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WEEK FOUR – NOVEMBER 2024 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *King Hezekiah | Isaiah 37:14-21, 35; 38:1-6, 20*

Key Question: *Who's got it?*

Bottom Line: *God's got it*

Memory Verse: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5, NIV*

Basic Truth: *God loves me.*

Series Overview: Puzzles are a lot of fun. Who doesn't love a good peg puzzle? The cow goes in the cow shape. The pig goes in the pig shape. Easy, peasy! But as we get older, puzzles can become a lot more difficult, and it can be hard to know where each piece goes. We all face difficult circumstances that are way bigger than what we can handle. It's in those times that God wants us to trust Him with all our hearts and say, "God's got it!" We don't have to have all the pieces or know where they all go. All we need to know is that God sees the big picture and God's got it. Our job is to trust God and take it one piece at a time. So, whether it's needing help with a big job, knowing which way to go, not having what we need, or talking to God about anything . . . God can handle it, because God's got it!

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

Opening Small Group Activity

Imagine: An activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role-play to enhance their learning

What You Need: Paper crown, sheets of circle stickers in a variety of colors, and scissors

What You Do:

- Cut sticker sheets into strips of four stickers, one strip per child.
- Sit together on the floor in a circle with the children.
- Give each child a strip of four circle stickers.
- Add a circle sticker to the crown and then pass the crown to the child sitting next to you.
- Encourage the child to place one circle sticker on the crown and then pass to the friend next to them.
- Continue around the circle and repeat as desired.
- Introduce the Bible Story

What You Say:

- *“Hello, my friends. Come sit in a circle on the floor with me. (Pause.) I have some stickers for you. (Pass out stickers.) We are going to use these to decorate this crown.” (Hold up crown.) Can you tell me who wears a crown? (Pause.) Yes, that’s right, a king or a queen. Today we are going to take turns adding a sticker to the crown so that we can make it beautiful! I’ll add my sticker (pause) and pass it to my friend [child’s name]. (Pass the crown to child next to you.) Add one sticker and pass it to the friend next to you. (Continue around the circle until it returns to you.) Look how beautiful the crown is. (Hold up the crown.) Let’s add more stickers! (Add a sticker and pass to the child next to you.) Wow, friends, look at the crown now! (Hold up crown.) You did such a good job making it beautiful. Did you know*

kings and queens talk to God? (Pause.) Just like you and I talk to God. And in today's true Bible Story, we will hear about a king who talked to God about everything. Let's go hear all about it."

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:15 – 11:45 – LARGE GROUP

Story Focus: I can talk to God about anything. King Hezekiah loves God, and he prays and talks to God. So, when King Hezekiah is worried about the safety of his city, he prays and talks to God about it. God sends the prophet Isaiah to tell Hezekiah that God has heard Hezekiah's prayer and will keep the city safe. When Hezekiah is very sick, he goes straight to the One true God, the God he trusts, and prays. Isaiah returns to tell Hezekiah that God says Hezekiah will get better. Hezekiah praises God with singing and music. Hezekiah knew he could talk to God about anything because God's got it.

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 – SMALL GROUP

Linking Hearts Verse

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

What You Need: Heart Stickers

What You Do:

- Say the Memory Verse as you do the motions.
- Position children in a circle, standing shoulder to shoulder.
- Adhere a heart sticker to the left palm of each child.
- Ask children to put their left hand into the circle face-down.
- Close your palm around the child's thumb to your left.

- Instruct each child to do the same until everyone is holding a thumb and your circle is complete.
- Say the Memory Verse together.
- Count to three and encourage children to let go and turn their palms up to reveal the heart.
- Review the Bottom Line.
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What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, let’s say our Memory Verse together while we do the motions. Ready? ‘Trust (*tug a pretend rope*) in the Lord (*point up*) with all your heart, (*tap heart twice*) Proverbs 3:5.’ (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Let’s stand in a circle. Everyone, scoot together so that our shoulders are touching. Great job. I have a heart for each of you. (*Turn their left hand over and adhere the sticker to their palm.*) Place your hand with the sticker face down into the circle. Now I’m going to close my hand in a fist around my friend’s thumb. (*Pause.*) Now [child’s name] will close their hand in a fist over the next friend’s thumb. (*Pause.*) All the way around the circle. (*Pause.*) Now that we created a circle with our hands, let’s say just the words to our Memory Verse. Ready? ‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5.’ When I count to three, let go of each other’s thumbs and flip our hands over. One, two, three! (*Pause.*) Look at all the love! That was fun!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “We can trust God and talk to God about anything just like King Hezekiah in our Bible Story today. The Bible teaches us to trust in the Lord with all our heart because **[Bottom Line] God’s got it. Who’s got it? [Bottom Line] God’s got it!**”

Pass the Message

[Live for God | Application Activity]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask children to stand with you in the activity area.
- Ask one child to walk with you to one side of the room and quietly share the following message: God loves you!
- Encourage the child to run to a friend and share the same message.
- Then encourage those two friends to go and share the message with two more friends and so on, until everyone has heard the message!
- If time allows, repeat, but this time share **[Bottom Line] God's got it!**
- Review the Bottom Line and Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come stand with me
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Child’s name], come with me. *(Walk to one side of the room.)* I want to share a special message with you. *(Quietly say to the child:)* God loves you. Did you hear the message? Great! Run and share that message quietly with a friend. *(Pause.)* Did you hear the message? Great! Now go share that message with two more friends. Let’s keep sharing the message! *(Continue until each child has heard the message.)* Hooray! Everyone heard the message! *(If time allows, repeat with this message: [Bottom Line] God’s got it!).”*
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends! God loves you and God loves me! We can trust Him with everything because **[Bottom Line] God’s got it! Who’s got it? [Bottom Line] God’s got it!”**