety. After King Herod died, the angel appeared to Joseph again and told him that it was safe to go back to Israel. God guided and took care of Joseph and his family, and **God guides and takes care of us, too.**



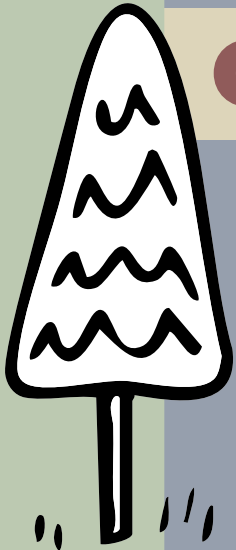
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If we believe in Jesus, we become God's children (adapted from John 1:12)

## Bible Point:

God takes care of us.

## GROWING IN TRUTH



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 2:13



**QUESTION:**  
Who do you trust to help you when you feel afraid or unsure? Why?

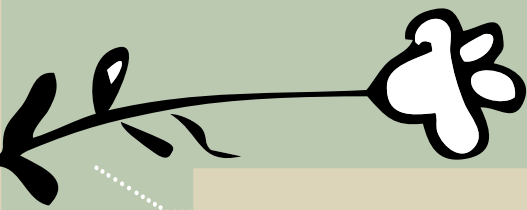


**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You for always helping and protecting me. Help me trust You when I feel scared. Amen.

**One** night, while Joseph was sleeping, an angel from God came to him in a dream with an important message. The angel said, "Get up! Take Mary and baby Jesus and leave right away. It's not safe here." Joseph didn't wait. He got up, helped Mary, and made sure Jesus was safe. Joseph trusted that God was protecting them. God didn't leave them alone; God gave Joseph the warning they needed. We can trust that God takes care of us, too. God helps us, protects us, and gives us what we need, especially when things feel scary or uncertain.

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**Joseph** didn't wait until the sun came up. As soon as he woke up, he obeyed God's message. He packed up quickly and left that night with Mary and baby Jesus. They began a long, hard journey to Egypt, walking or riding donkeys. It wasn't easy, but God took care of them the whole way. Even when we don't know what's ahead, God takes care of us. We don't have to worry about what's around the corner, because God goes with us wherever we are: at home, on a trip, or someplace new.



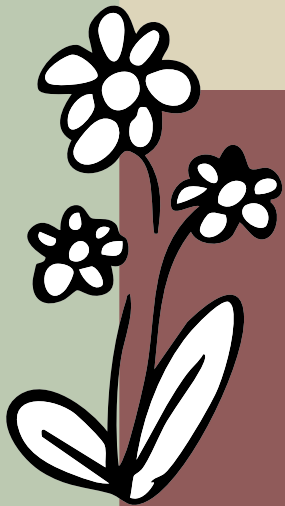
**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 2:14



**QUESTION:**  
What's something that helps you feel brave when you're going somewhere new?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You for going with me everywhere I go. Help me feel brave because You are always near. Amen.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 2:15



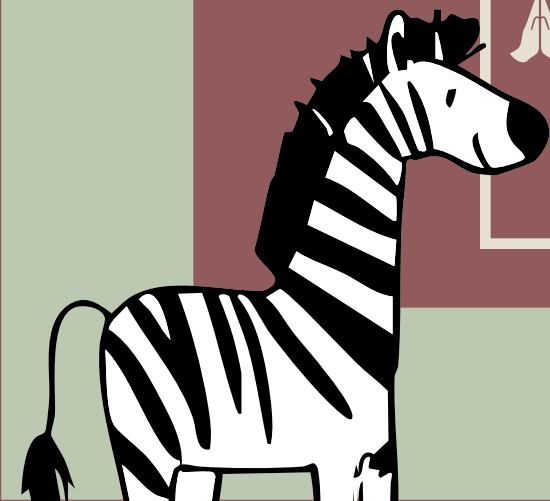
**QUESTION:**  
What helps you feel calm or safe when everything around you feels new?

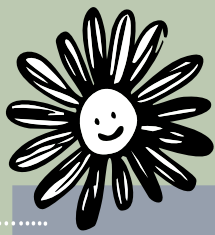


**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You for being with me even when everything feels different. Amen.

**Joseph**, Mary, and Jesus finally made it to Egypt. Egypt wasn't their home. The people, food, and language were different. But even in this unfamiliar place, God gave them what they needed: a home, safety, and time to rest. They stayed until it was safe to return. We all have times when we do something new or go somewhere we've never been before. That can feel scary, but we don't have to face it alone. God takes care of us, no matter where we are. God is with us in new schools, new churches, new neighborhoods, and everywhere we go.

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**After** King Herod died, God sent another angel to Joseph in a dream. The angel said, "It's safe now. You can go home." Joseph trusted God again. He packed up his family and began the long trip back. God didn't just protect them once! God kept watching over them again and again. And God does that for us, too. God takes care of us every single day. Even when things change, God stays the same. God knows what we need and when we need it.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 2:19-20



**QUESTION:**  
Can you think of a time God helped you or your family more than once?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You for helping me over and over again. I'm so glad You never stop caring. Amen.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 2:22-23



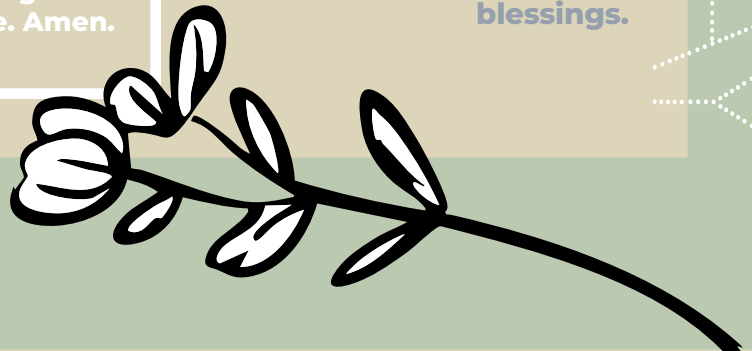
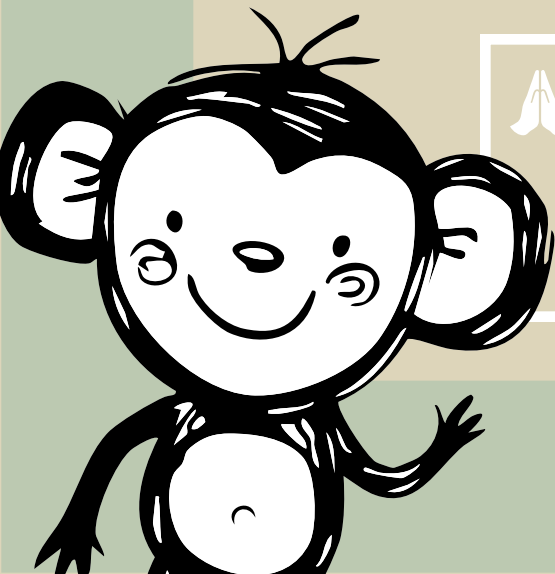
**QUESTION:**  
Has a change in your life ever turned out to be something good?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You for guiding my family and helping us find the right places to be. Amen.

**On** their way back, Joseph had another dream. God told him not to return to their old town. So, Joseph found a new place to live: a town called Nazareth. That's where Jesus grew up. It wasn't what they first planned, but it was the right place. God takes care of us by leading us where we need to be. Sometimes things don't go how we expect, but God is still in control. God can turn changes into blessings.

