

# Older Preschoolers

God

## God is Good to Everyone

### Sensor and Creative Activities

#### “Taste and See” God’s Goodness

Give kids a chocolate bar; let them hold, smell, and taste it. Explain that GOD’s goodness is wonderful like the chocolate, and we want to share it with others (PSalm 34:8)

#### Kindness Jar

Decorate a jar. Each time someone does something kind or God shows them goodness, they write/draw it on a paper slip and put it in the jar for later reading.

#### Sand and Sin

Write a sin (like “telling a lie”) in a shallow dish of sand. Pray for forgiveness, then wipe it away to show God’s forgiveness, reinforcing His mercy.

#### God’s Amazing Creation Art

Have kids draw or act out different animals as you say, “God made amazing creatures! He is so creative!” showing His goodness in the world.

## Story and Memory Games

### Bible Story Charades

Write key actions from Bible stories (like Noah’s Ark, Jonah) on cards and have kids act them out, connecting it back to God’s faithfulness.

### Verse Scramble

Write a simple verse like Psalm 107:1 (“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good”) on large cards and have them race to put the words in order.

## Joseph's Story

Read a simplified version of Joseph's story (Genesis 50:15-21), focusing on how God was with him even when things were tough, showing God's goodness through hardship.

## Movement and Service

### Kindness Relay

Set up simple obstacles. As kids go through, they answer a question about God's goodness or share a way they can be kind this week (e.g., "I can share my toys").

### "Following Jesus" March

Play music. When the music stops, call out actions (like "help a friend," "share") and have kids do them, saying, "Jesus showed us how to be kind!"

## Key Scripture and Prayer

### Psalm 107:1 and Psalm 86:5

Use these verses to guide discussions on thanking God for His love and provision

### Simple Prayers

Encourage short, spontaneous prayers thanking God for specific things they see or experience, reinforcing that God hears them.

## God Created Everything

### Nature and Sensory Exploration

#### Nature Walk and Scavenger Hunt

Go outside, point out things God made (trees, flowers, bugs, sky), and collect natural items like leaves, rocks, and petals.

#### Garden Project

Plant seeds and watch them grow, talking about how God grows plants.

## Animal Masks/Sensory Bin

Use natural items or craft supplies to make animal masks, or set up a sand/water bin with shells to explore sea life.

## Crafts and Art

### Creation Paper Chain

Make 7 links, each representing a day or creation (day/night, sky/sea, land/plants, sun/moon/stars, birds/fish, animals, rest), decorating each link

### Nature Crowns

Use duct tape (stick side up) to stick leaves, flowers, and twigs onto a strip, then secure it like a crown to feel like God's royal children.

### "Look What God Made" Drawing

Have kids draw or find pictures of people, animals, plants, and planets, discussing how God made them all.

### Homemade Play-Doh

Make your own Play-Doh to mold imaginary creatures, celebrating God's creativity

## Games and Movement

### Creation Motion Game

Invent a motion to show what GOD made on Days 1-7 (e.g., spinning for Day 1 light/dark, flapping for birds)

### Animal and Habitat March

Use picture cards of animals and their homes for a simple matching game

## Simple Demonstrations

### Water Cycle (for Day 2)

Show evaporation (steam) and condensation (droplets on a lid) to explain clouds and water.

# God is Always with People

## Craft and Sensory Activities

### Heart Bracelets

String red heart beads on a pipe cleaner to make a circle bracelet, explaining circles are never-ending, like God's love.

### "God's Creation" Coloring

Use sensory materials like lamb's wool (for sheep) or olive oil (for stories like the widow) to feel textures while learning about creation and God's presence in it

### Prayer Jar

Decorate a jar with "God is always with me" stickers; kids write or draw prayers and put them in, emphasizing they can talk to God anytime.

## Active Games

### Hula-Hoop Relay

Everyone holds hands in a circle, passing a hula hoop around without letting go, symbolizing God's never-ending presence.

### Follow the Leader: Jesus Edition

Act out simple actions (walking, clapping) while saying, "Jesus is with me, so I follow Him!"

### Duck, Duck, Goose (God's Love Version)

Play the classic game, reminding them "God's love goes on and on, just like the game."

## Storytelling and Discussion

### Bible Story Acting

Act out simple stories (Noah, Jesus calming the storm, lost sheep) with props or puppets, focusing on God helping His people

### "God Sees Me" Mirror Game

Have kids look in a mirror, saying, "God sees me and loves me!" even when they're alone.

