



You Are Special

LESSON 2

I Am Forgiven



THEME:

Jesus forgives us.



BIG IDEA FROM BOOK:

When we make wrong choices, Jesus forgives us and makes us new.



BIG IDEA FROM LESSON:

Jesus forgives our sins and makes us new.



KEY VERSE:

COLOSSIANS 2:13

God made you alive with Christ. And God forgave all our sins.



KEY VERSE FOR PRESCHOOL:

COLOSSIANS 2:13

Jesus forgives my sins.

LESSON OUTLINE:

WELCOME: Coloring Sheet	5 minutes
STORY: Read <i>You Are Special</i>	10 minutes
SONGS: “Forgiveness Song” and “I Am Stuck on Jesus”	5 minutes
LESSON: “I’m Stuck on Jesus.”	10 minutes
VERSE: Colossians 2:13	5 minutes
CRAFT: “I’m Special” Mirror.	10 minutes
ACTIVITY: He Makes Us New.	10 minutes

Materials Needed:

- WELCOME: Coloring sheet (1 per child), crayons
- STORY: Copy of book *You Are Special*
- SONGS: Songs downloaded to a media player with portable speakers
- LESSON: Large sheet of paper with the outline of a person drawn on (gingerbread man-style), markers, and Band-Aids
- VERSE: 3 x 5 cards (1 per student or 1 per team)
- CRAFT: Picture frame template, cardstock (1 piece per child), foil, glue, tongue depressors, and sequins
- ACTIVITY: Old, dirty pennies (at least 1 per child), a new penny, mason jars (1 for every 3–4 children), vinegar, iodized salt, and stir sticks



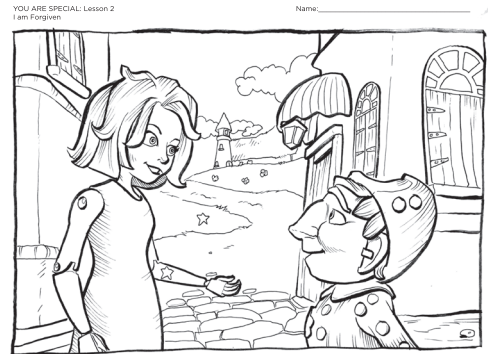
WELCOME

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 and start talking about the things that make them special.



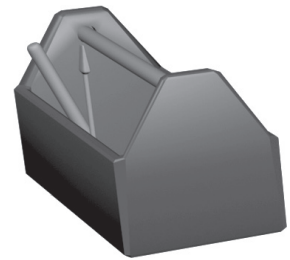
STORY

10 MINUTES

Materials Needed:

- Copy of book *You Are Special*

Say to the children, **If you were here last week, you'll remember the story of Punchinello and the Wemmicks. We learned about how we should not be concerned about what people might say about us, but instead, we should focus on what God says about us. Today we are going to read this story again. Let's see what else we can learn from this story.**



Read the book *You Are Special*.

After reading page 1 ask, **Does anyone remember who Eli represents?**
(God) Read the rest of the story.

Comprehension Questions:

1. Punchinello was trying his hardest not to get more gray dots. Do you think he keep from getting gray dots ever again? Why? (*No. We all make mistakes.*)
2. He meets a friend named Lucia. What does she encourage Punchinello to do? (*To go and talk to Eli.*) What had Lucia learned from Eli? (*That she is special and Eli loves her.*)

3. After seeing Eli, what do you think Punchinello would do if he started getting gray dots again? (*Talk to Eli.*)

SONGS

5 MINUTES

Forgiveness Song

Veggie Tales Very Silly Songs

You know that in love we can forgive
It is the only way to live
Obey God and see
That we can live in harmony.

Since God has forgiven us its true
You forgive me, and I will forgive you
I'm going to start
To show forgiveness from my heart.

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I Am Stuck on Jesus

(to the tune of the Band-Aid commercial)

I am stuck on Jesus 'cuz Jesus is stuck on me.
I am stuck on Jesus 'cuz Jesus is stuck on me!

Jesus listens to my prayers and makes me all that I can be
I am stuck on Jesus 'cuz Jesus is stuck on me!



