

LESSON

The Last Supper
John 13-17

BIG QUESTION

How can we stay close to Jesus?

We can confess, serve, pray and abide like Jesus taught the disciples to do at the Last Supper.

LARGE GROUP

- Host will introduce the big question of the day and allow kids to respond.
- **WORSHIP**
- **BIBLE STORY-** The Last Supper
- Kids will then be split into two groups with their leaders. One group will stay for rotation 1 in 304 and the other group will go to rotation 2 in either 305 or 306. After 20 minutes the groups will switch.

ROTATION 1

Worship Stations

304

Gather your group and travel together from station to station. You will spend 5 minutes at each station. Each child will have an interactive worksheet to use along the way. After each station kids will receive a stamp on their sheet to show they finished that station.

1. Serve or Be Served?

• WHAT YOU SAY:

- Jesus set an example for the disciples of what it meant to be a leader- serve others.
- "When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His clothes and returned to His place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." **John 13:12-17**
- Jesus showed us an example of serving others, even when it is uncomfortable or messy or gross! When we become more like Jesus, we become more focused on others and less on us.

• WHAT YOU DO:

- Have kids circle up. You will read them an action from this list and they will give a thumbs up if it is a way they can serve others like Jesus and a thumbs down if it is not.

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| 1. Play what you want to with a friend (no) | 4. Letting someone else go first (yes) | 8. Including someone you don't know that well when you are playing with your friends (yes) |
| 2. Do your sibling's chore (yes) | 5. Making someone else clean up your mess (no) | 9. Making sure you are first in line (no) |
| 3. Helping a classmate pick up pencils (yes) | 6. Holding the door for someone (yes) | 10. Sitting with someone who is alone (yes) |
| | 7. Complaining when you are asked to do something (no) | |

- **WORKSHEET:**

- Have kids take one minute to circle the pictures that show a heart ready to serve. Talk about how the other picture shows a heart that's not ready to serve.

2. Vine and Branches

- **WHAT YOU SAY:**

- Jesus told the disciples they needed to abide in him to be like him. To abide means to stay, remain, or live in one place every day.
- He said they needed to be like a branch attached to a vine.
- "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned."

John 15:5-6

- Unless we are connected to Jesus, we can't do anything!

- **WHAT YOU DO:**

- Have kids gather around the vine poster. Give each kid a leaf and have them write their name on it and attach it to the vine.

- **WORKSHEET:**

- The worksheet will prompt kids to think about different times of the day and ways that they can be connected to Jesus at that time.
- Go through each time as a group, asking kids what ways they can be connected to Jesus throughout the day.
- Examples- pray, read my Bible, ask my parents a question about Jesus, listen to worship music, serve someone else

3. Confessing Sin at the Cross

- **WHAT YOU SAY:**

- After the last supper, Jesus died on the cross. The Bible tells us he died for us, to take on the punishment of our sin. All of us have sinned!
- The Bible tells us that we cannot save ourselves from our sin, and that is why Jesus died and took the punishment for our sin. The Bible also tells us that God will forgive us for our sins!
- "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." **1 John 1:9**

- **WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give kids a post-it. Tell them that they do not have to write their name on it, but they can write a time where they did what they thought was best instead of what God said was best (sinned).
- They can confess that sin to God and tape it up at the cross.

- **WORKSHEET:**

- Kids will fill in the dot-to-dot that spells out I am Forgiven.

4. Pray Like Jesus

- **WHAT YOU SAY:**

- Jesus showed the disciples an example of what it looked like to pray to God- just talk to him!
- He prayed about what was happening in his life, and he prayed for his friends and other believers too, including us today!
- "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." **John 17:20-21**
- There are lots of ways that we can pray- we can write it down, talk out loud, pray in our heads, or even sing! We are going to practice praying for each other today.

- **WHAT YOU DO:**

- Have kids get into pairs (same gender). Tell kids that they will each share something that the other person can pray for for them. Then they will take a few moments to pray for each other.

- **WORKSHEET:**

- The worksheet will have 2 categories of things they can talk to God about- things going on in their life and things going on in other people's life.