## Sensory Bible Storytelling

Use visuals and textures to bring stories to life (e.g., feel sand when teaching about creation).

## Simple Truths to Teach

God made everything beautiful and is with us in it  
God is like a good friend who is always there.  
We can talk to God anytime through prayer.  
God promises never to leave us (Joshua 1:9)

## God Hears People Pray

### Hands-On and Visual Activities

#### Prayer Airplanes

Kids write a prayer on paper, fold it into an airplane, and “fly” it, then pick up someone else’s and pray for that request.

#### Prayer Webs

Start with “God is…” in the center, then kids draw or write things they’re thankful for or people to pray for, connecting them to the center with colorful lines.

#### Doodle Prayers

Provide paper and markers for kids to draw their prayers for others, focusing on listening quietly to God.

#### Prayer Chain

Each child writes a request on a paper strip, links it to others to form a chain, watching it grow as a visual reminder of their collective prayers.

## Interactive and Group Activities

#### God Hears Our Voices Game

Record each child’s voice saying a prayer or a simple phrase, then play it back and have them guess who’s talking, discussing how God hears everyone’s unique voice.

## Prayer Pictionary

Draw pictures representing prayer words (thanks, sorry, help) for kids to guess, making abstract concepts concrete.

## Prayer Tower

Build a tower with blocks; each time a block is added, someone prays for someone in their life, reinforcing that prayers build up.

## Simple and Reflective Ideas

### Sticky Note Prayers

Use sticky notes for “What to pray for,” “Prayed for,” and “Answered Prayers” on a wall, letting kids add notes easily.

### Coloring and Craft

Have them color handprints and use the fingers to represent different prayer types (thanks, for others, asking for forgiveness).

### Listening Prayer Time

Short, quiet time with soft music for kids to just sit and listen for God, followed by sharing what they heard or felt.

## God Helps and Provides for People

### Story and Sensory Activities

#### Bible Story Scavenger Hunt

Hide pictures related to stories like Noah’s Ark (rainbow, animals) or Jonah (fish) and discuss how God cared for them.

#### Feeding the 5000 Play

Use toy fish and bread, or even crackers, to act out the miracle, emphasizing God’s provision for many with little.

#### God’s Gifts Basket

Decorate a basket, then have kids draw or name things God provides (food, family, pets, nature) and put them in.

## Sensory Baskets

For stories like Elisha and the Widow's Oil, let them touch olive oil; for the Lost Sheep, let them feel lamb's wool.

## Games and Movement

### Helping Hands Relay

Kids race to carry cotton balls (representing burdens/needs) on spoons, learning to help each other across a finish line, mirroring how we help each other as God helps us.

### "God Provides" Freeze Dance

Play music and call out things God provides (sun, rain, trees); when music stops, they freeze and name another provision.

### Shoe Box Challenge

In small groups, have kids try to fit into a drawn shoebox, then try again with support, showing how we need each other as God designed.

## Creative and Quiet Times

### Draw God's Blessings

Provide paper and crayons for them to draw all the ways God helps them daily.

### Prayer Jar

Decorate a jar and have kids write or draw things they're thankful for or need help with, praying over it daily.

### Songs and Affirmations

Sing simple songs about God's love and faithfulness, and give lots of verbal praise for their efforts

# God Shows His Love to People

## Creative and Craft Activities

### “God’s Love” Cards

Kids draw pictures or write simple messages about God’s love to give to family, friends, or neighbors.

### Crayon/Color Box Lesson

Use a box of crayons to show how God made each child special and unique, just like each color, referencing Psalm 139:14 (God made you wonderfully)

### Paper Tube Puppets

Create Jesus and the children puppets from paper tubes to act out Bible stories where Jesus showed love (e.g., “Jesus Loves the Little Children”)

### “Love in Action” Flowers

Decorate paper or coffee filter flowers with positive words and give them to someone as a gift, showing love through giving.

## Games and Interactive Lessons

### “Tissue Freeze” Game

Players balance tissues on their heads; if it falls, they’re “frozen” until another player helps put it back, demonstrating needing help and showing care.

### Serving Jar/Coupon Book

Write simple acts of kindness (help with dishes, tidy toys) on slips of paper or create coupons for family members to redeem.

### Flashlight and Globe

Shine a flashlight (God’s love) on a globe, showing it’s always shining even when parts of the world are dark, illustrating God’s constant love.

## Acts of Kindness and Service

### Help a Neighbor

Assist with simple chores and bring them a small gift like wildflowers.

