



Jesus is our Example

Luke 11

God Statement: God is Provider

KEY VERSE:

“My God will meet all of your needs. These riches come to you because you belong to Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19, NIRV)

CHECK-IN

(until 15 minutes after the start of each service)

Purpose: To build relationships with families and help parents feel comfortable leaving their child.

As parents check-in their child at your classroom, try to welcome them by name to help them feel secure in leaving their child in your care. Once you've completed each of the check-in procedures, welcome the child into your classroom and encourage him/her to play with the classroom toys and activities. If you have LITs in your classroom, this is a great time for them to help engage with the kids while you continue checking in the kids.

If a child brings money for offering, allow them to put the money in the class offering bank. Thank them for sharing with others.

If a child is upset or reluctant to enter the room, encourage him or her by offering toys, books or other fun items. If a child is still upset, let the parents know that we will text them if their child continues to be upset. Then, offer to carry the child into the classroom and try to calm the child with toys or other activities.

Use the “Connect” reminder (listed below) to help kids feel comfortable and safe in your class!

CONNECT WITH KIDS

Purpose: Building relationships & prioritizing safety for our youngest children.

Our goal, first and foremost, when serving babies and young toddlers is to prioritize building trusting relationships and the feeling of safety. We build trust with our littlest kids by meeting needs and helping them learn that church is a secure place where they are loved, known and safe.

The 4 Ss are a simple way to keep our hearts and minds focused on this:

When a child feels...*(most of the time)*

SAFE: physically and emotionally

SEEN: known and understood

SOOTHED: calmed and supported

They can become **SECURE.**

EXPLORE ACTIVITY

(10 minutes)

The Explore Activity is a chance to get the kids thinking about the upcoming Bible story for the day. Encourage your kids to engage with the activity as they prepare for the lesson.

DISCUSS:

In today's lesson, we are going to learn about how Jesus is our Example.

Say: Jesus did many things while He was here on earth. He showed His friends how to pray. When do you pray? Before bed? Before dinner? When you get hurt? Yes, we can pray any time.

Do: Let's Pray for our Friends Game

Supplies: None

Directions: One teacher takes half of the kids to line up on one side of the room. Hold hands. The other teacher lines up on the opposite side of the room with the other kids. The teams should be facing each other. Take turns picking someone from the other team to run over to their team. When each team calls out for one of the children on the other team have them say **"we can pray for....*and say the child's name*"** When the child hears their name, they run to the other side.

Say: Today we are learning about how God wants us to pray! Prayer is so important. We can pray for anyone and anything. We can always pray! Let's play a fun game to remind us to pray for our friends.

CLEAN UP

(5 minutes)

Have the children begin cleaning up as you transition into Large Group time. All the toys should be put away by the end of clean up time.

Try singing: "Clean up, clean up, everybody do your share. Clean up, clean up, everybody everywhere."

LARGE GROUP

(15 minutes)

After clean up, have your class gather around the story time rug/blanket/squares and Hamilton's house for Large Group time. .

WELCOME & PRAYER

Tell the kids you are so excited to have them joining you this morning and give them a brief explanation of Large Group and the expectations of them during this time. After going over the expectations, pray to open large group time.

Offering – ask: Did anyone bring money for an offering today? This money is used to help other people. You may put your money in the class offering bank.

WORSHIP

Purpose: Engage our youngest children through the power of music!

Use the Little Kids music videos on Plex to sing some simple songs with your class. To access these videos, go to **Plex > Videos > EC > 2s/3s folder**. Choose some songs to sing.

- The Wisdom Song
- God can Do Anything
- Be Careful Little Eyes
- I've got the Joy Joy Joy

READ A BIBLE STORY

Purpose: Engage our youngest children in a meaningful way by teaching God's word!

This week, read about a Bible story from Luke 11.

BIG IDEA: Jesus taught His friends how to pray. We can pray, too! We can pray about anything.

As you read, try to engage the child(ren) even more by pointing to the pictures as you read, allowing the kids to turn the page or repeating key words and phrases. It's ok if you don't read every word on the page! Kids have very short attention spans (1 minute for each year of age) so try to keep your interactions short and don't get discouraged if a child loses focus!

BIBLE STORY (5-7 minutes)

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: Jesus is our Example

Using the props and Hamilton puppet, tell the story for the day. Make sure to keep it brief and engaging by asking the kids questions throughout and using Hamilton to keep their attention.

