

Middle Preschoolers

God

God is Good to Me

Bible Verse

Read Psalm 107:1. Explain to the children that this Bible verse talks about thanking God for His goodness. Repeat the verse and say, "Thank you, God, for Your Word." Repeat the verse again and ask kids to take turns thanking God for something specific. Lastly, ask the kids to say the verse one more time with you.

Bible Verse

"You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to You." Psalm 86:5
This verse will teach children that God is good to those who obey Him. Repeat the verse several times. Ask children to share ways that God shows His love to them.

Bible story

If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

Introduction:

Joseph had many brothers, but they became jealous of his relationship with their father and sold him as a slave. Joseph was later rescued by God and given a great job as a leader in Egypt! His brothers were worried that Joseph would be mean to them since they mistreated him as a youth.

Read Genesis 50:15-21

Discussion Questions:

1. Why are Joseph's brothers scared that he will be mean? (Because they had been mean and sold him into slavery.)
2. Who asks Joseph to forgive his brothers? (His father, Jacob.)
3. Do you think it was good that Joseph helped his brothers? (Good.)
4. How does God show His goodness in this story? (He shows that He protects and provides for us even when bad things happen.)
5. How should we treat others when they treat us badly? (We should forgive them as God forgives us.)

Conclusion:

Because God is good to us when bad things happen, we should be good to others even when they hurt our feelings. When we're kind to others we demonstrate characteristics of godly behavior. Demonstrating godly behavior shows others that we are a reflection of God and His love for all of His creations—even mean people.

Fun Time

God's Goodness is the Best (craft)

Materials:

- Bible activity sheet
(<https://www.kidssundayschool.com/tiny/mce/filemanager/files/preschool/crafts/Godsgoodnessisthebest01.pdf>)
- Colored construction paper
- Stickers of food, animals, nature, crosses, Bibles, etc
- Pencils, markers

Preparation:

Print the activity sheet

What you will do:

Give each child an activity sheet and disperse the stickers across the table. Explain that God is the best, so the cross and Bible stickers should go in the third section (help the children as needed). Then let each child choose stickers that represent things that are “good” and “better” and place them in the first and second sections.

The Goodness Bag

Materials:

- Large paper or plastic bag
- Various small prizes (bouncy balls, plastic bracelets, slinkies, yo-yos, candy, etc)

Preparation:

Label the bag, “The Goodness Bag.” Place small prizes inside the bag.

What You will Do:

Explain that God rewards us when we show His goodness and kindness to others. Tell kids throughout the next few days, you are going to watch for them to treat others nicely. Any time you see it, they will get to choose a reward from “The Goodness Bag.” Help them understand that rewards from God come in many forms. The small prizes will remind them that God is good to us, and we can be good to others.

Make the Point

Talk about God's goodness in sending Jesus to die for our sins. Hold up a picture of Jesus on the cross and explain that the bad things we do (our sins) were paid for by Jesus' death. Then hold up a picture of the empty tomb and explain that God was good by resurrection Jesus because now He's alive! Remind the children that they will go to Heaven when they die if they trust in Jesus as their Savior.

God Made Everything

Example Bag

Gather a bunch of items and put them in a bag. These items should represent the days of creation. Examples of items you could use include: stuffed animals, mini-flashlight, stars, plants, tree bark, dolls or mini-figures. Make sure these are in a dark bag (or cloth bag). Play some music while the bag gets passed around. When the music stops, whoever is holding the bag pulls one of the items out. Talk briefly about their item, ending by saying: That is an example of one of the things that God created! Today we are going to talk about how God created EVERYTHING!

The Lesson

Beforehand, prepare a large sheet of paper that you will use as a mural during this lesson. Gather the following materials: a flashlight, cotton balls, green construction paper (or pre-cut plants or leaves), pre-cut stars, crayons or marks, glue, scissors, a photograph of each kid

Say: I am going to tell you about what happened at the very beginning of the world!

Can you close your eyes? Close them REALLY tight! What do you see?

