

April 10th
2 and 3 Year Olds

Bible Passage: From Matthew 26:17–30; Mark 14:12–25;
Luke 22:7–20; John 13
(The Last Supper)

Jesus Wants Us to Remember His Love

Schedule

1. Gather: Big God Story
2. Respond: Worship, Optional Activity
3. Bless: Speaking God's Truth over your child

Supplies

- Bible
- Paper (several pieces)
- Markers or crayons
- Stuffed animal

Hey parents! You're doing great! Don't worry about being perfect or following this lesson word for word. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you and be your words and you can go confidently forward knowing your child is hearing truth. Keep it up! You got this!

GATHER//25 minutes



Children experience and learn more about God through traditions, song, and storytelling from *The Big God Story*.

Normally we use a hedgehog puppet (Hamilton) to help introduce the Big God Story. Since Hamilton is social distancing to keep others safe, choose a stuffed animal from your home and introduce him as "Hamilton's friend." You might explain, "Hamilton needs to be home with his family right now just like we are staying home so his friend _____ came to help us tell the story today."

Welcome

SUPPLIES

- Bible
- Hamilton's friend (a stuffed animal or puppet)
- Place mat

Ponder Point: Jesus Wants Us to Remember His Love

Hello! It's time to hear part of *The Big God Story*. Family, do you know who else loves *The Big God Story*? Invite responses. That's right! Hamilton the Hedgehog and his friend [insert friend's name]! Let's call [friend's name] to come out and join us. Do you think we can get him to come out? Allow children to answer. Call with me: [friend's name], where are you? Encourage kids to call for Hamilton's friend. Hmmm ... Maybe he's eating lunch and can't hear us. Let's try again. [friend's name], where are you? Hamilton the Hedgehog's friend comes out of his house holding a place mat.

[friend's name], you look like you've been eating lunch! Stuffed animal nods up and down. Did you eat with some of your friends? Stuffed animal nods up and down. That's wonderful! Jesus had a supper with His special friends too. Do you think [friend's name] place mat is a clue to today's part of *The Big God Story*? Well, it's time to hear this part of *The Big God Story*! Let's all stand up and sing our Bible Song together.

Bible Song (sung to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Now it's time to hear God's Word
Hear God's Word
Hear God's Word
Now it's time to hear God's Word
So let's look in the Bible

The Big God Story

This is the “meat” of the lesson where we open up the Bible to see how God moved in people’s lives. The Big God Story is written for a three-year-old audience. It can be told in its entirety or shortened if your child is on the younger side.

The Last Supper

Jesus Wants Us to Remember His Love

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SUPPLIES

- The Big God Story images #1–3
- Bible
- Construction paper (1 sheet per child and for you)
- Marker to draw bread and cup
- Hamilton’s friend puppet/stuffed animal
- Place mat
- Blanket or table

SET UP

Set marker and paper on table or on a blanket on the floor.

RELATE

Friends, before we go any further, let’s all pray together and ask God to teach us. Lead children in a Prayer of Release to pause, be still, and ask the Holy Spirit to quiet their hearts and minds.

Remember how we have sat at the table and had a special supper together other family and friends? Like during your birthday or at Christmas. Allow children to respond. The Big God Story tells us about a special supper called Passover. Every year friends and families ate together because they were so happy about God. They celebrated the way God had saved them.

Ask your children and family to come to the table or blanket and give them each a piece of paper.

Today I am going to draw some pictures to help us tell the rest of The Big God Story. You can draw, too! (Although kids of this age may not be able to draw exactly what you are drawing, allow them to use the markers on their paper). **Jesus and His helpers, the disciples, were very special friends. They did so many things together. They ate together. They helped sick people. They told people about God’s love. They prayed together too.**

One day, Jesus and His disciples had a special supper together called Passover. **Show image #1.**



IMAGE #1

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Hamilton's friend pops up next to the table with his place mat, excitedly waving it back and forth. [friend's name], did we find the clue in The Big God Story already? Hamilton's friend nods. Hmm ... The clue was a place mat and we're all sitting at a table together with paper to make place mats. [friend's name], was our clue about the special supper Jesus had with His friends? Hamilton's friend hops up and down excitedly. We found the clue! Hamilton's friend stays at the table with the children for the rest of The Big God Story. You may choose to include him in the activity with the children throughout storytelling.

Let's see what happened next in The Big God Story. When it was time to eat, Jesus thanked God and gave each friend a piece of bread. Draw a piece of bread on your placemat. Allow your child to draw "bread" on their paper. Jesus said to them, "Remember Me." Allow children to draw a "cup" on their mats. Jesus said, "Remember Me." He said that because He loved His disciples so much.

Jesus loves us, too. Do you think He wants us to remember Him? Allow children to respond. Yes, He does. Let's draw Jesus on our place mats to remember Him. Allow kids to draw Jesus on their mats (it's totally okay if it's just scribbles 😊) Jesus wants us to remember His love always. He showed us His love by dying on the cross for us. [Show image #2.](#)



IMAGE #2

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Then, God raised Him from the dead and now He is alive forever! **Show image #3.**



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Now let's draw a heart on your paper to remember that Jesus loves us so much. Draw hearts on your place mat and allow your child to do the same on theirs.

Do you think we should keep His love a secret? Encourage answers. No way! Who are some people we can tell about God's special love? Allow kids to respond. Great! When we tell others about God's love, we're remembering God's love!

Listen to God

Have the children sit quietly or lay down. **We just were talking about how Jesus wants us to remember His love. Can you say that with me quietly? “Jesus wants us to remember His love.” Let’s listen to God. Does He want to tell you anything? Sometimes we hear Him in our heart or in our brain. He usually doesn’t say things out loud. Listen quietly and see what He wants to tell you.** Let the children listen for 30 seconds to 1 minute. **All right. Let’s sit up. Did you hear God say anything?** Give them a chance to tell you what God said to them.

RESPOND//15 minutes

//Optional Activity//

Don’t Forget

To help them remember that Jesus loves them very much, children remember a special message and whisper it to their sibling or other family member or even a stuffed animal!

SUPPLIES

- None

RELATE

Invite your children to join you on the floor in a circle. **Friends, Jesus wants us to remember that He loves us so much. Let’s play a game where we remember a special message. I’m going to whisper something into a friend’s ear. Then, she’ll whisper it into the next friend’s ear. He’ll pass it to the friend next to him. We have to remember the message so we can tell our friends.**

You can play this game a few times, telling children different messages each time. Make sure children are whispering the message into their friends’ ears. Examples of messages: Jesus loves you; Jesus wants us to remember Him; God loves you; Tell a friend about Jesus.

//Bless//

Children receive a blessing from you! A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

SUPPLIES

- Bible

RELATE

Gather children around you for a blessing:

Children, may you always remember how much God loves you.

Open a Bible and read Psalm 77:11:

**I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes,
I will remember your miracles of long ago.**