

# Lesson 5

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### Ages 2-5

**Opening Prayer** to welcome the start of the session. For example:

“Dear God, we thank you for bringing us together. Help us to learn from your words and follow in your footsteps. Amen.”

### **Bible Story:**

Tell the story of Jesus as a child in the temple (Luke 2: 41-52) in such a way that this age group can understand.

### **Discussion:**

Talk to the children about how Jesus was a child once just like they are now. Discuss how Jesus had to deal with the same things that they do, like sharing and listening to his parents. Also talk about how even though Jesus was young, he helped adults to learn about God. Emphasize to the children that even though they may be young they can help adults learn more about God too by showing kindness and love.

### **Activity:**

Make friendship bracelets.

**Materials needed:**

String or yarn

Fruit loops

Have the children string fruit loops on the string to make bracelets. You will have to help them tie the bracelets. Have them make as many as time allows for. When they have finished explain that they have made friendship bracelets. Talk about how giving someone something nice is one way to share God's love and brighten someone's day. Explain that they are going to share the bracelets that they made with adults. Then when class is over take the children to where the adults in the church gather and have the children hand their bracelets to adults and tell each adult that they give a bracelet to, "God loves you!"

**Art:**

Give the children crayons and paper. Have them draw a picture of themselves helping someone to learn about God.

**Song:**

Have the children sing Pass It On (sang to the tune of Frere Jacques)

Have you had a kindness shown?  
Pass it on. Pass it on.

God wants you to share it.  
God wants you to share it.  
Pass it on. Pass it on.

Wasn't meant for you alone;  
Pass it on. Pass it on.  
God wants you to share it.  
God wants you to share it.  
Pass it on. Pass it on.

Let it travel through the years,  
Pass it on. Pass it on.

God wants you to share it.  
God wants you to share it.  
Pass it on. Pass it on.

- Let it wipe another's tears,  
Pass it on. Pass it on.  
God wants you to share it.

God wants you to share it.  
Pass it on. Pass it on.

'Til in heav'n the deed appears;  
Pass it on. Pass it on.  
God wants you to share it.  
God wants you to share it.  
Pass it on. Pass it on.

**Closing Prayer** to ask for help in teaching others about God. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for helping us learn about you today. Please help us to teach others about you and your love. Amen.”

## Ages 6-8

**Opening Prayer** to open the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together to learn more about you this morning. Please help us to learn from your words and follow in your footsteps. Amen.”

### **Bible Story:**

Tell the story of Jesus as a child in the temple (Luke 2: 41-52) in such a way that this age group can understand.

### **Drama:**

Have the children act this story out. Have them take turns being Jesus.

### **Discussion:**

Talk about how even though Jesus was just a child he was able to teach adults about God. Emphasize that they can teach others about God also.

### **Activity:**

Have the children pair up and talk about what they know about God. Then have them talk with their partners about the different ways that they can teach others about God. Have them share their ideas out loud after they have discussed them with their partners and write them down on a large sheet of paper that can be displayed somewhere in the room.

### **Activity:**

After the children have talked about God and what they know about Him, write a poem together. As a class write an acrostic poem about God. You can use Lord, Father, or God. An example would be:

Loves all of us  
 Old and young alike.  
 Reaches out for our hand  
 Day and night.

You can have the students come up with what they want the poem to say while you write it down. Then display their poem somewhere that the church members can see. When the students are done with the poem explain that you are going to display their poem and that their poem might help others to learn about God.

**Closing Prayer** to ask for help in teaching others about God. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for helping us learn more about you today. Please help us to teach others about you and your love. Amen.”

## Ages 9-11

– **Opening Prayer** to open the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together to learn more about your words. Please help us to follow in your footsteps and become closer to you. Amen.”

### **Bible Story:**

Have the students read the story of Jesus going into the temple as a child from Luke 2: 41-52. Have them take turns reading until the passage has been read.

### **Drama:**

Have the children act this story out. They can take turns playing the roles of Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and the men in the temple.

### **Discussion:**

Talk about how they can teach others about God.

### **Activity:**

Give the students construction paper, scissors, glue, crayons and markers. Have them make pictures of the things that they can do to teach others about God. Let them take their pictures home as reminders to teach people about God.

### **Activity:**

Have the students make bookmarks.

Materials needed:

Construction paper

Markers

Pens

Bibles

Precut the construction paper to the size of a standard bookmark. Have the students make several bookmarks each. On the bookmark have them write their favorite bible verses. They can draw on them also if they want, but they do not have to. Explain that they are going to share these bookmarks with others in the church. Talk about how this is one way that they can share God’s love and His message at the same time. When Sunday school is over, take them to the place where the adults gather and have them hand out their bookmarks. As they hand each bookmark to an adult have them tell the adults, “God loves you and He wants me to share His message with you.”

**Closing Prayer** to ask for help in teaching others about God. For example:

“Thank you for our class today God. Thank you for the fun that we have had and the lesson that we learned. Please help us to remember to teach others. Please keep us safe in your care. Amen.”

## Ages 12-14

**Opening Prayer** to open the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for the opportunity to meet in your presence today. Help us to learn more about you and what you have done for us. Lead us in your footsteps as we journey together. Amen.”

### **Discussion:**

Talk about ways that we can teach others about God. Ask the students how they have taught others about God and other ways that they might be able to teach others about God and His work.

### **Bible Story:**

Have the students read Luke 2: 41-52.

### **Discussion:**

Discuss what happened in this story. Talk about how Jesus was a child, but he was able to teach adults about His Father.

### **Activity:**

Have the students write letters.

### **Materials needed:**

Paper

Pens or pencils

Explain to the students that sometimes the best way to teach others about God is to explain what He has done for us in our own lives. Have the students each choose an adult in the church to write a letter to. In their letter have them tell that adult what God has done for them and why they love God. When class is over have them give their letter to the adult that they chose to write to.

### **Activity:**

Have the students role play. Have them act out scenarios that they might encounter in their everyday lives. Have them use their ideas that they came up with to teach others about God in their scenarios.

**Closing Prayer** to ask for help in teaching others about God. For example:

“Thank you God for bring us together today to learn more about you and Jesus. Please help us to remember to teach others about you everyday in every way that we can. Keep us safe in your care. Amen”