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## PLAY AND PRAY

The next time you're in a large store, have your child ask a salesperson for help finding a certain item. If your child is too shy or afraid, have your child hold your hand while you ask a salesperson for help. As you're guided through the store, remind your child that God guides us and takes care of us every day.

### ASK

- How did it feel to be guided by someone through the store?
- How might God guide you this week?

## FAITHFUL FLAVORS

Help your child as you make pancakes together. Read aloud the directions for your favorite pancake batter, and direct your child through each step. Use a funnel to pour the batter into an empty plastic syrup bottle or water bottle, and have your child squeeze the batter onto the griddle. As you cook the pancakes, talk about how God guides us and takes care of us. Thank God for the ways he guides us through life; then eat and enjoy the pancakes.

### ASK

- How did the recipe guide us?
- What are some ways God guides us every day?



## AGE-LEVEL INSIGHT

Five- and six-year-olds understand that they need someone to guide them. The thought of trying to find their way home from the store would strike fear into most young children's hearts. Children have a sense of security knowing that there's someone they can trust to lead them safely along. Encourage your child to trust God to guide and take care of him or her every day. Explain that God cares for your child as much as he did for Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. God always takes care of and guides us along the path he's chosen for us.

## READY, SET, GROW!

This week, your child learned that God takes care of us. He or she committed to one of the following challenges to trust God to take care of him or her in daily life. Help your child grow in faith this week and follow through on the challenge!

- Hide a treasure and draw a map to show your family where it is. When they find it, remind them that **GOD TAKES CARE OF US** and guides us every day—just as your map guided them.
- When you're riding in the car, pray and ask God to take care of the person driving your car and help you have a good trip.
- Have each person in your family draw a picture of a time God guided him or her. Hang all the pictures on your refrigerator as a reminder of all the times that God took care of your family.

# Jesus is Baptized WEEK 2

Kindergarten  
JANUARY 10, 2026



# Bible Point

Jesus is God's Son.

## Key Verse

If we believe in Jesus, we become God's children (adapted from John 1:12).

## Big Picture

Children will be thankful and will celebrate that God sent His Son, Jesus, to help all people.

## *Jesus is Baptized* Matthew 3:13-17

Five- and six-year-olds are eager to please their parents and other adults. They exhibit this characteristic when they show off artwork, block creations, a clean plate, or a clean room. Children are happy when they know they've pleased a significant adult in their lives! Be sure to affirm kids not just for the things they do, but for who they are—wonderful children of God. As you consistently display your affirmation and love, 5- and 6-year-olds will have no trouble understanding God as the proud, loving Father of His beloved Son, Jesus.

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# BIBLE Time!

This week's Scripture (Matthew 3:13-17) tells us that Jesus is God's Son. The passage in the Bible describes Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. John had told people to repent because Jesus was coming. When Jesus came to John, John was puzzled: "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But in obedience to God, John consented to baptize Jesus. After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit of God came down from heaven and landed on Jesus like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." **Your child learned how exciting it is to know that Jesus is God's Son.**



## Key Verse:

If we believe in Jesus, we become God's children (adapted from John 1:12).

## Bible Point:

Jesus is God's Son.

## GROWING IN TRUTH



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 3:13



**QUESTION:**  
What's something kind you can do for someone else today?

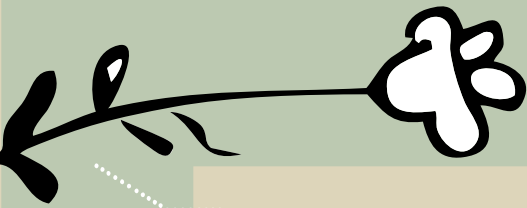


**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You that Jesus shows us how to follow You. Help me to follow You, too. Amen.

**Jesus** came to the Jordan River to see His cousin, John. John was baptizing people who wanted to live God's way. He would lay them into the water and raise them back up. It is a sign of choosing to follow God. Jesus asked John to baptize Him, too. But Jesus had never done anything wrong! Why would He need baptism? Jesus said, "This is the right thing to do." Jesus wanted to show everyone how to follow God. Jesus is God's Son, and He leads by example. When we follow Him, we learn how to live in ways that are good for us and for others.

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**When** Jesus asked John to baptize Him, John said, "Wait! You should baptize me!" John knew Jesus was special. He didn't feel good enough to baptize Him. But Jesus said, "This is what God wants." John obeyed, even though he felt nervous. Sometimes we feel unsure about helping or doing something new. But when God asks us, we can trust God like John did. Jesus is God's Son, and He helps us be brave and say yes to God.



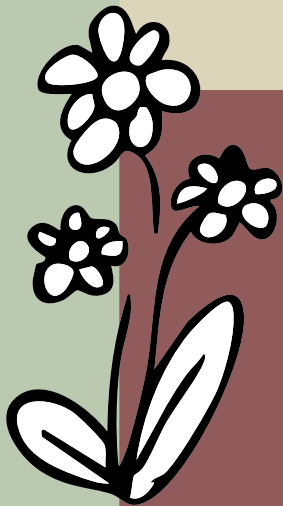
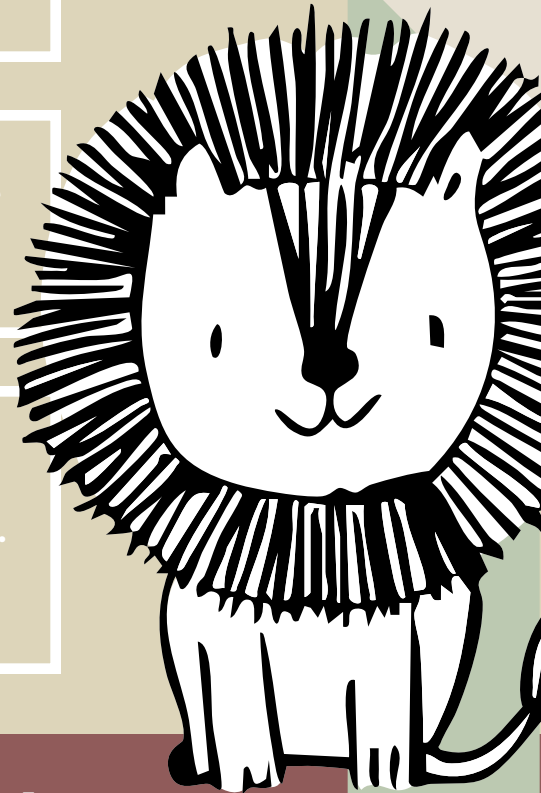
**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 3:14



**QUESTION:**  
When have you done something even though it felt hard or scary?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, help me be brave like John and say yes to You. Amen.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 3:15



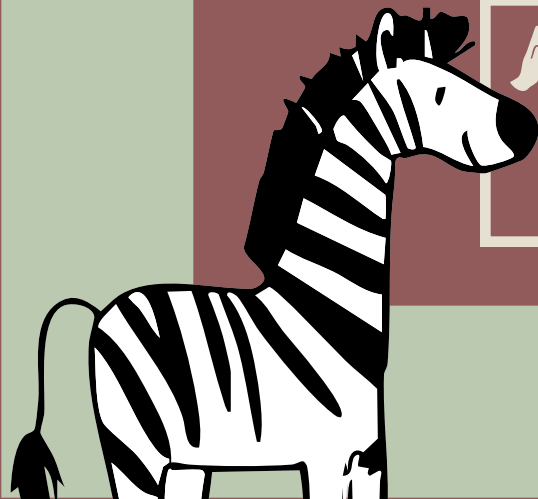
**QUESTION:**  
What's one thing you've learned from watching someone else do the right thing?