### Share and Be Patient

Practice sharing toys or being patient with siblings, linking it back to God's love.

### Pray Together

Make praying for others a regular habit, asking kids to share who they want to pray for.

## God Loves People

### Creative and Craft Activities

#### Child Collage

Glue pictures of different children (from magazines, cards) onto a large heart to show God loves everyone, no matter how they look.

#### Love Hearts

Give kids paper hearts to draw or write ways they can show love and kindness to others at home, school, or church.

#### "God's Love is Bigger" Tower

Build block towers and explain that while towers are tall, God's love is even bigger and taller.

#### Sidewalk Chalk Love Notes

Write "God loves you!" or "I love you!" messages on the sidewalk for family or neighbors.

### Action and Service Activities

#### Kindness Jar

Have kids write simple acts of kindness (e.g., "help Mom," "share toys") on slips of paper, put them in a jar, and pick one to do daily.

## Caring Coupons

Kids make coupons for family members (e.g., “Good for one hug,” “Good for helping set table”) to show love through service.

## Sing and Move

Sing songs like “Jesus Loves the Little Children” with actions to demonstrate love and acceptance for all people.

## Story and Object Lessons

### Sweet Fruit Tasting

Taste different fruits and discuss how sweet they are, then explain God’s love is even sweeter (Psalm 34:8)

### The Sun and Night Lesson

Use a globe and flashlight to show that even when it’s dark (night), the sun is still shining, just as God’s love is always there, even if we don’t see it.

### Bible Story Focus

Read simple Bible stories where Jesus showed kindness to people others ignored (like the sick or lonely) and have kids draw pictures of these moments.

# God Loves People Even When They Make Wrong Choices

## Games and Object Lessons

### Unconditional Love Toss

Set up a bucket and a line. Have kids toss beanbags; give a prize for *every* toss (in or out) to show God’s love is constant, not based on hitting a target (doing everything perfectly).

### Good Choice/Wrong Choice Sort

Use picture cards (sharing toys vs. hitting) or simple scenarios. Kids sort them into “Good Choices” and “Wrong Choices” piles, discussing how God helps us choose the good path.

## The “Messy” Jar

Show a clear jar with clean water. Drop in some dirt/paint to make it messy (a “wrong” choice”). Then, explain how Jesus comes in and cleans it, showing God’s forgiveness and help to start fresh.

## “I Can Choose” Game

Give choices like “Snack A or Snack B,” “Play Outside or Read a Book,” affirming their ability to choose and how God helps make good decisions.

## Crafts and Activities

### Prayer Hands

Trace hands on paper, cut them out, and glue them together like praying hands. Write a Bible verse like Proverbs 3:5-6 (“Trust in the Lord...”) on them, teaching kids to ask God for help with choices.

### God’s Special Creations

Use paint or play-doh. Let kids create unique things. Discuss how God made each of them unique and special, and even if they mess up, He still loves *them*.

### Bible Story Act-Outs

Act out simple stories like Noah (obedience) or David (after his mistakes) to show characters making choices and God’s consistent love.

## Key Takeaways

### God Loves You Always

God’s love isn’t earned; it’s a gift

### We All Make Mistakes

Even good Bible people (and us!) make wrong choices.

### God Helps Us Choose Right

We can ask Jesus for help to make good choices and forgive us when we don’t.

# God Tells People to Worship Him

## Creative and Active Worship

### Praise Dance/Actions

Teach simple worship songs (like Seed Kids Worship or Slugs and Bugs) and assign actions (hands up, clap, spin, kneel) to show different ways to praise God.

### Worship Art

Have kids draw pictures of what makes them thankful for God or what they love about Him to display or project during “worship time.”

### Bible Story Acting

Pick simple stories (David playing harp, people praising Jesus) and have kids act them out to show how people responded to God.

### “God Made Me” Worship

Use songs or tools like “God Made Me for Worship” to explain *why* we worship Him (because of His goodness and creation).

## Heart and Mind Focus

### Heart Check

After singing or praying, ask, “Does your heart feel happy with God?” or “Are you telling God you love Him with your heart?” to emphasize inner feelings over just going through motions.

### Sidewalk Chalk Praise

Write “God is good!” or “I love Jesus!” with sidewalk chalk outside, showing worship isn’t just for church.

### Question Time

Ask, “What’s one thing God did for you today?” and let them answer, connecting worship to daily life.

