



You Are Special

LESSON 3

I Am Loved



THEME:

Jesus wants to be with us always,
and someday live in heaven with him.



BIG IDEA FROM BOOK:

Jesus loves us and wants the very best for us.
He wants us to someday live with him in heaven.



BIG IDEA FROM LESSON:

There is only one way to get to heaven, through Jesus.



KEY VERSE:

MATTHEW 28:20

You can be sure I will be with you always.



KEY VERSE FOR PRESCHOOL:

MATTHEW 28:20

We can be with Jesus always.



LESSON OUTLINE:

WELCOME: Coloring Sheet	5 minutes
STORY: Read <i>Just In Case You Ever Wonder</i>	10 minutes
VERSE: Matthew 28:20.	5 minutes
SONGS: “Heaven Is a Wonderful Place” and “Wordless Book Song”	5 minutes
LESSON: Jesus Christ Is on Your Side	10 minutes
GAME: Cookie Scrunch	5 minutes
CRAFT/ACTIVITY: Wonderful Airplane.	15 minutes

Materials Needed:

- WELCOME: Coloring sheet (1 per child), crayons
- STORY: Copy of book *Just In Case You Ever Wonder*
- VERSE: Ball
- SONGS: Songs downloaded to a media player with portable speakers and sheets of construction paper (black, red, white, yellow, green)
- LESSON: One piece of lightweight white paper
- GAME: Nilla Wafers or Oreos (1 per child)
- CRAFT/ACTIVITY: Lightweight white paper (1 piece per child), and crayons

As much as you possibly can, sing your directions today to the tune of the commercial jingle “Nationwide is on your side.” For instance, “Now it’s time to eat our snack,” or “Please come join me on the rug,” or “Now it’s time to read our book.”





WELCOME

5 MINUTES**Materials Needed:**

- Coloring sheet (1 per child)
- Crayons

As children enter the classroom, offer them a coloring sheet and crayons while they wait for friends to arrive. Greet each child.



STORY

10 MINUTES**Materials Needed:**

- Copy of book *Just In Case You Ever Wonder*

Before reading *Just In Case You Ever Wonder*, explain that this book is told from the point of view of a parent talking to his or her child.

Read the book *Just In Case You Ever Wonder*.

Comprehension Questions:

These can be asked at the end of the book, or as you go along.

1. Who made you?
2. Is there anyone else in the world just like you?
3. What can you do now that you couldn't do when you were a little baby?
4. Why did God give us parents? (*To love us, to take care of us, to protect us, to teach us about Jesus*)
5. Why do we need to learn about Jesus? (*So we can be close to him and one day go and live with him in heaven*)





That's what our verse is about today.

You can be sure I will be with you always.

—MATTHEW 28:20

Say, **Who is talking in this verse? (Jesus) It's wonderful that Jesus is telling us that we can be sure he will be with us always. When he said that, he was talking to everyone who obeys him. So if we do what God says, Jesus will be with us always. Let's think about what that really means. Does it mean Jesus is with us when we are here at church? (Yes) Does it mean Jesus is with us when we are in our bedroom at home? (Yes) What about when we are playing at the park - is Jesus with us there? (Yes) That's right, Jesus said we can be sure he will be with us always, and always means all the time, whether we are awake or asleep, whether we are here on earth, or living in heaven after we die. Jesus promises that everyone who obeys him will always be with him.**

VERSE

5 MINUTES

Materials Needed:

- Ball

Have everyone sit in a circle. Roll the ball to someone as you say the first word of the memory verse. The person who catches it says the next word as they roll it to another person. Continue until the entire verse has been recited several times.





SONGS

5 MINUTES

Heaven Is a Wonderful Place

Psalty: The Kids Praise Album!

Heaven is a wonderful place,
Filled with glory and grace.
I wanna see my Savior's face
'Cuz Heaven is a wonderful place.

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Wordless Book Song

Child Evangelism Fellowship

Materials Needed:

- Sheets of construction paper, 1 of each color (black, red, white, yellow, green)

My heart was black as sin *(teacher holds up black paper)*
Until my Savior came in.
His precious blood I know *(hold up red paper)*
Has washed me white as snow. *(hold up white paper)*
And in God's word I'm told
I'll walk the streets of gold, *(hold up yellow paper)*
To live and grow each day, *(hold up green paper)*
I'll read my Bible and pray.

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LESSON: JESUS CHRIST IS ON YOUR SIDE 10 MINUTES

Materials Needed:

- One piece of lightweight white paper

Preparation:

- To see a video of this object lesson, and for tips and hints to help you perform it effectively, go to YouTube and search “airplane simple Christian object lesson” by Brad Brown.

I’m going to do a special demonstration that will show you the way to get to heaven! After I have told you the story, I will show you how to do it so you can show your family and friends.

First I’m going to make a paper airplane. I’m going to fold the corner of this paper all the way to the right edge so my paper looks like a big triangle with a little base at the bottom. Now I’m going to fold the tip of the triangle down to the left so my paper looks like a little house. If I fold it in half, and then fold the wings down, I will have an airplane!

“How high can an airplane fly?” Sing to the tune of the commercial jingle, “Nationwide is on your side.” **A mile? Past the clouds? Can it fly to heaven? No!**

I’m going to tear it right on the fold line where I made the wings. Leave a triangle at the bottom like the fins of a rocket. Open ONE fold so you have a rocket. Look! Now we have a rocket!

“How high can a rocket fly?” Sing to the tune of the “Nationwide is on your side” jingle. **To the moon? To other planets? Can it fly to heaven? No!**

Here is the only way to get to heaven. Slide your fingers up the back of the rocket and it will unfold the rest of the way. The cross! Because . . . “Jesus Christ is on your side!” Sing to the tune of the “Nationwide is on your side” jingle.

The students will want you to do it again. Repeat the trick.



Directions for folding airplanes:

<p>1.</p>	<p>2.</p>	<p>3.</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>Fold both wings down</p>	<p>5.</p>	<p>6.</p> <p>Tear or cut wings off along dotted line</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>Unfold half to reveal rocket shape</p>	<p>8.</p> <p>Slide thumb up the back of the rocket to flip up the fold and reveal the cross</p>	

WONDERFUL
AIRPLANE
Object Lesson



GAME: COOKIE SCRUNCH

5 MINUTES

Materials Needed:

- Nilla Wafers or Oreos (1 per child)

Say, **All things are possible if you have Jesus Christ on your side! Even really hard things!** Give each student a cookie. Have them look up at the ceiling and put the cookie on their foreheads. By scrunching and wiggling their faces (no hands allowed!), they must work the cookie down their face and into their mouth.

CRAFT/ACTIVITY: WONDERFUL AIRPLANE

15 MINUTES

Materials Needed:

- One or more pieces of lightweight paper per student
- Crayons

PRESCHOOL VARIATION PREPARATION:

- For preschoolers, pre-fold the airplanes.

Teach the students how to fold the airplane, make the tear to turn it into a rocket, then slide their fingers up the back to unfold it to reveal the cross.

PRESCHOOL VARIATION:

- Make the tear for the children.

Allow students to use crayons to decorate their airplanes and crosses. Pair up the children and have them perform the magic airplane trick to their partner. Encourage them to practice explaining to each other how to get to heaven.



WONDERFUL AIRPLANE

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