Invite Hamilton to come out and see the class. Hi Hamilton, we are going to talk about praying today. Praying is talking to God. Jesus talked to God. We can too.

- **Read the Bible Lesson below about the Lord's prayer.**
 - We have been learning about Jesus and all He has done.
 - Jesus is our teacher. He shows us the way and tells us how we can live a godly life.
 - Jesus taught His friends how to pray.
 - Can you show me praying hands? *Help the kids put their hands in a prayer position.* We can pray with our hands folded. Or we can pray when we're riding our bike. We can pray anytime! We can pray with our eyes closed or open. God wants us to pray so He can talk with us.
 - **Hamilton, do you like talking with your friends? Hamilton nods his head.**
 - God is our friend, and we can talk to him!
 - Jesus is our example, and what Jesus does He also wants us to do.
 - Jesus prayed and talked to God!
 - Jesus wanted to talk to God about everything. Because God is our friend!
 - When we pray, we get to know more about God.
 - And when Jesus was praying, He knew that God will always provide for us.
 - The special prayer that Jesus prayed went like this:

Our Father in heaven,
may your name be honored.
May your kingdom come.
May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins,
just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us.
Keep us from sinning when we are tempted.
Save us from the evil one.
- God is Provider!

Say: Hamilton, let's all pray together. Fold hands and bow heads. Pray: "Jesus thank you for showing us how to pray."

SAY IT OUT LOUD! (30 seconds)

This is the opportunity to remind the children of the God Statement for the day. Even if they struggle to pay attention during the lesson, this part is important to do every week.

We are learning that “Jesus is our Example.” (*Have the kids shout it out together multiple times*).

WORSHIP RESPONSE (2 minutes)

Worship Response is an opportunity for the kids to apply what they just learned and to respond to what God is doing in their life. *Have the kids sit in a place where they can be still and reflect independently.* Then read through the Worship Response prompts below as you lead the kids through the time.

Encourage class to sit quietly.

Say: Let’s think about things we can pray for. Let the kids list some. Now let’s sit quietly and pray for those things. (*Let kids take turns praying out loud.*)

BLESSING (1 minute)

Read the verse and blessing over the kids before closing Large Group. Encourage the kids to stand and open their hands to receive the blessing as a truth that they can take with them this week and hide in their hearts.

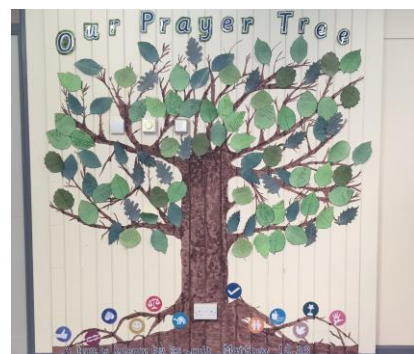
Say: Friends, may you always remember that you can pray to God anytime. He is listening and He loves you.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

(Until parents pickup)

Make: Prayer Tree

Supplies: *Tree picture, tape, pre-cut pictures of things kids would like to pray for, glue stick*

**Directions:**

- Stick the tree picture on the wall, low where the kids can reach.
- Let the kids choose pictures of people/things they would like to pray for.
- Put a little glue from the glue stick on the back of the picture.
- Let the child stick his/her picture on the Prayer Tree.
- Pray for the person or thing in the picture.

PLAY!

Purpose: Engage our youngest children by playing games and having fun!

While your class can participate in free play for most of the remaining classroom time, please try to lead at least one structured activity with your class. This is a great opportunity to introduce kids to classroom games and encourage interaction and participation with others.

Suggestions of activities:

- Hide an object and let kids find it
- Name and count parts of the body
- Discuss colors & numbers
- Turn on music and play freeze dance
- Have kids follow simple instructions (hop, sit down, clap, etc.)
- Read a board book
- Build a tower and let kids knock it down
- Play with a ball

CHECK-OUT

(end of service)

As parents arrive for check-out, the kids can continue participating in free play. Follow the check-out procedures for your classroom, making sure to send all of the child's belongings (diaper bag, bottle/sippy cup, pacifier, blanket, etc.) with the parent.

Give the parent encouragement about how the child did in your class and say "Bye (child's name)!"