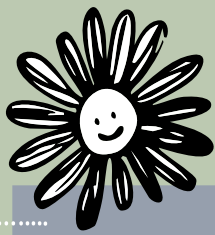


**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Help me learn from the way He lived. Amen.

**John** helped Jesus into the river. He gently lowered Him into the water and brought Him back up. Jesus was baptized! It was a special way to show His love for God and His mission to help people. Jesus didn't need to be forgiven. He was perfect. But He still chose to be baptized to show us what matters most. Jesus is God's Son, and He taught us by what He did, not just what He said.

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**As** soon as Jesus came out of the water, something amazing happened. The sky opened, and God's Spirit came down like a dove. Imagine a gentle white bird flying down from the sky and landing near Jesus. It was a sign from God! God was showing everyone that Jesus was special. When God sent the dove, God was saying, "I'm with You." Jesus is God's Son, and He was filled with God's Spirit.



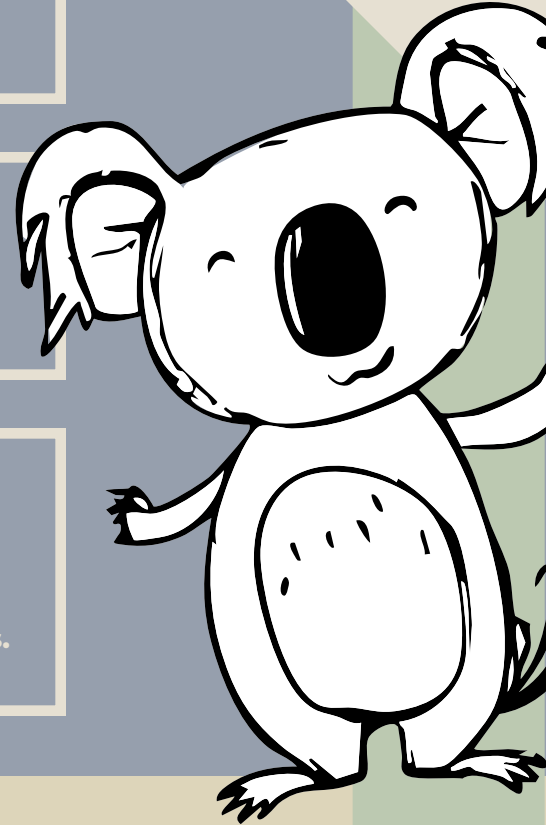
**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 3:16



**QUESTION:**  
What does it mean to you to know that God is near?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You for Your Spirit that came like a dove to be with Jesus, and with us. Amen.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 3:17



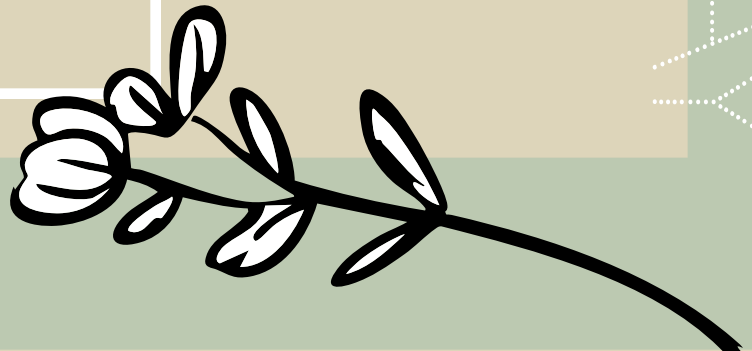
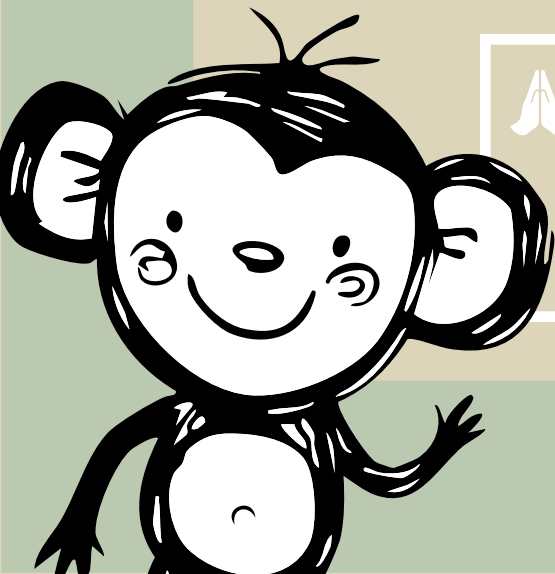
**QUESTION:**  
How does it feel to know that God loves Jesus, and that God loves you too?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You for saying Jesus is Your Son. Help me listen to Your voice. Amen.

**Then** a voice came from heaven. It was God! Everyone heard it: "This is my Son. I love Him. I'm very pleased with Him." God didn't whisper. God wanted everyone to know that Jesus is God's Son. That day, God said out loud what was true all along: Jesus is God's Son, and He brings God joy. We can believe that too! When we follow Jesus, we are choosing to listen to God's voice in our lives.

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## PLAY AND PRAY

Show your child how to use a camera. Encourage your child to take pictures of family members and friends. Then help your child tape the pictures to your refrigerator door. Enjoy time with your child as you look at the photos together. Take turns telling about all of the people you love and saying why they're so special.

### ASK

- What makes Jesus special?
- What makes you special?
- How can we thank God for loving us so much that He sent Jesus?

## FAITHFUL FLAVORS

Make bagel “doves” with your child as a reminder of the Bible story. Slice a bagel in half, and then cut one of the circles in half to form two Cs. Have your child spread cream cheese on both pieces of bagel and then place them side by side to resemble a dove's wings. Have your child tell you the story of Jesus' baptism.

### ASK

- How do we know that Jesus is God's Son?
- Who can we tell that Jesus is God's Son?



## AGE-LEVEL INSIGHT

Five- and six-year-olds are eager to please their parents and other adults. They exhibit this characteristic when they show off artwork, block creations, a clean plate, or a clean room. Children are happy when they know that they've pleased significant adults in their lives! Be sure to affirm your child not just for what he or she does, but for who your child is—a wonderful child of God. As you consistently display your affirmation and love, your preschooler will have no trouble understanding God as the proud, loving father of His beloved Son, Jesus.

## READY, SET, GROW!

This week, your child learned that Jesus is God's Son. He or she committed to one of the following challenges to thank God for sending his Son, Jesus. Help your child grow in faith this week and follow through on the challenge!

- When you pray before eating, thank God for the food and for giving Jesus the Son to the whole world.
- Have your mom or dad help you make a thank-you card for God. In your card, thank God for sending Jesus the Son to earth to help us.
- Have a party at your house to celebrate that God gave Jesus the Son to the world. Invite all your friends or celebrate with your family.

# Peter and Andrew Meet Jesus

## WEEK 3

Kindergarten  
JANUARY 17, 2026



## Bible Point

Jesus is our friend.

## Key Verse

If we believe in Jesus, we become God's children (adapted from John 1:12).

## Big Picture

Children will grow in their friendship with Jesus.