Do you see darkness? Keep your eyes closed! It's dark and there's nothing there, right? That's what it was like in the very beginning, before God created anything. It was dark and there was NOTHING!

But then God CREATED! Open your eyes!

Hold up a flashlight and shine the light around the room.

The first thing God created was light. Do you know how He created light? He SPOKE! He said, "Let there be light...and there was light. *Turn the flashlight on and off a few times. Shine it in different areas.* He created light and made day and night on the first day of creation!

On the second day of creation, God made the sky and water! *Take out the cotton balls. Give each child a cotton ball. Have them bring the cotton ball over to the area where you have made your picture. Help them glue the cotton balls together on the mural to make puffy clouds. Talk about the clouds as you do this. If there are a lot of clouds out and it is a nice day, you might also want to take them outside and point out the clouds at this time. Also, add an area on the paper for water. Take a blue crayon and outline your "water." You will use this later.*

On the third day of creation, God created dirt and plants. *Give each kid green construction paper. Have the kids draw a plant on the paper, cut it out, and glue it on your mural. Talk about the variety of plants while you are doing this. If it is a really nice day, take them outside and have them find some examples of plants (or wildflowers). Gather a bunch together and make a nice bouquet! Talk about how God created the plants while you are doing this.*

On the fourth day of creation, God created the sun and stars! I know a song about stars. Can you sing it with me? *Sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Give each kid a cut out star and have them hold those stars up in the air as you sing the song again. Then have them glue their cut out star to the mural. Talk about the many, many stars there are in the sky and how God created all of them while you are doing this.*

On the fifth day of creation, God created the fish and birds! Can you swim like a fish? Can you make fish lips? *Let the kids try both of these activities.* How about birds? Can you flap your wings like a bird? How about pretending you are flying like a bird? *Have fun flapping your wings and "flying" like a bird. Then give the kids a minute to draw "fish" in the water and "birds" in the sky on your mural.*

Optional: give the kids a tiny snack of goldfish crackers

On the sixth day of creation, God created animals. What is your favorite animal? *Let kids discuss.* Let's pretend to be animals. I am going to call out an animal, and I want you to pretend to be that animal. Are you ready? *Call out different animals and let the kids pretend to be those animals. Some examples include cats, dogs, lions, bears, kangaroos, dinosaurs, horses, etc. Then have the kids "gallop" over to the mural and draw pictures of animals (or provide animal stickers they can add).*

Optional: Give the kids animal crackers to eat

On the sixth day of creation, God also created His very favorite creation of all—people! God LOVES people, and made them more special than anything else in all of creation. WE are more special than plants, clouds, stars, and even animals!! We are the most special creation of all! *Have the kids draw themselves on the mural (or, if you have pictures of the kids, have them glue those on). You might also want to use one of these "God Made Me Special" (<https://cherigamble.com/2015/07/31/god-made-me-special-printables-for-young-children/>) at this point, too.*

What did God do on the seventh day? He rested from all His work! And God wants us to rest, too. He wants us to take a day each week and think about Him. Let's think about Him now and how glad we are that He created everything and that He loves us!

Let's tell God how thankful we are that He created everything! *Lead the kids in praying, thanking God for His creation. When you finish the prayer, have the kids shout on (on the count of 6—for six days of creation—Thank You, God!)*

What did God do on the seventh day? He rested! And it is time for us to rest, too.

Additional Activities:

1. Provide playdough and playdough tools. Let the kids have fun making examples of all that God created. You can even split this up by days—for example, "On day 6, God created animals! What animal can you make from this playdough?"
2. Take a nature walk together. Walk outside and help the kids point out all the different things they see that God created. Examine items up close...let the kids use all their senses—"What do you see? Let's be really quiet. What do you hear? Can you hear some birds? How about a cricket?" "What do you smell? Can you smell this flower? How about the nearby farm?" "Come touch this grass. What does it feel like? Is it soft? Isn't it neat how God made so many different things—but WE are the most special of all His creation!"
3. There are many, many, many craft ideas for days of creation! Choose your favorite and let the kids "create."
4. God created dirt and plants. Help your kids plant flowers, or provide cups of dirt and seeds and have them "plant" Their own seeds in the cups. Encourage them to take them home and watch these plants grow.
5. Let the kids make their own fun creation paintings! Provide cotton balls and paint. (Make a paint pallet for each child by squeezing a tiny area of each color of paint on a paper plate). The kids will use the cotton balls to paint their pictures! Have them dip a cotton ball in the color paint they want to use and then use that cotton ball to draw on their paper! (Make sure you give them a cotton ball for each color of paint). Let the kids have fun with this and talk with them about their "creations" as they are painting.

