

WEEK 5

PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



THE BIG IDEA

Following God makes us stand out.

THE BIBLE

Jesus Leaves His Hometown:
Luke 4:22-30

WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Praise Gallery

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *You can lead kids in worship with any songs you like best, but here are a few songs that go along with this month's theme.*
 - "Every Move I Make" (CJ and Friends)
 - "Guess What" (Kidspring)
 - "God Loves Me Specially" (Orange Music)
 - "You Change Me" (People of the Earth)
 - "Dive In" (Kidspring)

Welcome to another day at the museum! Today, we will be “touring” or discussing the ZOO!!!

ACTIVITY | What Do I Smell?

- One thing that we can all agree on when it comes to zoos is that they can really smell!
- Let's discuss some of the different exhibits we would visit and how good or bad they smell.
- What are other smells that we have around the house that would smell better than the zoo?
 - Have everyone go grab something that smells good (or bad) to share with the group.
- That was a really fun experience for our noses!
- Did any of the smells stand out to you? Why or why not?

TEACHING TIME

BIBLE STORY | Jesus Leaves His Hometown

- Welcome, explorers! I have loved being your tour guide for the Bible story exhibits and exploring how we can experience God through our senses!
 - *[Point to eyes.]* We've seen how John the Baptist prepared people to see Jesus.
 - *[Point to ears.]* We heard an amazing story of Jesus being baptized.
 - *[Point to mouth.]* Then, we got a taste of God's power through Jesus turning water into a fancy party punch.
 - *[Hug yourself.]* Last time, we got a *feel* for how else we can know God!
- *[Point to nose.]* Today we are going to talk about something that stands out, like a strong smell!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Create an [angry face](#) and an [amazed face](#) using paper or paper plates as you tell the story from Luke 4:22–30. Talk about the different ways the crowd reacted to Jesus.
- Today's Bible story is an interactive exhibit – which means I need your help! Whenever I hold up this "amazed" face, show me your most amazed faces! When I hold up this "angry" face, go ahead and make an angry face! Are you ready?
- So we're looking at what happened right after Jesus taught in the synagogue (which is kind of like a church, remember?). Jesus had just finished telling the people that the Bible was talking about him. He was the one prophets like Isaiah had been writing about. *[Hold up "amazed" face.]*
- Jesus had been teaching to the people at a town called Nazareth. The cool part is, this is where Jesus grew up. *[Hold up "amazed" face.]*
- But because many of them knew Jesus from when he was younger, they couldn't believe that someone like him could be what the prophet Isaiah wrote about a long time ago. *[Hold up "angry" face.]*
- Because they didn't really believe, they wanted proof. They heard that Jesus had done amazing things in other places. *[Hold up "amazed" face.]*
- But Jesus told them that he wouldn't give them any special treatment just because it was his hometown. That made lots of people upset. *[Hold up "angry" face.]*
- After that, Jesus left Nazareth and continued to tell people about God in other places.

BIG IDEA | Following God makes us stand out.

**FOLLOWING GOD
MAKES US STAND OUT**

- Today's Big Idea is . . . **following God makes us stand out.**
- That means people are going to notice us whenever we say things or do things that show that we believe in God. That's a wonderful thing!

VIDEO | A Day at the Museum, Episode 5

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Check out Week 5 of Cali's World on our webpage under additional resources

PRAYER

- Dear God, Thank you for always being with us. We know we are never alone – even when we stand out from the crowd. Help us to always be brave for you. Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Snack Stack

- **Following God makes us stand out and** today your snacks are going to stand tall! We can stand tall and be proud of who God made us to be. Standing tall for God is the best way to live! Now let's see how tall you can build your snack before you eat it!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide preschoolers with a paper plate full of an assortment of snack items that can be stacked up. Things like Cheerios, cheese crackers, and square slices of fruit will work great!

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY | Zoo Animal Charades

- It's a great day at the zoo today, don't you think? You know, the only thing that's missing is the live animals. Could you help me with that? I want each of you to take a turn acting like a zoo animal!
- Take turns picking animals and acting them out.
- Wow! Great job, friends! Each of those animals has something special that makes them stand out! Whether it's the giraffe's really long neck, or the ferocious roar of the lion, God made the animals all so unique!
- You know who else stands out? YOU DO! God made YOU special, too!
- **What are some ways that you stand out?**
- Wow! You are all so special! When we follow God we can also grow in love, kindness, and joy and those things will make us stand out in the best way!
- **Following God makes us stand out!**

MEMORY VERSE | Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

**YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME WHEN YOU
SEEK ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART.**

JEREMIAH 29:13 (NIV)

Following God makes us stand out. So let's all sit down and take turns standing up to say the memory verse. Be willing to stand out from the crowd!

PLAY TIME

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Head over to our webpage under additional resources to check out this week's coloring page. Grab some crayons or markers and let them color while reviewing today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.*

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room