## ***Peter and Andrew Meet Jesus***

**John 1:35-42**

Five- and six-year-olds enjoy social interaction within their family as well as at school and church. They're beginning to interact cooperatively with their peers in games, in dramatic play, and in working together on classroom projects. Use this lesson to encourage children to use their social skills to help them begin or grow their friendship with Jesus!

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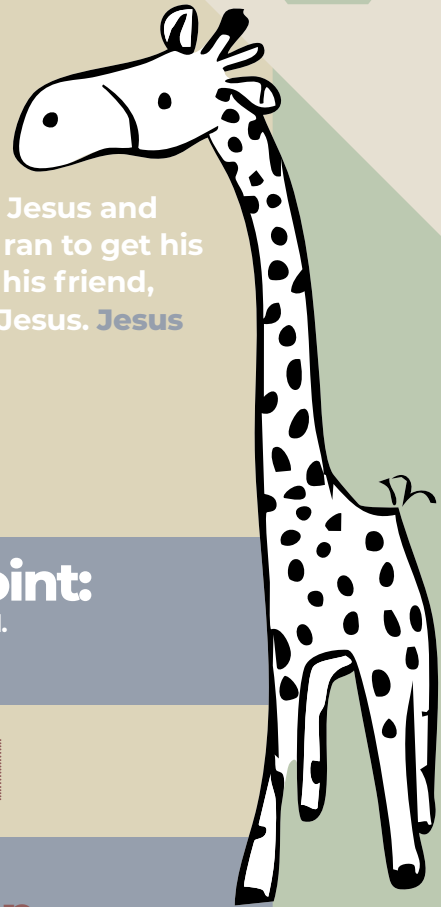


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# BIBLE Time!

This week's Scripture (John 1:35-42) tells us that Andrew met Jesus and chose to follow Him. After Andrew had talked with Jesus, he ran to get his brother so that Simon Peter could get to know Jesus and be his friend, too. Andrew brought Peter to Jesus, and they both followed Jesus. **Jesus is our friend, and we can follow him, too!**



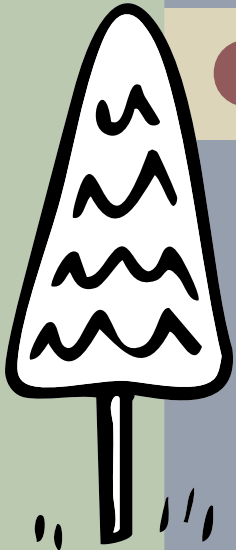
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## Bible Point:

Jesus is our friend.

## GROWING IN TRUTH



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
John 1:36



**QUESTION:**  
What do you do when you want to get to know someone new?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You for Jesus. I want to follow Him and learn more every day. Amen.

**John** the Baptist saw Jesus and said, "Look! It's the Lamb of God!" That meant Jesus was the one who came to help, love, and save us. Two of John's followers heard him and wanted to follow Jesus. They wanted to be close to Him. They didn't want to miss the chance to meet Him. **Jesus is special. Jesus is our friend. When we follow Jesus, we learn how to love others and live God's way.**

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MONDAY

**Jesus** turned to the men following Him and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Where are You staying?" Jesus didn't walk away. He said, "Come and see." He invited them in. Jesus loved spending time with them. And Jesus loves spending time with us. He is our friend. When we talk to Him, read His stories, or sing to Him, we remember that we are always with Him.



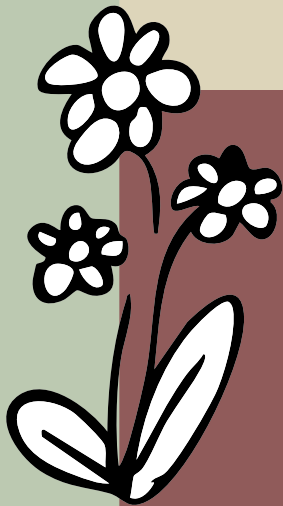
**BIBLE VERSE:**  
John 1:39



**QUESTION:**  
What makes you feel welcome when you visit a friend's house? How can you welcome someone when they visit you?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You that Jesus says, "Come and see." I love being close to Him. Amen.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
John 1:39



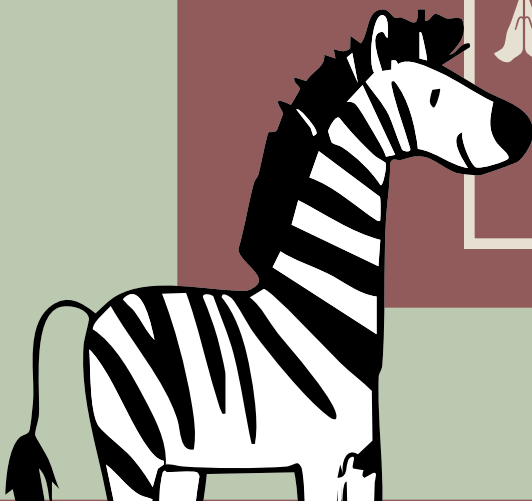
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When do you like to talk to Jesus?

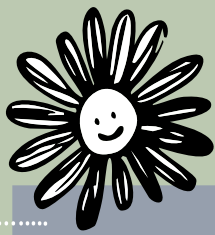


**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, I'm thankful I can spend every day with Jesus. He's my forever friend. Amen.

**The** men stayed with Jesus all day. They sat with Him, talked with Him, and listened closely. Jesus made them feel safe and welcome. Jesus is still like that with us. He wants to be part of our whole day. We can talk to Him in the morning, at lunch, while playing, before bed, and anytime in between! Jesus is our friend all day long.

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**Andrew** was so happy to meet Jesus that he ran to find his brother. "We found the Messiah!" he said. That means Jesus is the one God promised. Andrew couldn't wait to share. When we know Jesus is our friend, we can invite others too. We don't have to keep Jesus to ourselves.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
John 1:41



**QUESTION:**  
Who is someone you could tell about Jesus this week?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You that Jesus is too special to keep to myself. Help me share Him with others. Amen.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
John 1:42



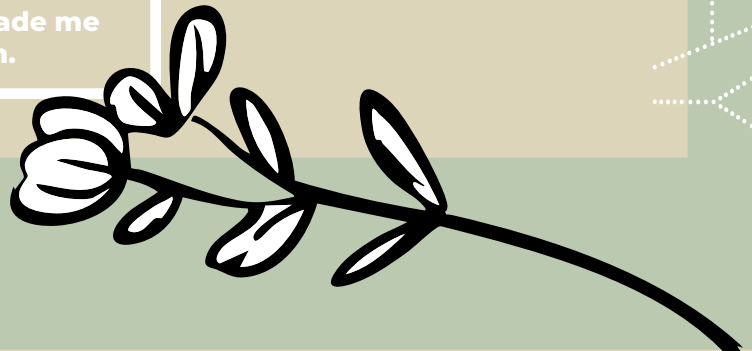
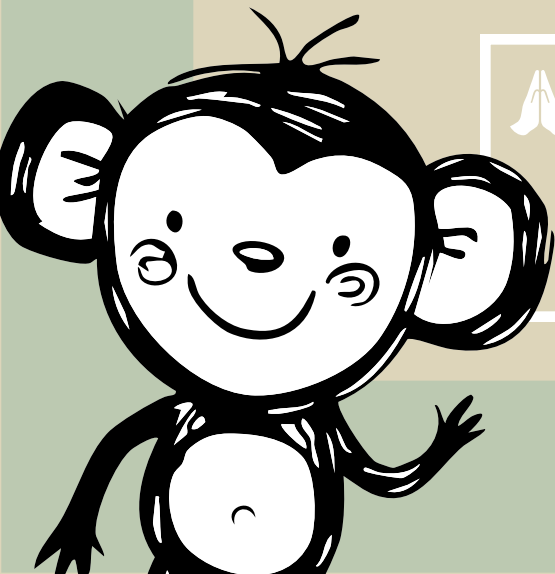
**QUESTION:**  
What's something special about who God made you to be?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You that Jesus knows my name. Help me grow into who You made me to be. Amen.