God Loves People and is with them

Crafts and Visual Activities

God is With Me Book

Create a small book where each page represents a different place your child goes (e.g., home, park, grandma's house). Have your child draw pictures or use stickers to decorate each page,

and write “God is with me at the [place]” on each one. This reinforces that God’s presence is not limited to one location.

“Nothing Can Separate” Wall

Use cardboard blocks to build a wall. Talk about how things might try to separate us from God, just like the wall separates you from your child. Then, knock the wall down together and declare, “Nothing can separate us from God’s love!”

Handprint Heart

Draw a large heart on a poster board. Let your child dip their hands in washable paint and make handprints inside the heart. As they do this, remind them that God loves each of them and their unique selves.

God’s Love is Bigger

Use building blocks to build a tall tower. Say “Wow, this tower is big! But God’s love for you is even bigger than the tallest tower!”

Games and Movement

“God’s Love Never Stops” Game

Play a “Stop and Go” game (like Red Light, Green Light). When you say “Stop,” everyone stops; when you say “Go,” everyone runs to a designated person or spot. Explain that even though they stop in the game, “God’s love never stops! His love goes on forever!”

Hula-Hoop Relay

Stand in a circle holding hands. Place a hula hoop over one person’s arm and have them pass it around the circle without letting go of each other’s hands. This “never-ending” circle demonstrates that God’s love for us has no end.

Protected in a Circle

Stand in a circle with arms around each other’s backs and one person in the middle. Explain that the “wall” of family and friends is like God’s strong arms, and nothing can get through them to separate the person in the middle from God’s love.

Songs and Stories

“Jesus Loves Me

Sing the first verse with your child, and occasionally replace “me” with your child’s name to make it personal.

Read Bible stories

Focus on stories that highlight God’s care and presence such as Psalm 139 (God knows all about us) or the story of Daniel in the lion’s den (God is with us even when we’re scared).

Everyday Affirmations

Integrate the message into daily routines. In the car, ask “Can going to the store separate you from God’s love?” Answer together, “No! Nothing can separate us from God’s love!”

God Hears Me When I Pray

Hands-On and Sensory Play

Toy Phone Prayers

Give kids toy phones; they can pretend to call God and say what’s on their heart, emphasizing that God always answers their call.

Play Dough Prayers

Kids can mold play dough into shapes representing things they want to thank God for or ask for, like a cookie for a friend or a happy day.

Prayer Chain

Write simple words like “Love,” “Help,” “Thanks” on paper strips, link them, and pray as the chain grows, showing how prayers connect.

Simple and Active Learning

Five-Finger Prayer

Teach them to pray for themselves (thumb), others (pointer), for leaders (middle), for teachers (ring), and for family (pinky) using finger motions.

Loud and Quiet Sounds

Eat crunchy snacks (chips) and soft snacks (pudding). Explain that God hears both loud prayers and quiet whispers, making them equally important.

Doodle Prayer

Provide paper and crayons. Have them draw a picture of someone they want to pray for, explaining God hears their heart through their art.

Creative and Storytelling

Prayer Walk

Go for a short walk, stopping to say a quick prayer for things you see (a flower, a dog, a car).

Listening Game

Play a quiet game where kids listen for a bell or specific sound, then discuss how God listens to their “little” voices as if they were big sounds.

God Helps People

Craft and Creative Activities

God’s Little Helpers Hands

Trace hands on paper, then draw/glue pictures inside of ways they can help (sharing toys, giving hugs, feeding pets).