## Simple Actions of Love

### Give thanks

Make a “Thanks Jar” where kids drop in notes or drawings of things they’re thankful for, explaining this is giving thanks to God.

### Serve Together

Talk about serving others as a way to worship God (e.g., helping a friend).

## Key Takeaway

Explain that worship is telling God, “I love You!” and showing it with their whole lives, hearts, songs, and actions, not just at church.

## God Tells People to Obey Him

### Active Games for Obedience

#### “God Says” (Simon Says)

Play “God Says” or “Joshua Says” (referencing Joshua in the Bible), where kids must only follow instructions when God/Joshua says so, highlighting listening carefully.

#### Freeze Dance

Play music and have kids dance; when it stops, they freeze instantly, showing immediate obedience.

#### Follow the Leader

One child leads, and others mimic, emphasizing following directions and the consequences (e.g., walking into a chair if the leader goes around).

### Creative Crafts and Visuals

#### Keys to Obedience

Kids cut out cardboard keys and decorate them, discussing how keys unlock things, just as obeying God unlocks blessings.

## Footprint Poster

Paint a large paper with footprints, writing “Love means to obey” and John 14:15, adding stickers for each instance of obedience to show love for God.

## Obedience Puppet

Create a happy/sad face puppet on a paper plate to act out scenarios of being obedient versus disobedient.

## Storytelling and Discussion

### Relatable Scenarios

Use simple stories about building with blocks or cooking, showing how following steps (God’s commands) leads to good results.

### Puppet Shows

Act out Bible stories like Noah’s Ark or Abraham’s journey, focusing on their choice to obey God.

### “Obey and Get Blessings” Object Lesson

Show how following instructions (like putting a ketchup packet in a bottle) works, connecting it to God’s blessings when we obey Him.

## Key Concepts to Emphasize

### God’s Love

God gives commandments because He loves us and wants to bless us

### Showing Love

Obeying parents and God is a way to show love

### Blessings

Following God’s rules brings happiness and blessings

# God Can Do All Things

## Hands-On and Sensory Activities

### Walk on Water

Give each child foam trays (like meat trays) and have them try to walk across water in a tub - showing us we can trust God even when things seem impossible.

### God the Creator Sensory Bins

Fill bins with different textures (sand, water, wool, seeds) to represent creation, letting kids feel and explore God's amazing world.

### Impossible Treats

Try to unwrap candies without hands (like Hershey's Kisses) to show how things seem hard for us, but God makes them possible (Matthew 19:26)

## Bible Story and Memory Games

### Bible Story Acting

Act out stories like Noah's Ark or Daniel in the Lion's Den, focusing on God's miraculous help.

### Verse Scramble

Write a simple verse like "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13) on sentence strips and have them race to put it in order.

### God's Amazing Acts Pictionary

Draw or act out miracles (parting the sea, feeding 5000) and have kids guess what impossible thing God did.

## Creative and Discussion Activities

### "God Can Do" Collage

Provide magazines, paper, and glue; have kids cut out things that show God's power (stars, animals, Jesus) and create a collage.

## Balloon Stress

Inflate balloons and have kids press on them as you mention things that feel “big” or “stressful,” then talk about how God is bigger than those problems.

## Q&A with God

Start with a simple “God, you made everything!” and encourage them to ask God questions about what they’re learning.

## Key Tips for This Age

### Keep it Short and Sweet

Break lessons into 10-15 minute segments

### Focus on Jesus

Connect stories back to God’s love through Jesus.

### Lots of Praise

Affirm their efforts and creativity

## God Always Keeps His Promises

### Craft Activities

#### Rainbow Promise Mobile

Decorate paper plates with rainbow colors, add cotton ball clouds, and hang them with ribbons, writing promises on each color band to remember God’s covenant with Noah.

#### Sand and Stars Jar

Layer sand (land) and blue water with star confetti in a jar to represent God’s promise to Abraham about descendants, shaking to see how it settles, then praying.

#### Noah’s Ark Craft

Create simple ark crafts with animal cutouts to retell the story of God saving Noah, showing His promise kept.

## Promise Pennants

Kids made a pennant with their face and a promise message, like “God keeps His promises.”

## Games and Object Lessons

### Promise Scavenger Hunt

Hide slips of paper with simple promises (e.g., “I’ll share my snack”) around the room, and have kids find them, discussing if they’d keep them.

### “Hold On” Rope Game

An adult holds one end of a strong rope, promising not to let go, while kids try to hold on, demonstrating trust in someone who keeps their promise (God).