LESSON: I AM STUCK ON JESUS

10 MINUTES

Materials Needed:

- Large paper with simple outline of a person (gingerbread man–style)
- Markers
- Band-Aids

Say, **This outline of a person represents each one of us. We are going to fill in this person with lots of things that we do every day. Some things we do are good and helpful, and some things we do are not so good or helpful. I'll start us out. I'm going to write obey on his arm. I'm going to write grumpy on his foot. What else we can write on him?** *(Possible suggestions: fighting, name calling, hugging, hitting, smiling, helping, bad words, clean my room, etc.)*

After the outline is sufficiently full, say to the class, **We all do things we shouldn't do. But our Bible verse today says,**

God made you alive with Christ. And God forgave all our sins.

—COLOSSIANS 2:13

When we do something wrong, we need to do a couple of things. First, we need to apologize to the person we hurt. Then, we need to ask Jesus to forgive us, like this: "Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me and creating me just the way you did. Please forgive me for the times I was . . . Read the negative words on the outline. Please cover my sin and make me well again. I love you, Jesus. Amen."

After praying, take out a box of Band-Aids. Let the children take turns covering the negative words by sticking a Band-Aid over them.

Review the verse, and sing the song "I Am Stuck on Jesus" one more time.

PRESCHOOL VARIATION

Read each word to the children and ask, “Is this a good thing or a bad thing?” If it’s a bad thing, invite the children to take turns putting a Band-Aid over the words.

VERSE**5 MINUTES****Materials Needed:**

- 3 x 5 cards (1 per student or 1 per team)

Preparation:

- Print the verse on 3 x 5 cards, one for each student. Cut them in half in a jagged or curvy line. Hide one half of each card around the classroom.
- Invite students to hunt for the card that matches their half.
- This can be done in teams.

PRESCHOOL VARIATION

Use colored 3 x 5 cards, giving a different color to each team, so children are finding a match to their color of card.



CRAFT: “I’M SPECIAL” MIRROR**10 MINUTES****Materials Needed:**

- Picture frame template
- Cardstock (1 piece per child)
- Foil
- Glue
- Tongue depressors
- Sequins

Preparation:

- Photocopy the picture frame template onto the cardstock
- Cut out the picture frame template around all the solid lines.
- Fold in half along the dotted line.
- Cut out rectangles of foil that will fit on the inside of the frame.

PRESCHOOL VARIATION

Assemble the mirrors. Have the children decorate them.

Give each child an “I’m Special” Mirror template and a piece of foil. Have the children glue a square of foil on the inside of the mirror, and glue a tongue depressor on the inside panel of the mirror to use as the mirror’s handle. Glue the front frame of the mirror down, covering the edges of the foil and the tip of the tongue depressor. Decorate the frame of the mirror with sequins or stick-on jewels.



ACTIVITY: HE MAKES US NEW**10 MINUTES****Materials Needed:**

- Old, dirty pennies (at least 1 per child)
- One new penny
- Mason jars (1 for every 3–4 children)
- White vinegar
- Iodized salt
- Stir sticks

Preparation:

- Fill mason jars with 4 tablespoons white vinegar and 1 tablespoon iodized salt.
- Give each child an old, dirty penny. Show them a shiny penny. Tell them to try to make their penny look new again. They can try rubbing it, using their shirt to clean it, etc. Agree that we just can't do it by ourselves.
- Distribute mason jars with premixed cleaning solution to teams of 3–4 children. Ask the children to drop their pennies in the jars. Using the stir sticks, stir them around a bit and watch them become clean.

Questions:

1. We couldn't clean those pennies on our own, but the solution in the jars cleaned them right up! Why do you think that happened? (*We didn't have the right ingredients to clean them on our own.*)
2. No matter how hard we try, we don't have what it takes to clean up our lives from sin. That's why God sent Jesus to take the punishment for us that our sins deserved. What happens if we keep sinning and get our lives dirty again? (*God will forgive us and make us clean.*)
3. Is there any person too dirty for God to make clean? (*NO!*)

Allow students to clean more pennies while waiting for their parents to arrive. Let them take home a clean penny to remind them of how Jesus forgives us and makes us clean.

PICTURE FRAME TEMPLATE