Prayer Webs

Start with “God is...” in the middle of paper, then draw lines to people/things to thank God for, showing His vast love.

Bible Story Puppets

Use paper towel tubes to make simple characters (Jesus, kids) to act out stories like Jesus welcoming children and the Good Samaritan

Story and Scripture

Act it Out

Use blocks to build a “church” or small houses for a “drive-in” service with songs and a short lesson

Bible Story Books

Read simple stories like the Good Samaritan or Jesus and the Children.

Singing Songs

Use songs with hand motions (like “This is the Way We Help”) or rhythm sticks to learn about helping.

Nature and Service

Nature’s Gifts Walks

Collect leaves or flowers, discussing how each one is a gift from GOd, and then have kids help clean up a small area.

Service Project

Bake cookies for a neighbor, help feed a pet, or make a card with a Bible verse for someone sick.

Prayer and Reflection

“God is Love” Prayer

Hold hands and say a simple prayer thanking God for His never-ending love and asking Him to help you love others

Bible Verse Card

Help them write or draw a Bible verse on a card to give to a friend or teacher

God Shows His Love to Me

Creative and Sensory Play

Mirror, Mirror

Decorate a small mirror with stickers and talk about how God made their eyes, nose, and smile

Heart Stamping

Cut sponges into heart shapes and use washable paint to stamp hearts, saying, "God loves me, so I can love others."

Block Towers

Build tall towers and say, "God's love is even bigger!"

Bubble Fun

Blow bubbles and talk about how there are so many, like people who need to know God loves them.

Movement and Games

Heart Hop

Make a path of large paper hearts with names/pictures of loved ones and hop, saying, "God loves..."

Simon Says

Incorporate actions like "Simon says, give a hug," "Simon says, share your toy,"

Stop/Go Game

Use red/green paper for "stop" and "go" to talk about rules and how God's love is always there...it never stops.

Story and Prayer Time

Bible Story Acting

Use paper towel tube puppets to act out Jesus with the children or any of the times that Jesus went out of His way to love people

Cuddle Time Prayer

Pray simple prayers about the day and how God shows love through family, food, and friends.

Singing

Sing simple worship songs and praise songs like the chorus of “Your Love Never Fails,” “Jesus Loves the Little Children,”

Simple Truths and Actions

Nothing Separates Us

Build a wall, hide behind it, then knock it down, saying, “Nothing can separate us from God’s love!”

Kindness Jar

Write simple acts of kindness on paper strips and pick one to do

God Loves Me Even When I Make Wrong Choices

Hands-On Activities

Messy Painting/Playdough

Use washable paint or playdough to make a “mess” (a wrong choice), then add glitter or bright colors to show how God cleans up and makes things beautiful again, emphasizing His love never changes.

Block Towers and God’s Love

Build tall towers and say, “God’s love is even bigger than the tallest tower!” Then knock it down, show a “sad” face (for the mistake), but then rebuild, reiterating God’s love is still bigger.

“Good choice/Bad Choice” Sorting

Use picture cards (sharing a toy vs. taking a toy, helping clean up vs making a mess) and have kids sort them, discussing how God loves them no matter what they choose, but He helps them choose good things.

Handprint Art

Trace and cut out handprints. Talk about how each hand is different (like how we’re unique) and how God’s love covers our hands even when they make mistakes, making them special.

Songs and Stories

Jesus Loves Me

Sing this, adding actions for “He knows I am weak and I am small” and “He loves me so” to reinforce His care.

Simple Bible Stories

Focus on Adam and Eve (God’s love despite the first mistake), the Lost Sheep (God seeks us even when we wander), or Noah (God kept His promise) to show God’s consistent love

God Tells Me to Sing and Pray to Him

Singing and Worship Activities

Action Songs

Use simple Bible songs with movements, like “My God is so Big” or “I’ve Got the Joy,” or create your own motions for any worship songs

Instrument Play

Gather pots, pans, or shakers and let kids make noise (loud/quiet) while singing worship songs to show God enjoys all praise.

