

# Be Like Jesus (Pre-K)

Week 2

## **BIG IDEA**

God Brings Us Together

## **BIBLE**

Unity (Ephesians 4)

## WELCOME

### MUSIC | Worship Playlist

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *During free time, use the Be Like Jesus Spotify playlists for background worship music.*

### PLAY | Free Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tables will be set with toys and activities for kids to play until the lesson begins. This is a great opportunity to get to know kids and build relationships.*
  - *Get on the floor and be silly*
  - *Play along with what they're playing*
  - *Ask get-to-know-you questions*
  - *Learn names and use them as you interact*

### CLEAN UP

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before moving onto the lesson content, play the "Clean Up" song and work together as a class to put all toys and activities away.*
  - *Place all toys in labelled tubs.*
  - *Place all tubs away in labelled cabinets Invite kids to find a "sit spot"*

## INTRO

### TALK

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Gather kids on the floor and welcome them to church. Lead them through a repeat-after-me declaration to start the class.*
- **Welcome to church today, friends! I am so glad to be here with all of you.**
- **Let's say these words together.**
  - **Thank You, God, that You made me!** *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*
  - Make prayer hands, then point up to God and to yourself.
  - **And I am Your kid!** *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*
  - Put your hands on your hips.
  - **Jesus loves me so much,** *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*
  - Spread your arms out wide to your side one at a time, then pull them in for a hug around your chest.
  - **His love for me is big.** *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*
  - Hold your arms up high and wide above your head.
  - **The Holy Spirit leads me** *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*
  - Bring your arms down from the sky, making a path in front of you.
  - **And I can follow You.** *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*
  - March like you're following the leader.
  - **My life can tell Your story,** *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*
  - Hold your hands in front of you like an open book.
  - **I'm a wonder, this is true.** *(Kids repeat words and motions.)*
  - Put your hands up, shaking your fingers, celebrating ("praise hands").
- **Today we'll learn how God loves everyone and brings us all together.**
- **Do we all look the same?** *(Allow the kids to respond)*
- **No, we all look different, but we are all part of God's family. Let's play a game.**

#### ACTIVITY | We Are Unified

- **If you have shoes on, stand up.**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Once kids are standing, ask them to sit down again and repeat with the following prompts and the other qualifiers, such as:*
- **If you go to school, stand up.**
- **If you like to dance, stand up.**
- **If you like to eat pizza, stand up.**
- **If you like to play outside, stand up.**
- **If you love the color blue, stand up.**
  - *Continue with more prompts of your choosing.*
- **Great job, friends! Some of you go to school and some of you don't. Some of you like pizza and some of you don't. Even though we're all different, we are all part of God's family. He brings us all together!**

#### MUSIC | Worship Videos

- **Now we get to do one of my favorite things! We are going to sing some songs about how much God loves us!**
- **Will you dance and sing to God with me?**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play the worship music videos on the TV. Invite kids to participate by dancing and singing along.*
- **Thank you for worshipping God with me!**
- **Now, let's pray together before we hear our Bible Story.**

## PRAYER

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words*
  - **God, thank You for making each of us different. Thank You for loving all of us the same, no matter what! Thank You for bringing us all together. Help us hear from You today. In Jesus' name, Amen**

## STORY TIME

### SCRIPTURE | Ephesians 4 (Unity)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, read the story from the Bible, or use the Script provided.*
- **Today's story is about Paul, who had lots of friends in lots of places. Paul wrote a letter to his friends, the Ephesians, to give them an important reminder.**
- **I need your listening ears for our story today. Every time you hear the word "family" I want you to turn to someone close to you and give them a high five.**
- **Are you ready? Let's get started, family.***Pause to allow kids to respond*
- **Paul wanted all of his friends to know that we can all be family!***Pause to allow kids to respond*
- **Paul wanted his friends to know that when we are God's children, we all belong to God's family.***Pause to allow kids to respond*
- **The same is true for us! When we follow Jesus, he brings us together so that we can be part of God's family.***Pause to allow kids to respond*
- **Just like your family** (*Pause to allow kids to respond*) **at home, God's family** (*Pause to allow kids to respond*) **works together.**
  - **Do you clean or do chores at your house?**
  - **Do you make food together or go special places in the same car?**
  - **That's what lots of families do.***Pause to allow kids to respond*
- **Paul said the people in God's family** (*Pause to allow kids to respond*) **have special jobs too, like being teachers and pastors. Every person has a different and important way to serve those who follow Jesus.**
  - **Are you good at painting or drawing?**
  - **Can you sing or dance?**
  - **Do you like to help others?**
- **We all have a special part to play in God's family.***Pause to allow kids to respond*
- **Paul also wanted his friends to know that it's important to learn how to love each other so we can get along.**
- **Each of you have an important part to play in God's family.***Pause to allow kids to respond*

