

## Wow (Pre-K)

Week 3

### **BIG IDEA**

Wow! Jesus has the power to provide.

### **BIBLE**

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand: John 6:1-15

## WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Worship Playlist

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *During free time, use one of our 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

ACTIVITY | Follow Jesus

- Welcome to church today, friends! It is so good to be here with all of you.
- All month long we've been seeing the amazing and powerful things that Jesus did. In our story today, many people were following Jesus around because they wanted to hear what he had to say and see what he could do.
- Let's play a game of follow the leader!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Choose one child to start as the leader. Let the leader know they can move any way they want (hop, skip, crawl, twirl, jump, spin) and have the class follow using the same movement. Give several kids the chance to be the leader.*
- Wow, everyone! That was some great following!
- In our Bible story, we'll see that all of those people that were following Jesus ended up feeling very hungry. Hmmmm, I wonder how Jesus would provide food for everyone? I bet it's going to be amazing!

## WORSHIP | Music Videos

- Now we get to do one of my favorite things! We are going to worship God together by singing and dancing.
- **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! You all have such beautiful voices and God loves to hear them!
- Let's head to our tables for a little snack before we get into our Bible story. Today, we are learning about a time when Jesus took a little bit of food to feed a lot of people in a crowd!

## SNACK

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Gather kids around the tables and serve snacks, telling the story while they eat - OR - have kids find a sit-spot on the floor and pass out snacks to eat during story time.*
  - **IMPORTANT NOTE:** *Don't forget to check name tags for food allergies.*

## PRAYER

- Before we enjoy our snack, let's pray together.
- **Can you show me you're ready to pray by folding your hands together and closing your eyes?**
  - Wow, Jesus! You have the power to provide everything we need. Thank you for caring about us so much. Amen.

## STORY TIME

(OPTIONAL) VIDEO | Wow!, Episode 3

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *If you'd like, you can play this week's [Bible story video](#).*

SCRIPTURE | John 6:1–15 (Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read this story out loud in a preschool-friendly translation or a preschool storybook Bible. You can also retell the story using the talking points below. Use the provided images as visuals while you tell the Bible story. Invite kids to say "Wow!" with you throughout the story.*
- **Who's ready to hear today's Bible story?**
  - **If you are, shout, "Wow!"**
- Jesus walked from town to town, teaching people about God and how much God loves them. Jesus also healed a lot of sick people as he traveled. He made so many people well.
  - **Wow!**
- People from all over the land heard about Jesus. One day, while Jesus was teaching, a crowd of people came to listen to him.
  - **How many people do you think were in this crowd?** The Bible says there were over five thousand! That's a lot of people!
  - **Wow!**
- Before they knew it, it was time to eat . . . but there was no food! They couldn't run to a market to buy food. They couldn't get pizza delivery. What could they do? They were getting hungry.
  - **Rub your tummies to show you are hungry.**
- One of Jesus' friends, Andrew, saw that a little boy had some food. It was five small loaves of bread and two small fish.
  - **How many loaves of bread?** Five.
  - **How many fish?** Two.
  - **Is that enough to share with five thousand people?** No way!
- But Jesus knew what to do. He took the five loaves of bread and said thank you to God. Then he told his friends to pass out the bread to everyone. He did the same thing with the two fish.
  - **How many people do you think got to eat that day?** All of them!
- More than five thousand people ate and ate until they couldn't eat anymore because they were so full. When the disciples went around to collect the leftovers, they filled twelve baskets with food!
  - **Wow!**
- Jesus provided food for everyone that day on the hillside. That was an amazing true story of Jesus. Jesus is so powerful! **Wow!**

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- Two fish might not seem like enough to feed thousands and thousands of people, but because of Jesus, it was more than enough! Together with the five loaves of bread, the crowd with Jesus had a feast!
- This small boy offers his lunch and Jesus did more with it than anyone could ever imagine. Did you know that Jesus can always give us what we need?
- That reminds me of our Big Idea today.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show the Big Idea poster on the white board while you have kids repeat after you.
- **Let's say our Big Idea together!**
  - **Wow!** (Place hands on either side of your face.)
  - **Jesus** (Point up to the sky with both hands.)
  - **Has the power** (Flex biceps.)
  - **To provide** (Gesture outward from the waist with both hands.)

#### MEMORY VERSE | 1 Chronicles 29:12b (NIV)

- Ok, now everyone stand up on your feet. We have a brand new memory verse to learn together.
- We learn a verse together each month so that we can learn and know God's words! This verse reminds us that God is powerful and he can help us to be strong, too!
- Here's what it says:
  - **"In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all."**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the memory verse to the kids. Review the verse using the motions below.
  - **In your hands** (Hold out both hands in front of you.)
  - **Are strength** (Flex right arm.)
  - **And power** (Flex left arm.)
  - **To exalt** (Lifting motion.) This word, "exalt," means to lift up. Can you pretend you are lifting something up as you say this word with me?
  - **And give strength.** (Flex both arms.)
  - **To all.** (Sweep your arms out in front of you from your waist, palms facing up.)
  - **1 Chronicles 29:12b** (clap hands together, then open hands like a book)
- Great job, everyone!

## SHARING TIME

#### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Distribute the [coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.

#### DISCUSSION | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Check in with kids and pray with them for anything on their hearts. Then, discuss the Bible story with the following questions. Feel free to repeat questions so that everyone has a chance to respond.
  - **How many people came to listen to Jesus?** Over five thousand people.
  - **How many fish did the boy have?** Two.
  - **How many loaves of bread did the boy have?** Five.
  - **Were the two fish and five pieces of bread enough to feed the whole crowd? How?** Yes! Jesus gave thanks to God and told his friends to pass it out, and everyone ate until they were full.
  - **Who has the power to provide everything we need?** Jesus!
- Remember, Jesus loves you! That's why we can pray to him to ask for what we need. It makes me wanna say . . . **Wow! Jesus has the power to provide.**

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- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Review the memory verse, then award prizes to kids that can recite the verse.
- Let's practice our new memory verse together.
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- 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 | Favorite Food Memory Game

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids to sit in a big circle. Explain that you will say one favorite food and then the next person has to say that food and then add one of their own, and then the next says the 2 previous and then adds one...you go around the circle and try to remember ALL the foods. If you slip up...you're out.