

# PRESCHOOL ACTIVITY GUIDE

**TODAY'S STORY:** Jesus in the Temple

**TEACHING TRUTH:** Jesus is God's Son

## ACTIVITY 2: STORY REVIEW — Where is Jesus?

**SUPPLIES:** Clothespin, marker, glue, scrap of cloth

1. Give your child a clothespin with eyes and a mouth drawn on it. (OPTIONAL: If you do not have a clothespin, you can use another small household item like a pencil or plastic spoon).
2. Help your child wrap fabric around it for clothes and secure it with a few dots of glue. Then tie a piece of yard around the fabric. This is your "Jesus" which you will use for the game.
3. Have everyone sit in a circle. Choose someone to go into the middle to represent Mary and Joseph.
4. Tell those sitting in the circle to put their hands, palms up, behind their back. Tell everyone to close their eyes until you say they can open them again.
5. Place "Jesus" in the hands of one person in the circle.
6. Tell everyone to open their eyes and have Mary/Joseph try to guess who has "Jesus."
7. Once Jesus is found, remind everyone that after three days, Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple, also known as the house of God. Jesus was surprised they did not know He needed to be in His Father's house.
8. Continue playing the game, retelling the story several more times.

## ACTIVITY 2: TEACHING TRUTH REVIEW — Jesus is God's Son

**SUPPLIES:** Construction paper, markers, craft supplies

1. Take a piece of construction paper and help your child fold it in half like a book.
2. Draw a large question mark on the front of the book. Under the question mark, help your child write, "Who was Jesus?"
3. On the inside of the book, help your child write in big letters, "Jesus is God's Son."
4. Give your child time to color and decorate the book and then take turns reading it together.

## ACTIVITY 3: MEMORY VERSE REVIEW – Matthew 19:14 – Musical Shapes

**SUPPLIES:** Memory verse song (on the Preschool Kids Kit page), paper (one piece per person), markers/crayons

1. If you have different colors of paper, draw different shapes on each page with a black marker, or cut them into shapes. If you only have white paper, draw different shapes on each page using different colors.
2. Make a circle on the floor with all the pieces of paper and have each person stand on one page.
3. Explain that they are going to sing along with the song and walk on the pages as the music plays.
4. When the song is at the end of the verse, stop the song. Each person should be standing on one page.
5. Call out a color. Whoever is standing on that color will shout out the verse address (Matthew 19:14).
6. Repeat until all colors have been called. If you want to keep practicing, continue playing the song and call out different shapes when you stop the music.