- **God made us all unique and different, but he brings us all together.**
- **He wants us to love everyone no matter who they are or what they look like. Even if they are different from us, they are still a child of God.**
- **God loves you just as you are and he wants you to love others just as He does. We are God's family!** *Pause to allow kids to respond*

MEMORY VERSE | Galatians 5:22-23a (ISB)

- **Ok, now everyone stand up on your feet. We have a new memory verse to practice together.**
- **Our memory verse helps us remember what the people in God's family should be like.**
- **Here's what our new verse tells says:**
  - **"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23a**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read the verse to the kids, then encourage them to stand and repeat after you with the following motions:*
  - **The the fruit of the Spirit is** *(Draw a large S in the air)*
  - **love,** *(Pat your hands on your heart)*
  - **joy,** *(Put your arms up as if celebrating)*
  - **peace,** *(Hold up two fingers in "peace sign")*
  - **patience,** *(Point to a pretend watch on your wrist)*
  - **kindness,** *(Pretend to give someone a hug)*
  - **goodness,** *(Make two thumbs up)*
  - **faithfulness,** *(Make two fists and start with the one fist on top of the other, then switch to stack the bottom fist on top, then switch again, as if stacking bricks)*
  - **gentleness,** *(pretend to gently rock a baby)*
  - **and self-control** *(Point to self with both thumbs)*
  - **Galatians 5:22-23a** *(clap hands together, then open like a book)*
- **Great work, friends! We'll keep practicing together each week.**
- **Now we get to talk with our friends about what we learned in God's big story. Let's head to our tables.**

## SHARING TIME

SNACK

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Gather kids around the tables and serve snacks, while you move on to circle time. As the kids eat, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.*
  - **IMPORTANT NOTE:** *Don't forget to check name tags for food allergies.*

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** As kids finish their snack, distribute the [coloring page](#) along with crayons and continue discussion and prayer time.

#### DISCUSSION | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Discuss the Bible story with the following questions. Feel free to repeat questions so that everyone has a chance to respond.
  - **What did Paul want his friends, the Ephesians, to know?**(They're all important in the family of God.)
  - **How do we become part of God's family?** (By trusting Jesus as our Savior and following Him)
  - **Why is it good that each person in God's family is special and different?**
  - **What is the same about all of us?**
  - **How can we work together as part of God's family?**
  - **How do you feel about being part of God's family?**
- **Let's come together now and pray to God to tell Him thank You for bringing us together.**

#### PRAYER

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Invite kids to share prayer requests and praises and lead them in a prayer time.
- **Let's talk to God!**
  - **God, thank You for bringing us together so we have each other. Help us show love and kindness to one another. Help us be more like Jesus as we care for those in God's family. We love You and are thankful to be known by You and by others. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

#### MEMORY VERSE | Galatians 5:22-23a (ISB)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Invite kids to practice the memory verse together, following along with the motions. Award prizes to kids that say the verse.
  - **The the fruit of the Spirit is**(Draw a large S in the air)
  - **love,** (Pat your hands on your heart)
  - **joy,** (Put your arms up as if celebrating)
  - **peace,** (Hold up two fingers in "peace sign")
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- **Galatians 5:22-23a** (*clap hands together, then open like a book*)
- **Great job! You can keep practicing at home this week, too. Maybe you could teach the verse to your family!**

## PLAY TIME

### EXTRA TIME ACTIVITY | Unity Tag

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Choose one kid to be the tagger. Have the tagged kids run to a certain spot in the room and stay there. The goal is for the tagger to try to get all the kids gathered in one spot. Play as time permits, allowing different kids to be the first tagger*
- **Today, we learned that God brings us all together. He wants us to love everyone no matter who they are or what they look like. Even if they are different from us, they are still a child of God.**
- **We are going to play a game of tag but when you get tagged, instead of freezing where you are, you will run to this corner of the room. The tagger will keep going until he gets everyone together in the corner.**