**When** Simon came to meet Jesus, Jesus said, "You will be called Peter." Jesus knew Simon's name, and He knew who Simon could grow up to be. Jesus is our friend. He knows our name, our heart, and our future. He sees something special in us. He will always love us and help us grow.

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# PLAY AND PRAY

Establish a Bible story time with your child when you can read about Jesus and get to know more about him as your friend. Read about Jesus from a children's Bible.

## ASK

- What did the story tell us about Jesus?
- Who can we tell about the good news of Jesus?
- What can we do to help family members and friends get to know Jesus better?

# FAITHFUL FLAVORS

Help your child make these chocolate roses, and take the treats to special family members and friends.

Help your child melt a 12-ounce package of chocolate chips in a pan on the stove or in a microwavable glass bowl. After the chocolate has melted, let it cool for a minute or two. Then have your child carefully stir in 4 cups of corn flakes. Drop the mixture by spoonfuls onto a cookie sheet lined with wax paper. Place the mounds of chocolate roses in the refrigerator until they become firm.

## ASK

- Who can we give our chocolate roses to?
- What can we tell people about Jesus?

Then tell your child, "Let's take these roses to the special people we talked about. We can show those people that we love them and that Jesus loves them, too!"



# AGE-LEVEL INSIGHT

Five- and six-year-olds enjoy social interaction within the family as well as at school and church. They're beginning to interact cooperatively with their peers in games, in dramatic play, and in working together on classroom projects. Use this lesson to help your child use his or her social skills to let family and friends know that Jesus is our friend!

# READY, SET, GROW!

This week, your child learned that Jesus is our friend. He or she committed to one of the following challenges to become friends with Jesus. Help your child grow in faith this week and follow through on the challenge!

- Ask your parents if you can invite your pastor or teacher over for dinner. Share with each other things you've learned about Jesus.
- Draw a picture for Jesus and hang it in your room. When you see it, remember that you can have a friendship with Jesus.
- Ask your mom or dad to take you to the library and help you find stories about Jesus.

An illustration of a busy street in a historical setting, likely Jerusalem. The street is filled with people in traditional attire, including robes and head coverings. Buildings with arched windows and doorways line the street. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of blue and orange. The overall style is a soft, painterly illustration.

# News About Jesus Spreads

## WEEK 4

Kindergarten

JANUARY 24, 2026

# Bible Point

Follow Jesus.

## Key Verse

Come to me and rest (adapted from Matthew 11:28).

## Big Picture

Children will come to Jesus when they are worried, afraid, or just need someone to talk with.

## News About Jesus Spreads

Matthew 4:12-25

Five- and six-year-olds have a wonderful enthusiasm for what life brings, yet at times they can feel discouraged. Some kids might feel discouraged when they're told they have to be a certain height to go on the "good" rides at an amusement park or when they're told they're not old enough to cross the street alone. These types of situations make 5- and 6-year-olds feel as if they'll never measure up. Encourage your children by telling them that Jesus doesn't have height measurements or age standards that must be met. God loves us so much that He sent Jesus, and everyone can follow Him.

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# BIBLE Time!

This week's Scripture (Matthew 4:23-25) tells us that everyone can follow Jesus. Jesus went throughout Galilee teaching about God's love, preaching the good news of God's kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness. People were so excited about Jesus that news spread quickly throughout the region. **People came to hear Jesus teach and to be healed.** Your child learned that Jesus wants us to follow Him, too.



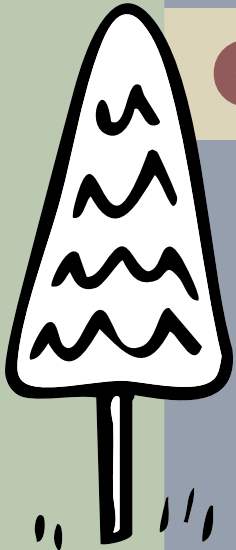
## Key Verse:

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## Bible Point:

Follow Jesus.

## GROWING IN TRUTH



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 4:17



**QUESTION:**  
What is some good news Jesus brings that makes you feel happy?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You that Jesus brings good news and invites me to be close to You. Amen.

**After** John was put in prison, Jesus began preaching. He told people to turn toward God. "The kingdom of heaven is near!" He said. That means God was doing something new, and Jesus was at the center of it! Jesus brought good news: we can be part of God's family. We can live in God's love every day. Jesus invites us to come to Him and follow His ways. He wants to forgive us, lead us, and help us love others. **When we come to Jesus, He gives us joy and a reason to live.**

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MONDAY

**Jesus** was walking by the Sea of Galilee when He saw two fishermen: Peter and Andrew. They were working with nets. Jesus said, "Come, follow Me. I will make you fishers of people." That meant Jesus would teach them how to help others find God's love. Right away, Peter and Andrew dropped their nets. They didn't ask for more time or make excuses. They said yes! They followed Jesus with their whole hearts. Jesus still calls people today. He wants us to follow Him, too. He'll teach us, help us grow, and help us to share His love.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 4:19-20



**QUESTION:**  
What might you need to let go of so you can say yes to Jesus?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You that Jesus invites me to follow. Help me say yes right away. Amen.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 4:21-22



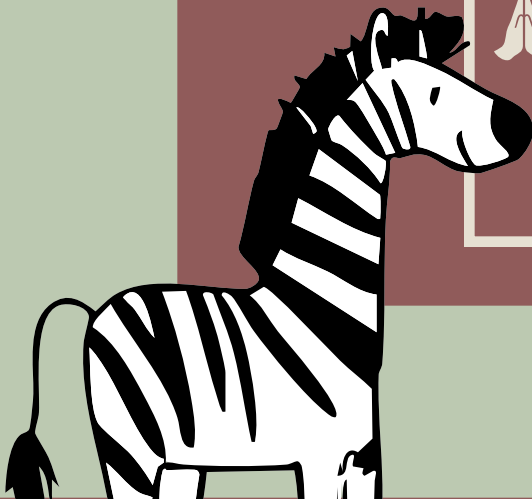
**QUESTION:**  
What do you think it means to be part of Jesus' team?

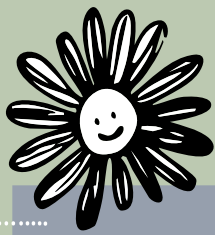


**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You that Jesus wants me on His team. Help me follow with my whole heart. Amen.

**Jesus** kept walking and saw two more brothers: James and John. They were in a boat with their dad, fixing fishing nets. Jesus called to them, too, "Come and follow Me!" James and John left their boat and their father and followed Jesus right away. Jesus was choosing friends to be part of His special mission. He was making a team to share God's love. Jesus is still building His team, and you can be on it! When we come to Jesus and follow Him, we become part of something big and good.

