

# Preschoolers

Teaching our preschoolers God's Word in a way that sticks.



## What preschoolers are like:

- Attention spans last 5 to 10 minutes
- Play with others
- Literal thinkers
- Curious
- Active
- Imitative
- Do not generalize
- Limited understanding of numbers, time, space
- Growing in independence
- Talkative
- Developing small-muscle control
- Expanding vocabulary
- Tire easily
- Want to please
- Formulate ideas through concrete experiences



## What preschoolers need:

- Opportunity to change activity often
- Social interaction, group games
- Concrete Bible stories, no abstract concepts
- Imaginative activities
- Plenty of opportunities to move around
- Settings that encourage learning by doing
- Opportunities to learn by specific actions
- No references to what numbers mean or to geography
- Freedom within limits—routine and structure
- Opportunities to practice cutting, pasting, drawing, and coloring
- Opportunities to learn through language
- Periods of rest
- Tasks to perform
- Encouragement; reasonable praise
- To learn about God in terms of what he does rather than who he is



## Spiritual goals for preschoolers

- To know that Jesus died to save us
- To know that God loves us and forgives us
- To know that we are part of God's covenant family
- To respond to his love with hearts that trust and obey him



### GOALS FOR PRESCHOOL:

- Build foundational relationships with God and family
- Learn to trust and serve God and family
- Explore Bible stories on a deeper level than Toddlers
- Show parents how to instruct and worship with children at home

## Biblical foundation

- Stories of the Old Testament
  - David and Goliath
  - Noah
  - Abraham, Issac, and Jacob
  - Moses and Joshua
  - Jonah
- Gospel - Good News
  - Jesus' Birth, Life, Death, and Resurrection

## Teaching the Bible

- David and Goliath
  - “I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.”
- David had been taught the promises of God



## Lay a foundation for a Biblical world & life view

- Two primary doctrines determine our worldview
  - Creation
    - Created in the image of God: Genesis 1-3
  - Covenant/Promises
    - A relationship that God establishes with us and guarantees by his word.

# SING



# Preparing a lesson

## **Bible lesson**

- Open your Bible, know your story, be prepared to give an answer

## **Centers**

- Always a coloring center and at least one other
  - Blocks, books, home center, dress up

## **Games/Activities**

- Act out the story, play a game, do a memory work game

## **Music**

- Songs with the lesson and general that they know—repetition

## **Snacks**



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