ROTATION 2

Discussion and Snack

305 and 306

Each small group will be grouped around low tables. Let kids enjoy snacks while you discuss these questions. Encourage kids to think beyond the typical "church" answer.

1. **Why do you think Jesus chose to wash his disciples feet at the Last Supper? Why is his example important for us?** (*John 13:6-8, Jesus washed His friends' feet to show them how to love and serve others.*)
2. **When have you served others? When is it hard to serve other people?** (*Allow kids time to share then share your answer.*)
3. **What do you think it means to abide?** (*John 15:5, It means staying close to God, talking to Him, loving Him, and trusting Him all the time.*)
4. **What things keep us from being connected to Jesus?** (*Things that distract us from spending time with God: TV, video games, tablets.*)
5. **Why do we need Jesus to die on the cross for us?** (*Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins so we can have a personal relationship with Him and live with Him forever.*)
6. **How does confessing that we have sinned help us to stay close to Jesus?** (*Answers may include: It helps us stay close to God and keeps the enemy from having a hold on us.*)

LEADER DEVO

God Helps Me Obey—God Sent Jesus for Me

Read: Luke 23:44–24:12

*"In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee."
Luke 24:5-6a*

Reflect: How can you celebrate that Jesus is alive this week?

- A. I can invite a friend to come to church with me.
- B. I can share the difference Jesus makes in my life with someone.
- C. I can confess sin and commit to following God more closely.

Pray: Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to take the punishment I deserve for sin. Thank You that Jesus came back to life, defeated sin and death, and made the way for me to have a relationship with You now and forever. Help me celebrate the truth of who You are and how much You love me every day. I love you so much! Amen.

Prepare: What difference does Jesus dying for sins, defeating death, and coming back to life make in your life and the lives of people around you?

Gospel Presentation Week

God Sent Jesus for Me

BIBLE PASSAGE

Jesus Is Alive

Matthew 26-28; Mark 15:33-16:8; Luke 23:44-24:12; John 19

BIBLE VERSE

*"You are my friends if you do what I command you."
John 15:14*

AT-A-GLANCE

Super Clue:

Empty Tomb

CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

Thumbprint Cross

1. PRAYER REQUEST SHEET

- Welcome children as they walk in.
- Before joining an activity, connect with each child by inviting them to write one praise and one prayer request on their paper. *Help them think about good things to thank God for and areas where they need His help.*
- Collect the papers to share during prayer time.

2. WELCOME/ EXTRA ACTIVITIES

1. Bible Verse Practice Sheet

Supplies: Bible Verse Practice Sheet, Pencils, & Crayons

- Provide each child with a Bible Verse Practice Sheet.
- Read the verse aloud together and discuss what it means.
- Encourage the kids to trace or write the verse on their own.
- Let them decorate their sheets with crayons.

2. Resurrection Eggs

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- Encourage kids to find the eggs around the room.
- Once they are all found have them bring them to you.
- Go over the Easter story with them by showing each item and explaining its meaning.
- Then have the kids explain them during the next round.

3. Jesus is Alive

Supplies: Tomb pictures

- Play a fun game to celebrate that Jesus is alive!
- Have the kids line up shoulder to shoulder while a leader stands on the other side of the room holding a picture.
- If the leader holds up the picture of the closed tomb, instruct the kids to walk slowly and sadly toward them.
- If the picture of the empty tomb is shown, have the kids run excitedly toward the leader—the first child to reach them gets to hold the pictures next!

3. TEACHING SCRIPT

Greeting- Hi everyone! I am so glad you are here today. Today is Easter! Easter is a really special day. On Easter we celebrate that Jesus is alive! Each week we learn about a Big Deal. A Big Deal teaches us something important about God. Our Big Deal today is, "All the Way! God Helps Me Obey!" Let's say it together. I will say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Do the motions.)* Ready? All the Way! *(All the Way!)* God Helps Me Obey! *(God Helps Me Obey!)* To obey God means to hear God's Word and do what it says.