Story Songs

Sing songs about Bible stories

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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2KN6PfhKBs>
- The B-I-B-L-E
- This Little Light of Mine
- Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man
- Deep and Wide
- The Wise Man Build His House Upon the Rock
- Only a Boy Named David

Prayer Activities

Prayer Pail/Box

Decorate a jar or box, write simple things to pray for (family, friends, feeling happy/sad) on craft sticks, and have kids pick one to pray about

Doodle Prayers

Play quiet worship music, give kids paper and crayons, and ask them to draw their prayers or thank-you notes to God as they listen

Prayer Walk

Take a walk outside and silently thank God for things you see (trees, birds, sunshine)

Gratitude Jar

Before bed, ask them what they are thankful to God for and add it to a jar.

Connecting Singing and Praying

Sing and Draw Prayers

Sing a short song about GOD's love, then have them draw what that love looks like to them.

Morning Routine

Start the day with a short prayer, followed by a favorite worship song, and then a Bible verse or message of the day.

God Tells Me to Do What He Says

Action and Imitation Activities

Jesus Says/Simon Says

Play a version of "Simon Says" but with Jesus' actions: "Jesus says be kind," "Jesus says share your toys," "Jesus says help Mommy/Daddy."

Story Acting

Use stuffed animals or puppets to act out simple stories like Noah's Ark or the Good Samaritan to show obedience and love.

“God Takes Care of Us” Play

Use dolls, blankets, and pretend food in a dramatic play center to show how God cares for us (gives food, home, love) and how we care for others.

Creative and Sensory Activities

Creation Walk

Go outside, point to trees, flowers, or bugs, and say, “God made this! Thank you, GOD!”

Sand and Forgiveness

Write a word (like “sad”) in sand, pray for forgiveness, and then wipe it away to show God’s grace.

Bible Verse Songs

Teach short verses like “God is love” with fun hand motions or simple tunes to help them remember.

Daily Habits and Modeling

Prayers of Thanks

Before bed, ask them what they’re thankful for, linking it to God’s blessings

Bible Time

Keep the Bible visible, read short verses, and talk about God’s love, making it a normal part of the day.

Live Your Faith

Let them see you pray, read, serve others, and talk to God about your day to show them what following Jesus looks like.

God Can Do Anything

Sensory and Creative Activities

Playdough Power

Give them different colors of playdough to create things God made (animals, sun, plants), or things that seem impossible (a rainbow, a giant mountain), connecting it to God's amazing power.

God's Amazing Animals

Use simple pictures or stuffed animals of creatures God made. Have kids make the sounds and movements (roar like a lion, hop like a bunny), saying, "God made these amazing creatures!"

Coloring and Drawing God's Wonders

Provide crayons and paper to draw big, wonderful things (stars, oceans, rainbows) or characters from Bible stories, emphasizing God's big, creative power.

Storytelling and Movement

Act Out Bible Stories

Simple actions for stories like Noah's Ark (animal sounds/walks) or Jesus calming the storm (windy sounds, then quiet) show God's power over situations.

Walking on Water (Simplified)

Use foam trays cut to feet shape and let them float in a sink to remember Jesus walking on water and God doing the impossible.

Praise Dance Party

Play upbeat worship music and encourage big movements (jumping, spinning, clapping) to show joy in God's power.

Simple Lessons and Prayer

Giant Box Church/House

Decorate a large cardboard box like a church or house for imaginative play and short "sermons" or prayers inside.

“I Can” Prayers

Have kids shout things *they* can do, then transition to “God can do ANYTHING!” (make a rainbow, calm the wind, help me).

Snack Time “Magic”

Serve something fun like sherbet in lemon-lime soda (floats like magic!) and say, “God can do amazing things, just like magic!”

God Does What He Says He Will Do

Interactive Storytelling and Movement

Building Blocks of Promise

Use blocks to build tall towers, explaining, “God promises big things, and He builds big, amazing things!”