WEDNESDAY





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WALKED FROM TOWNS FAR AWAY

**Jesus** went from town to town, teaching about God's love. He didn't just talk; He helped people too. People brought friends and family who were sick or hurting, and Jesus healed them. He made their hearts and bodies feel better. No one was left out. Jesus was gentle, strong, and kind. He helped because He cared. Jesus still cares about us. When we're sick, sad, or scared, we can come to Him. He listens. He helps.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 4:24



**QUESTION:**  
What's something you want Jesus to help you with this week?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You that Jesus helped people then—and still helps me now. I'm thankful He cares. Amen.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 4:25



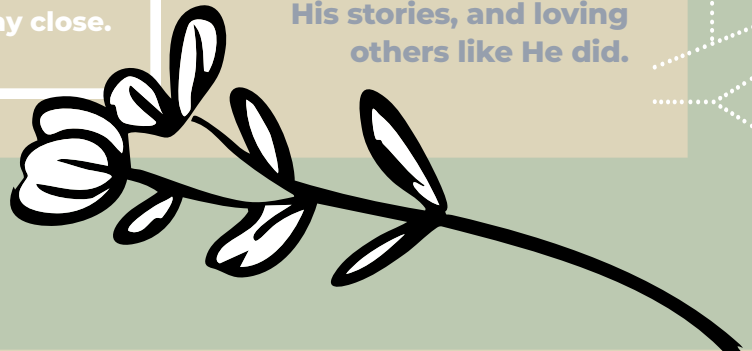
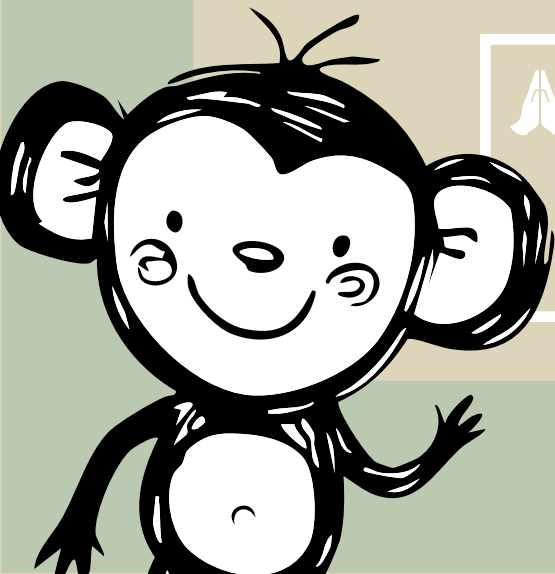
**QUESTION:**  
What would you say if Jesus asked you to walk with Him today?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You that Jesus welcomes everyone. I want to follow Him and stay close. Amen.

**People** came from everywhere to see Jesus. They walked from towns far away just to be near Him. Big crowds followed Him. They wanted to hear what He said, see His miracles, and feel His love. Jesus never said, "I'm too busy." He welcomed everyone: children, families, and even people others ignored. Jesus is still inviting people today. He says, "Come and follow Me." We can walk with Jesus by praying, learning His stories, and loving others like He did.

WALKED FROM TOWNS FAR AWAY





## PLAY AND PRAY

News about Jesus spread quickly 2,000 years ago even without the advanced technology that we have nowadays. Spread the news of Jesus today by helping your child create a family newsletter that tells what God has done for your family over the past year. Help your child pick out favorite photos from the past year, or have your child draw pictures of the amazing ways God has blessed your family. Have your child attach the photos or drawings to blank pages. Encourage your child to say things he or she has noticed as answered prayers or blessings. Write the words down for your child, and let him or her copy the words onto the pages.

### ASK

- How has Jesus helped you during the past year?
- Who are people you'd like to tell about Jesus?

Make copies of the newsletter for your friends and family.

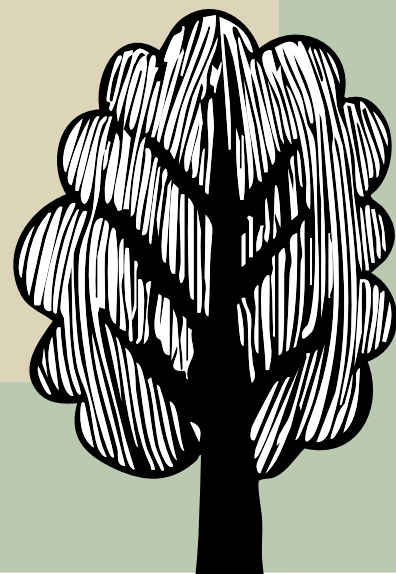
## FAITHFUL FLAVORS

Help your child make apple cinnamon bread with this easy recipe. Have your child wash his or her hands. Then mix 2  $\frac{1}{4}$  cups of flour and 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  sticks of softened butter in a large bowl until the mixture is pale yellow. Add in 3 tablespoons sugar and  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt. Pour in  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup cold water, and mix until the dough forms a large lump. Help your child knead the dough for five minutes on a floured surface.

Shape the dough into a ball, and divide it into four parts. Let your child roll each piece flat with a rolling pin. Then shape each piece into a flat heart, and place the hearts on a cookie sheet. Let your child place apple slices covered with cinnamon and sugar on top of the hearts. Tell your child that we can follow Jesus and come to him when our hearts feel sad, and Jesus will let us rest; Jesus will warm our hearts and heal our hearts. Then tell your child you are going to warm the dough hearts in the oven. Bake the hearts for about 15 minutes at 400 degrees. Remove them from the oven when the edges are brown.

### ASK

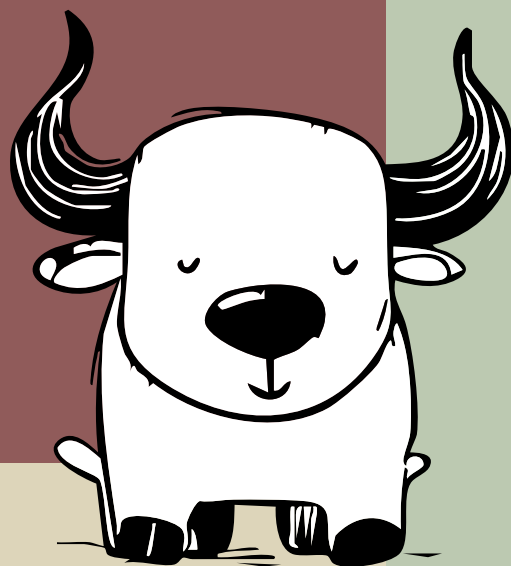
- What did you like about making your warm heart treats?





## AGE-LEVEL INSIGHT

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## READY, SET, GROW!

This week, your child learned that he or she can follow Jesus. Your child committed to one of the following challenges to follow Jesus in good times and bad. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on the challenge!

- Get in your most comfy pajamas and snuggle with your mom or dad and pray together.
- Use chenille wire to make a shape that reminds you of Jesus. Hang it in your window to help you remember that you can **FOLLOW JESUS** and that he is always with you.
- Pray with your family, and ask your family to pray about their worries and fears. Remind your family that they can **FOLLOW JESUS**.



# Jesus Gives the Beatitudes

## WEEK 5

Kindergarten

JANUARY 31, 2026



## **Bible Point**

Choosing God's ways blesses our lives.

## **Key Verse**

Come to me and rest (adapted from Matthew 11:28).

## **Big Picture**

Children will try to please God with their daily actions.