WORSHIP- *Lead kids in worship through songs and motions.*

BIBLE STORY VIDEO INTRO

Hold up your Bible- It was so much fun singing with you! We have a great story from the books of **Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.** *(Show kids where this week's passage is found in the Bible.)* I can't wait to learn more about it with you. Remember God's Word is true.

MAILBOX/SUPER CLUE- *Ask a child to open the mailbox after you introduce the Bible story.*

Wow! Our Super clue is a picture of an empty tomb. This is a very special Easter Super Clue. I wonder what an empty tomb has to do with our Big Deal, "All the Way! God Helps Me Obey!" Oh! I know who can help us—the Super Crew. We can send the Super Clue to our friends at the Clubhouse. Will you all help me? *(Allow responses.)* Great! Let me put the Super Clue back into the Super Box. *(Place the Super Clue back in the box.)* Let's count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

BIBLE STORY VIDEO RECAP

Amazing! In our Bible story, we learned that Jesus taught that He was God's Son, and everyone who believed in Him would have a friendship with God. That made some people very mad, so they made a plan to hurt Jesus. They put Him on a cross even though He did nothing wrong. Jesus died and was placed in a tomb. Three days later, on the first day of the week, women who loved Jesus went to visit the tomb. An angel told them that Jesus was not there. He had risen. This meant that Jesus is alive! Our Super Clue today is an empty tomb. When we see a picture of an empty tomb, it can remind us of the truth that Jesus is alive! At Easter we celebrate the truth that the tomb is empty because Jesus is alive! But that is not the only good news! God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our wrong choices *(called sin)*. Even though Jesus never sinned, He was punished for our sin and died on a cross. But three days later Jesus came back to life. Jesus is alive, and He wants everyone to believe in Him and have a forever friendship with God. Everyone includes you and me! God sent Jesus for me. Each of us can believe in Him and have friendship with God. This is the most amazing, good news! It makes me feel so excited and thankful. God sent Jesus for us, and that is such incredible news. When I think about that, I like to take a moment to pray. Praying is talking and listening to God. He always wants to know what we are thinking and feeling. Let's pray right now.

God, thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for my wrong choices. I am so excited that I can be friends with You. Help me love and obey You. I love You. Amen.

BIBLE VERSE- *Spend some time practicing the Bible verse with the help of the video or handout*

OIKOS SONG- *Invite the kids to sing along to the Oikos song on the TV*

TALK TIME- *Transition into talk time by using the questions to review today's Bible story*

4. TALK TIME

Follow this guide to engage kids in discussion.

Use the Bibles provided, or let children who brought their own open to the Bible passage

- 1. Today our super clue was an empty tomb—how can that help us remember our Bible Story?** *(It reminds us that Jesus is alive! God sent Jesus for us so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with Him.)*
- 2. God sent Jesus, can you remember what Jesus did for us?** *(Jesus came to take the punishment for our wrong choices.)* **Why did Jesus do this?** *(so we could be forgiven and be with God forever.)*
- 3. The Bible tells us that God cares about us and sets us apart. Let's open our Bibles to Luke 24:5-6a and read about it together.** *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage or ask a volunteer to read the passage aloud, and make sure everyone can find it to follow along.)*
- 4. How did the women feel when they found out Jesus was alive, and how can we respond to that good news?** *(They were scared at first, but then they were happy and told everyone! We can be happy too, trust Jesus, and tell others that He is alive!)*
- 5. How does knowing that God sent Jesus to die and come back to life so we can have a forever relationship with Him change the way we live?** *(We can live thankful because God rescued us. We can trust Jesus, follow Him, and show others that God loves them.)*

Take time for kids to reflect and talk about what they learned.

Guide the kids through the Gospel Presentation with the 3 Circles and hand motions, encouraging them to repeat each part after you.

PRAY: God, thank You for loving and caring for us. Thank You that we can celebrate Easter because You sent Jesus to make the way to have a relationship with You. Help us believe the truth of who You are and what You have done. Help us to live our lives by pointing others toward You. We love you so much! Amen.