Noah’s Ark Animal Parade

Use stuffed animals to act out Noah’s Ark, focusing on GOd keeping Noah safe. “God told Noah to get the animals, and He kept them safe inside!”

Rainbow Promise Craft

After a rain shower (or just talking about rain), make simple rainbow crafts with paper strips, saying, “God made rainbows as a promise He’d never flood the earth again!”

Simple Crafts and Sensory Play

“God’s Special People” Fingerprints

Use ink pads and paper to make fingerprints, saying, “God made you, and non one else has your special print! He keeps us all safe.”

“Walk on Water” Trays

Give kids foam trays to float in water (or pretend water) to show how GOd helped Jesus walk on water (Keep it simple!)

Thankful Heart Jar

Decorate a jar, add paper hearts, and write or draw things they’re thankful for, connecting it God’s promises to care for them.

Music and Prayer

Action Songs

Sing simple songs about GOd's promises like "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" or make up silly actions to "God Loves Me"

"Thank You, God" Moments

Point out everyday things (food, sunshine, mommy/daddy) and say, "Thank you, God, for [item]. You always provide!"

Key Teaching Tips for this Age

Literal and Simple

Avoid metaphors. Say "God keeps His word," not "Jesus is the Lamb of God."

Repeat, Repeat, Repeat

Use the phrase "God always keeps His promises" often

Physical Boundaries

Use circles on the floor to help them focus during story time.

Show, Don't Just Tell

Let them see you trusting GOd in your daily life.

God Knows Everything About Me

Hands-On and Sensory Activities

Fantastic Fingerprints

Use ink pads and paper to take fingerprints; discuss how unique they are and God made each one special.

God's Amazing Creation

Draw circles, cars, or trees, then ask kids if God made them that way, emphasizing He made *them*, with their unique eyes, hair, etc...

My Special Face

Cut out features (eyes, nose, mouth) and let kids glue them onto a face template, talking about the senses God gave them (eyes to see, nose to smell).

Hide-and-Seek with God

Play hide-and-seek, but remind them God is in every hiding spot and sees everything.

Creative and Storytelling Activities

“God Knows My Favorite...”

Ask kids their favorite color, animal, or food. Tell them God knows it and made them to love it.

God Knows My Body

Have kids point to their eyes, ears, nose, toes. Say, “God knows my eyes can see, my ears can hear, my nose can smell,” etc...

Draw Your Specialness

Give them paper to draw themselves, their family, or even imaginary things, reinforcing that God knows and loves their unique imagination.

Simple Truths and Songs

Verse

“Lord, you know everything about me” (Psalm 139)

Songs

Sing songs like “Every Little Hair” or create simple chants like “God made me! God hears me!”

Object Study

Look at a small object (like a toy car), list all its details (color, shape, wheels), then tell them God knows even more about *them*.

God is Real

Creation and Nature Activities

God's Amazing World Walk

Go for a walk and collect items (leaf, flower, smooth stone), saying "God made this beautiful flower!" or "God made this nice rock!"

Animal Action Game

Name an animal (lion, monkey) and make its sound/movement, saying, "God made amazing animals!"

Globe Craft

Make 3D paper globes to hang, reminding them God made the whole world.

Love and Heart Activities

Heart Stamping

Cut a heart from a sponge and stamp hearts with paint, saying, "God loves me, so I can love others."

Heart Hop

Make paper hearts on the floor for them to hop on, saying, "God loves [family member]!" As they land on each.

Prayer and Bible Activities

Daily Prayer

Make talking to God normal (morning, night, before meals), as if talking to a friend

Storytelling

Narrate simple Bible stories (Noah, Creation) focusing on GOD's love and care, letting them ask questions.

Bible as God's Message

Keep a simple picture Bible visible and point to pictures, explaining GOD talks to us in it

Key Principles

Show, Don't Just Tell

Let them see *you* praying and trusting God

Simple Truths

Connect activities to simple ideas: God made it, God loves me, I can talk to God

Action and Movement

Use games (hopping, animal actions) to make learning physical and fun