## ***Jesus Gives the Beatitudes*** **Matthew 5:1-12**

Five- and six-year-olds are extremely sensitive to issues of fairness. Use this lesson to teach children that sometimes things just aren't fair. For example, people sometimes say mean things to others, or some kids around the world don't get enough food to eat. Assure your children that God sees the unfair actions of others, and sees our kind actions that please Him. When we choose God's ways, we are blessed.

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# BIBLE Time!



This week's Scripture (Matthew 5:1-12) tells us that choosing God's ways blesses our lives. Jesus took His disciples up on a mountainside to teach them to focus on the good things to come in heaven, rather than the bad things that happen here on earth. Your child learned that no matter what happens on earth, he or she can "rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven."



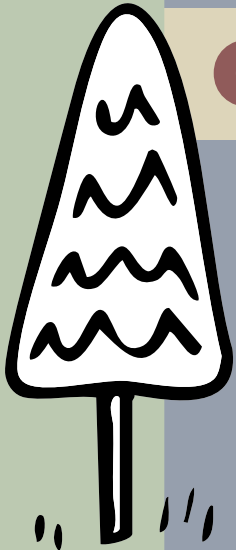
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## Bible Point:

Choosing God's ways blesses our lives.

# GROWING IN TRUTH



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 5:1-2



**QUESTION:**  
Why do you think people came from far away to hear Jesus teach?

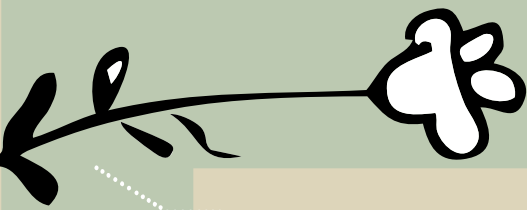


**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You that Jesus teaches us how to live. Help me follow Your ways in my heart. Amen.

**When** Jesus saw the crowds, He went up a hillside, sat down, and began to teach. His followers gathered close to listen. Jesus didn't just teach rules. He taught about how our hearts should be. He said we're blessed when we live God's way: when we're kind, gentle, and love peace. The people listening were surprised. They'd never heard anything like this! Jesus wants us to follow God's ways, and when we do, it brings joy and blessing to our lives.

MONDAY





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**Jesus** said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." That means God blesses people who know they need God. When we say, "God, I can't do this alone," God comes close. We don't have to be perfect. We just need to come to God with honest hearts. That's choosing God's way! We can ask for God's help and trust God to guide us.



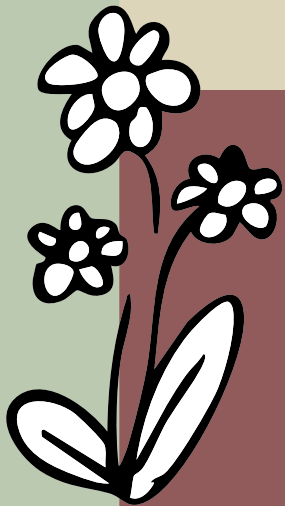
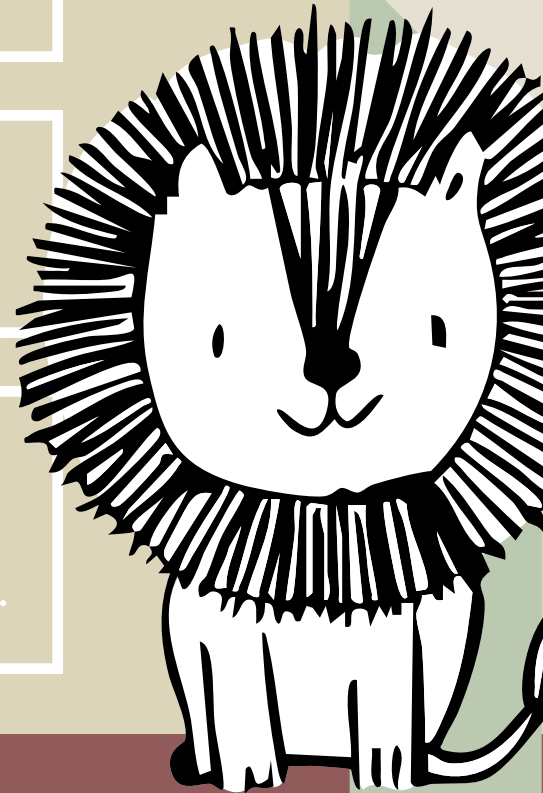
**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 5:3



**QUESTION:**  
When have you needed help and someone came to help you?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, I know I need You every day. Thank You for loving me and helping me. Amen.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 5:5



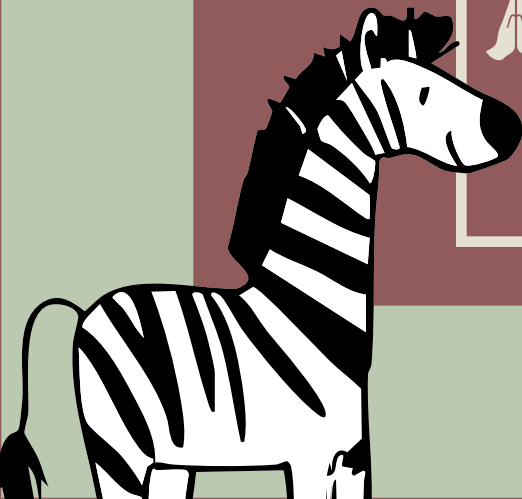
**QUESTION:**  
What's one way you can show kindness at home or school today?

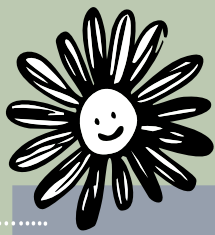


**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You that You care more about kind hearts than big muscles. Help me be gentle and kind like Jesus. Amen.

**Jesus** said, "God blesses those who are humble." That means we don't need to be the loudest, strongest, or best at everything. God sees our gentle hearts. Jesus was strong, but He was never mean. He used His strength to help and care for people. When we follow God's ways, choosing kindness, sharing, and thinking of others first, God blesses our lives with peace and joy.

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**Jesus** said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." A peacemaker helps people stop fighting and learn to be friends again. That's what Jesus does for us, and what He wants us to do for others. Being a peacemaker isn't about getting your own way. It's about helping everyone feel safe and loved. Choosing God's way means choosing peace, even when it's hard.



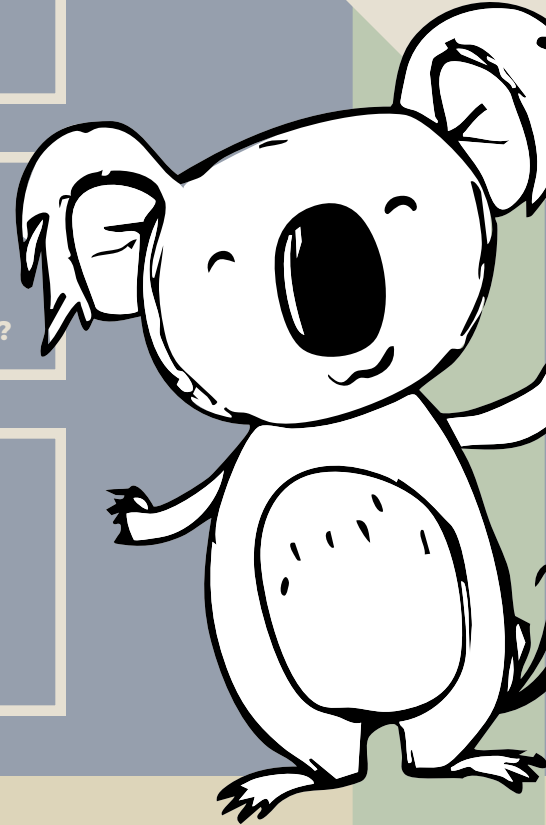
**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 5:9



**QUESTION:**  
What's one way you could help bring peace at school or at home?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You for being the best peacemaker. Help me choose peace too. Amen.



