

January 21, 2018

**Bible Story Focus: Jesus can do things we can't.**

**Catching Fish • Luke 5:1-7**

**Memory Verse: "With God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26, NIV**

**Key Question: Who can do anything?**

**Bottom Line: Jesus can do anything.**

**Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**

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Here's an overview of what you'll be teaching in Preschool kids this week.

### Make It Fun

#### Let's Have A Picnic

- **What You Need:** Plastic food, several plastic plates, and a blanket

### Coloring Page

### Make It True

Large Group in room N-38

### Make It Stick

#### Loaves and Fish Verse

- **What You Need:** "Loaves and Fish Verse Words" Activity Page, white cardstock, construction paper (1 piece per child), scissors, and glue sticks

#### Loaves and Fish Necklace

- **What You Need:** "Allergy Alert Poster," white cardstock, yarn, foam fish cutouts (2 per child), uncooked large pasta (5 per child), hole punch, scissors, and clear tape

#### 2 and 5 Moves

- **What You Need:** No supplies needed

## Loaves and Fish Craft

- **What You Need:** “Loaves and Fish” Activity Page, white cardstock, a brown inkpad, a blue inkpad, and wet wipes

### Make It Fun

Let one teacher lead a small group of children in the activity throughout the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door.

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## Let’s Have a Picnic

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler’s natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Plastic food, several plastic plates, and a blanket

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Hide the plastic food around the room. Lay the blanket on the floor in an open area of the room.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to find the food hidden around the room, place items on their plate, bring them back to the blanket, and pretend to have a picnic.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Today I thought it would be fun to have a picnic, but we need some food. If you look around the room, you’ll see I’ve hidden some for you to find. When you find something, put it on your plate and carry it over here to the blanket. Then we can have a picnic.”

After the Activity: “That was so fun! I love picnics, especially when I can share them with friends. Today we’ll hear about a special picnic that Jesus had with a WHOLE bunch of friends. I can’t wait for you to hear all about it.”

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to enjoy a picnic lunch.

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## Coloring Fun

*“Coloring Fun” is an activity that allows the children to use their creative to color a picture that introduces them to the Bible Story for the day.*

**What You Need:** Coloring Page, Crayons

**What You Do & Say:**

*Before the activity:* Put baskets of crayons out on the table so that all children can easily reach the crayons.

*During the activity:* Allow the children to color the Bible story picture.

*At the end of the activity:* Introduce the upcoming Bible story by talking to kids about the picture they are coloring.

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### **Make It True (Large Group, 15-20 minutes)**

After children have participated in Make It Fun, lead your group to room N-38 for Large Group Worship and Bible Story.

### **Make It Stick**

The following activity is to help make the Bottom Line stick. There is an added activity in case you need something to fill the time at 10:55.

## Loaves and Fish Verse

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

**What You Need:** “Loaves and Fish Verse Words” Activity Page, white cardstock, construction paper (1 piece per child), scissors, and glue sticks

**What You Do:**

**Before the Activity:** Copy the “Loaves and Fish Verse Words” Activity Page on the cardstock and cut apart. You will need one set of loaves and fish for each child. Gather the construction paper and glue sticks in the center of the tables.

**During the Activity:** Pass out a piece of construction paper to each child and a set of “Loaves and Fishes Verse Words.” Review the memory verse together. Help the children line up the words of the verse in order on their page. Encourage them to glue them to the page.

**What You Say:**

**Before the Activity:** “This month we’re learning a great verse. It says: With God all things are possible, Matthew 19:26. Let’s say that together. (Repeat with the children.) I’ve given you a set of loaves and fishes like the ones Jesus used to feed SO many people. We will help you put the words in order on your page and then you can glue them to your page.”

**After the Activity:** “Great job, everyone! Let’s point to the loaves and fish as we say the verse together. Ready? With God all things are possible, Matthew 19:26. Yes! With God all things ARE possible. Jesus is God’s Son and He can do anything. Jesus fed all those people with just one small lunch. Nothing is too hard for Him! Who can do anything? [Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything.”

