

Measure Up (Pre-K)

Week 2

BIG IDEA

We can love God with our actions.

BIBLE

The Boy Jesus at the Temple: Luke 2:41–52

WELCOME TIME

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*

MUSIC | Worship Playlist

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *During free time, use one of our spotify playlists to play some background music.*

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*

INTRO

ACTIVITY | Take Action

- Welcome to church, friends! I am so glad you're here today!
- Let's play a fun little game of showing love to one another. I have this big die that I'm going to roll. When it lands, we'll see a way of showing love to others. Then, we'll try it out!
- Ready to play?
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Make your own die with a square box. Write one action on each side of the die: high five, hug, high ten, fist bump, hand shake, and wild (kid's choice). Have kids take turns rolling the die, read the action out loud, then have kids spend a few moments giving as many of that action to other kids as they can.*
- These actions can be ways we show others that we love them!
- **Did you know that we can love God with our actions** too. In our story today we'll hear more about that!

STORY TIME

SNACK

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pass out pre-packaged goldfish crackers to each child. Kids can eat quietly on their sit-spot while you tell the Bible story.*
 - *Be sure to check for any allergies before serving snack*

SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:41-52 (The Boy Jesus at the Temple)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell the story of Jesus at the Temple found in Luke 2:41-52 using the script below. Encourage kids to participate by following the instructions throughout.*
- While you eat your snack, I'm going to tell you a story from the Bible, God's Word. You might remember that Jesus' parents were Mary and Joseph.
- Well, every year, Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for a big festival called the Festival of the Passover, which was a very big party. When Jesus was twelve years old, their family traveled to the festival like they always did.
- After the Passover party ended, Jesus' parents, Mary and Joseph, left to travel home.
 - Mary and Joseph walked for an entire day before they realized someone wasn't with them.
 - **Can you guess who they couldn't find?** Yes – their son, Jesus! They couldn't find Jesus anywhere!
- So, Mary and Joseph turned around and walked all the way back to Jerusalem to find Jesus.
 - **Everyone bring your hands up to your face and say, "Uh oh."**
- It took Mary and Joseph THREE whole days to find Jesus.
 - **Everyone say it with me, "Three whole days?!"**
- **Do you know where Jesus was?** Jesus was in the temple – that's kind of like a church – listening to teachers as they spoke about God. The teachers were really surprised that such a young person listened so carefully and understood everything! He asked great questions, too.
 - **Tap the side of your head with your finger two times.**
- When Mary and Joseph finally found Jesus, they were so happy to know he was safe.
 - **Everyone breathe a big sigh of relief and wipe your brow. Phew!**
- Mary said to Jesus, "Why did you stay behind? We've been so worried about you!"
- Jesus said, "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"
 - **Everyone shrug your shoulders and say, "Huh?"**
 - Jesus was nowhere near his father's house! His father Joseph was running around town

looking for him!

- But Jesus was talking about his father in heaven . . . God! Jesus was at the temple because he wanted to be where he could be close to God.
- But after his parents found him, Jesus listened and went home with them. He loved and respected his parents, Mary and Joseph, very much, but Jesus showed that he loved God most of all.
- Jesus loved God with his actions by choosing to spend time with God in the church. Loving God with our actions could look like talking with God in prayer, reading the Bible, singing songs to God, and so many more other actions!

BIG IDEA | We can love God with our actions.

- That reminds me of our Big Idea today! Here's what it says:
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Point to and read today's Big Idea posted on the white board.*
 - **We can love God with our actions.**
- Can you repeat it after me?
 - **We can love God with our actions.**

MUSIC | Dance and Sing

- Let's stand up and worship God now with a couple songs! Did you know that when we worship God, we show God love?
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Invite kids to stand while you play the worship motion videos.*
 - *Make it fun to get kids excited about participating. Dance along, be silly, sing it loud!*

MEMORY VERSE | Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

- We have a brand new memory verse to learn together! Are you all ready to hear it?
 - **"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read the memory verse to the kids, then practice memorizing it all together along with the motions.*
- **Seek** (*looking out with hand shading eyes*)
- **the Kingdom of God** (*point both fingers up*)
- **above all else** (*move pointed fingers down like a rainbow*)
- **and live righteously** (*two thumbs up*)
- **and he will give you everything you need** (*hands stretched out to the sides, swoop in toward self, ending in a hug*)
- **Matthew 6:33** (*clap hands together, then open like a book*)

PRAYER

- Now, we're going to head to our small groups to talk with our friends, but first, let's pray together. Praying is one of the ways we show God how much we love him!
- Can you show me you're ready to pray by folding your hands together and closing your eyes?
- Okay, everyone! Let's pray!
 - God, we love you, and we thank you for loving us! Help us to remember to show you our love with our actions. Amen.

SHARING TIME

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute the coloring page along with crayons. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.*

DISCUSSION | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Review the Bible story by discussing these questions together.*
- **Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus?**
- **What was Jesus doing in the temple?**
- Jesus loved spending time with God, even at a young age. Jesus showed God his love by going to church, praying, and talking with others about God.
- **How can you show God that you love him?**

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- Award prizes for saying the verse.

PLAY TIME

EXTRA TIME ACTIVITY | Freeze Dance

- Who remembers what we just celebrated at Christmas? That's right! Christmas is a celebration of when Jesus was born.
- He came to earth to be our rescuer, but he started out as a tiny little baby, just like you and me!
- During Jesus' time on earth, he grew up as a kid like you and me! That means Jesus played games and had fun when he was young, too!
- **How do you like to have fun?**
- One of my favorite ways to have fun is to dance! Let's play a fun game of Freeze Dance now.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play freeze dance using the Freeze Dance video in the slideshow. When the music plays, encourage kids to do the dance moves and then freeze when the music stops.*