**BIBLE VERSE:**  
Matthew 5:10



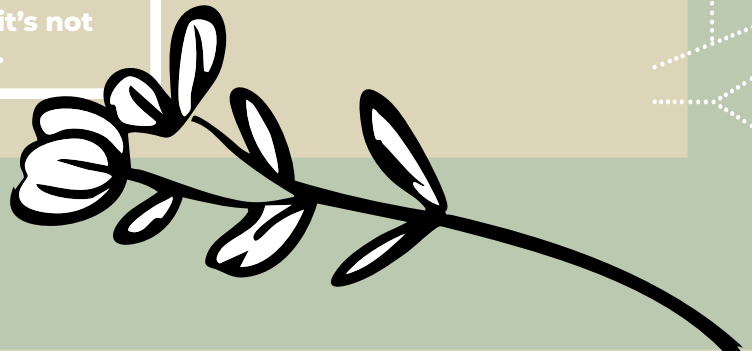
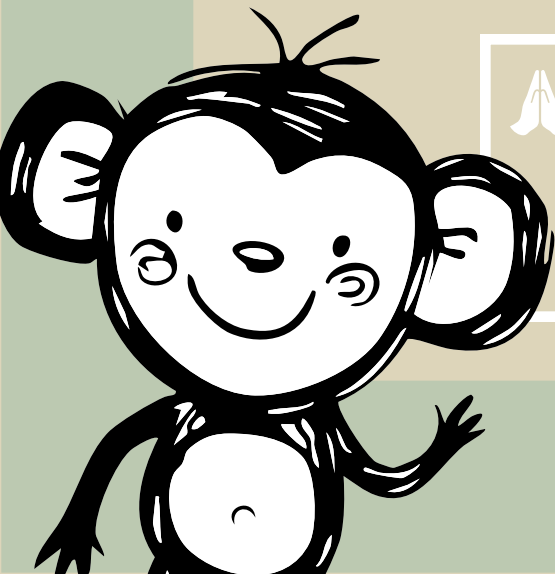
**QUESTION:**  
Has doing the right thing ever been hard for you? What did you do?



**PRAYER:**  
Dear God, thank You that You see when I choose what's right. Help me follow You even when it's not easy. Amen.

**Jesus** said, "God blesses those who are treated badly for doing what's right." Sometimes people might laugh at us or leave us out if we choose God's way. But **Jesus** says we're still **blessed!** Doing what's right is always worth it. God sees our hearts. God knows when we're standing up for truth, kindness, or fairness. And God promises we'll be filled with joy in the kingdom of heaven.

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## PLAY AND PRAY

Help your child turn a rainy day into a great day by making a special umbrella together! Use a white or light-colored nylon umbrella and some permanent fabric paints or permanent markers. Encourage your child to think of activities that your family likes to do on sunny days, such as tossing a Frisbee or playing catch with a ball. Then help your child draw and color pictures of those activities onto your special umbrella. The next time a rainy day threatens to ruin a day of fun, test out your new umbrella together and play in the puddles instead!

### ASK

- What were some of the favorite activities you drew?
- How can you still have fun, even when it's raining outside?
- When bad things happen on earth, what does Jesus tell us to look forward to?



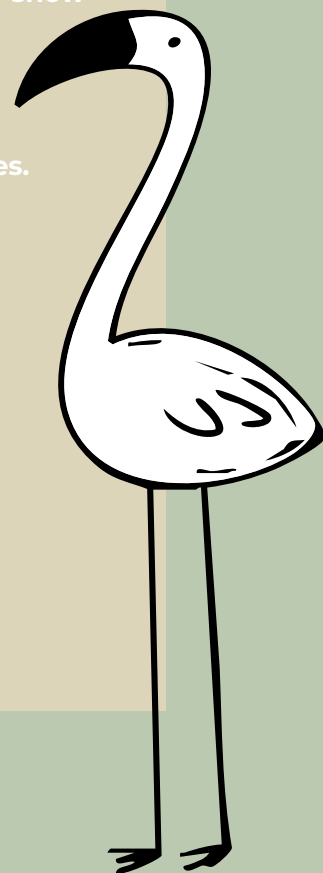
## FAITHFUL FLAVORS

If bad weather finds your child with a case of cabin fever, help your child find all the things that are “good and right” about the weather. For example, if you live in an area that has snow, bring inside a quart of clean snow, and admire it. Make “snow” (using the instructions below) and mix it with 1 cup milk, 1/2 cup sugar, and 2 tablespoons vanilla. Provide different types of syrups or toppings for your child to add to this treat.

Even if you don't live in an area that has snow, you can make “snow” slushies. Crush about 10 ice cubes in a blender until they're slushy, and then add the other ingredients above and add toppings. Invite friends over, thank God for the snacks, and enjoy!

### ASK

- What are some fun things to do when the weather is bad?
- How do you think God feels when we use the things He gives us to make more good things?





## AGE-LEVEL INSIGHT

Five- and six-year-olds are extremely sensitive to issues of fairness. Use this lesson to teach your child that sometimes things just aren't fair. People sometimes say mean things to others, for example, or some kids around the world don't get enough food to eat. Assure your child that God sees those unfair things and will make sure everything is fair when we get to heaven. Help your child understand that while we're on earth, God blesses us when we choose his ways. We can pray to God and tell him how we feel. We can treat people kindly, no matter how they treat us. We can reach out to needy people. We can totally trust that our loving God has great things planned for us.

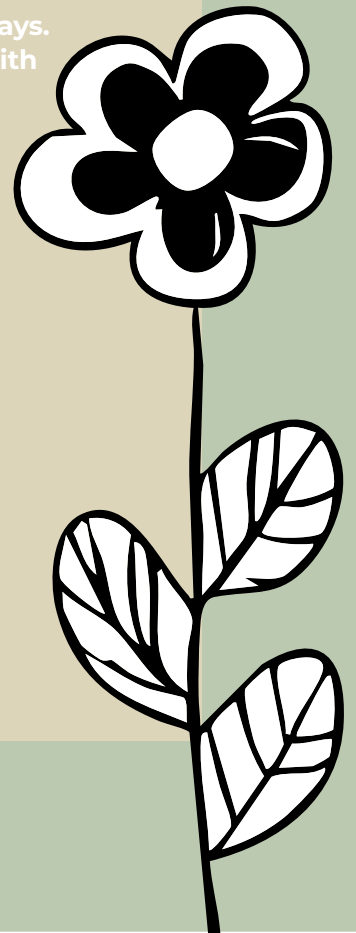


## READY, SET, GROW!

This week, your child learned that God blesses us when we choose His ways. Your child committed to one of the following challenges to please God with his or her actions. Help your child grow in faith this week and follow through on the challenge!

### ASK

- When you are playing, share your toys with your brother or sister or your friends.
- Make cookies or a card for a friend or neighbor.
- Make your bed without complaining or whining.



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