## Loaves and Fishes Necklace

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Think: An advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

Be sure to list the items you will be using today on the “Allergy Alert Poster” and post it at the door to your room.

**What You Need:** “Allergy Alert Poster,” white cardstock, yarn, foam fish cutouts (2 per child), uncooked large pasta (5 per child), hole punch, scissors, and clear tape

**What You Do:**

**Before the Activity:** Copy “Allergy Alert Poster” on white cardstock and hang it on the door. Cut the yarn into sections. Tie a knot at one end of each section of yarn.

Place a small piece of tape around the other end of the yarn. Punch a small hole in the top of each of the fish. Each child will need two fish.

**During the Activity:** Give each child a piece of yarn, five pasta noodles, and two fish. Help the children string the pasta and the fish onto the yarn using the taped end.

**After the Activity:** Tie the ends of the yarn together to make a necklace. Place the necklace around the child's neck.

### What You Say:

**Before the Activity:** "We heard an awesome story today. Jesus turned two fish and five loaves of bread into enough food for 5,000 people. WOW!"

**During the Activity:** "We are going to make a necklace that will remind us all about today's Bible story. (Give each child the yarn, pasta, and fish.) Look at the yarn. (Hold up.) There is a piece of tape on one end. Use that end to string the loaves (hold up macaroni) and the fish (hold up fish) onto your necklace." (Do activity.)

**After the Activity:** "WOW! Look at the cool necklaces. You can take them home and tell your families all about today's Bible story. [Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything. Who can do anything? [Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything!"

## 2 and 5 Moves

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

### What You Do:

**During the Activity:** Gather the children in an open area of the room. Encourage the children to jump two times. Then guide them to jump five times. Repeat with the following movements below in increments of two and five. (Ex: "Hop two times. Now hop five times.")

### Movements:

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High knees	Slide (two times this way; five times the other way)
March	Jumping jacks
Clap	Blink
Hug a friend	Knee bends (hands on hips, bend up and down)
Pat your head	Tap your feet (one foot two times; then the other five times)

### What You Say:

**Before the Activity:** “Today we learned that Jesus fed a huge crowd of people with just two fish and five loaves of bread.”

**During the Activity:** “Let’s practice those numbers as we move. First, jump two times. (Pause.) Now jump five times. (Pause.) Great job, everyone!” (Repeat with other movements.)

**After the Activity:** “That was fun. Great job counting out your twos and fives, friends! Can you believe that Jesus fed a whole crowd of people with one small lunch of two fish and five loaves? Nothing is too hard for Jesus, because [Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything. Who can do anything? [Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything.”

## Loaves and Fish Craft

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

**What You Need:** “Loaves and Fish” Activity Page, white cardstock, a brown inkpad, a blue inkpad, and wet wipes

### What You Do:

**Before the Activity:** Copy the Activity Page onto the cardstock.

**During the Activity:** Press the child’s index finger onto the brown inkpad. Help the child make horizontal fingerprints above each of the numbers one through five on the right side of the page. Use the wet wipes to clean the child’s finger. Press the child’s thumb into the blue inkpad. Help the child press their thumb into the fish outlines over the numbers one and two on the left side of the page.

**After the Activity:** Allow the craft to dry in a safe place.

**What You Say:**

**Before the Activity:** “Jesus turned two fish and five loaves of bread into enough food for 5,000 people! Jesus is amazing!”

**During the Activity:** “We are going to use our fingers to make fish and loaves of bread. We are going to make five loaves of bread above the numbers one, two, three, four, and five. (Point as you count.) Then we will use our thumbs to make two fish right here (point) over the numbers one and two.” (Do activity.)

**After the Activity:** “You did a great job painting fish and loaves with your fingers. You can use your craft to tell your families all about our Bible story today and how [Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything. Who can do anything? [Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything!”

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