### “God Keeps His Promises” Board Game

A simple color-matching game where kids fill their rainbow game boards.

(<https://thecraftyclassroom.com/2014/11/02/god-keeps-his-promises-game/#:~:text=Each%20child%20receives%20a%20gameboard,fill%20up%20their%20rainbow%20board>)

## Storytelling and Discussion

### Abraham’s Promise

Use props (like an “Abraham” paper plate puppet) to tell the story of God promising Abraham many descendants, highlighting the long time before the promise was fulfilled.

### Noah’s Dove

Act out the dove returning with an olive leaf as a sign of God’s promise, emphasizing the rainbow as His eternal sign.

## Music and Movement

### Sing Songs

Use songs like “God is So Good” or “I Promise” to reinforce the theme.

### Promise Actions

Have kids do actions for different promises (e.g., hop for “I’ll hop to the store,” clap for “I’ll clap for you”)

# God Knows Everything

## Interactive Games and Object Lessons

### “Time Machine” to the Past

Use a spinning chair as a “time machine.” Before spinning, have kids say something about themselves (e.g., “I like blue”). Spin and stop at different “times” (pretend past dates) and remind them God knew they liked blue *before* that time, illustrating His constant knowledge.

### Do This, Do That

Play Simon Says, but focus on inner feelings. Leader says, “Do this (clap hands),” but if they hear “Do that,” they freeze. Explain that God knows what’s in our hearts, not just what we do, and helps us do what’s right.

### Unique Object Matching

Give each child a unique item (a special rock, a colorful bead). Discuss how God made each of them special and knows every detail, just like He knows every unique item.

### God’s Phone Line

Talk about how you don’t need a phone to talk to God; He’s always listening (Jeremiah 33:3). Have kids practice whispering prayers, showing God hears them instantly.

## Crafts and Creative Activities

### Psalm 139 Magnifying Glass

Kids make a magnifying glass from a paper plate with plastic wrap for the lens. On the inside, they draw or write things God made them to be (creative, kind, good at sports), reinforcing that God sees and knows their wonderful design.

### “God Knows My Day” Drawing

Give kids paper and crayons. Ask them to draw things they did or felt today (happy, sad, played). Then, discuss how God saw all of it, from the moment they woke up to now, and loves them through all.

## Storytelling and Discussion

### Middle of the Story

Start reading a Bible story from the middle. Ask why they're confused. Explain that God knows the whole story (beginning, middle, end) and helps us understand, just as He knows their whole life story.

### "God Sees Me" Prayer

After reading a story, encourage kids to pray about specific things God knows about them (e.g., "God, thank You for knowing I like drawing," or "Thank You for knowing when I'm scared").

## God is Real and True

### Creation and Senses (God's Amazing Work)

#### God's Imprints

Use hammers and napkins to press leaves/flowers, showing God's unique design in everything.

#### Nature Exploration

Go on a walk, collect natural items (leaves, rocks), and talk about how God made them. Make "God's Creations" crowns with sticks and leaves.

#### "The Wind" Game

Blow up balloons and talk about how you feel the wind but can't see it, just like the Spirit (John 3:8). Then, try to toss crumpled paper into a basket with a fan blowing, showing God's unseen power.

### Storytelling and Crafts (God's Character)

#### Bible Story Focus

Use engaging picture books or puppets to tell stories like the Lost Sheep (bring lamb's wool to touch) or Noah's Ark, highlighting God's love and faithfulness.

#### Clay Creations

Give kids clay to mold a favorite Bible story or what they imagine God looks like (loving, strong), emphasizing His attributes.

## “God Sees Me” Drawings

Have kids draw pictures of when they felt God’s presence or answered prayers, then share how God knows them and their feelings (like omniscience).

## Action and Prayer (Living it Out)

### Worship and Song

Sing praise songs, letting kids play instruments or dance. Emphasize God hears all kinds of praise

### Prayer Stations

Set up different spots (a “garden” tent, a quiet corner) for kids to talk to God about different things (thanking, asking for help).

### “Impossible” Tasks

Try a silly, seemingly impossible task (like unwrapping candy without hands) and then discuss how God can do the impossible (Matthew 19:26)

## Key Teaching Tips for This Age

### Keep it Short

Break lessons into small segments

### Be Visual

Use lots of pictures, objects, and colors.

### Encourage Questions

Create a safe space for them to ask anything.

### Show Your Faith

Let them see you praying, reading the Bible, and trusting God.