5. PRAYER TIME

- Take time to pray with the kids, thanking God for the good things in each person's life (praises), and asking for His help with their prayer requests.
- If a child arrives late, be sure they still have an opportunity to share a praise and/or prayer request.

If time is short, lead the kids in a simple prayer that covers all the requests.

If time allows, consider praying for each request individually, and give the kids a chance to pray for one another. Feel free to adapt this in whatever way works best for your class.

6. ACTIVITY

Thumbprint Cross

(Put up the "Team Craft Time" slide on your TV)

Supplies: "Thumbprint Cross" printable, Baby wipes, ink pads, Markers or crayons, Child-safe scissors, Glue sticks

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- **We are going to make cross pictures using our very own thumbprints!**
- **You will each get two pieces of paper.** (*Show kids.*)
- **First, you will gently press your thumb on one of the ink pads, then press that thumb on the cross outline.**
- **You will keep getting ink and stamping thumbprints until you have filled the whole cross.**
- **You can even go over and outside the lines because we will be cutting them out.** (*Allow time, giving directions to clean thumbs with baby wipes.*)
- **Now you can cut out your thumbprint cross and glue it in the middle of the other paper.**
- **In the blank at the top, write your name. This way, you will remember that Jesus loves you, which is why He died on the cross for you!**

Keep It Going: Decorate the background on the page.

TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- **You made such excellent crosses.**
- **Jesus died on a cross to take the punishment for our sin, making the way for us to have a relationship with God.**
- **When Jesus rose again on the third day, He defeated sin and death.**
- **God shows His care by inviting us to turn from sin and follow Jesus. Repeat after me, "God sent Jesus for me!"** (*God sent Jesus for me!*)

LEADER DEVO

God Helps Me Obey—God Helps Me with My Thoughts

Read: Proverbs 4

*"Get wisdom, get understanding;
do not forget my words or turn away from them.
Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you;
love her, and she will watch over you."
Proverbs 4:5-6*

Reflect: What would help you trust and follow God's wisdom?

- A. Spend time learning from God's Word, the Bible.
- B. Pause and ask myself, "What would God want me to think about right now?"
- C. Let go of worldly ideas and options and focus on God's truth.

Pray: God, help me with my thoughts this week. Help my mind stay focused on You so I can obey You and turn away from anything that would distract me. Thank You for helping me obey You. I love you Father! Amen.

Prepare: What does it mean to follow God's wisdom, and what part do our thoughts play in living that way?

God Helps Me with My Thoughts

BIBLE PASSAGE

Wise King Solomon

1 Kings 3:1-15; 2 Chronicles 1:1-13; Proverbs 4

BIBLE VERSE

*"You are my friends if you do what I command you."
John 15:14*

AT-A-GLANCE

Super Clue:

Thinking Emoji

CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

Right Way Obstacle Course

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3. Cut and Create

Supplies: Art Supplies

- Set out the supplies and help kids get creative and connect with one another.

4. Bible Verse Activity

Supplies: Motion Cube

- Follow the Bible verse activity page to help kids learn this months Bible Verse

3. TEACHING SCRIPT

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BIBLE STORY VIDEO INTRO

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MAILBOX/SUPER CLUE- *Ask a child to open the mailbox after you introduce the Bible story.*

Hmmm. *(Mimic thinking emoji by tapping chin.)* I think I know what this is. It is an emoji of a person who is thinking very hard. Can we all make this emoji face? *(Mimic the face together.)* Nice job! We know what it is, but I don't know how it connects to our Big Deal, "All the Way! God Helps Me Obey!" I think I have an idea of who can help us figure this out. The Super Crew! We can send this Super Clue to the Super Crew in the Clubhouse, and they will definitely help us figure it out. *(Place the Super Clue back in the box.)* Let's count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

BIBLE STORY VIDEO RECAP

Our Super Clue, a thinking emoji, can remind us that we have all kinds of thoughts—sometimes happy and good thoughts, and sometimes sad or unkind thoughts. Thoughts are the things we think. The exciting thing is that God helps us with our thoughts. In our Bible story, Solomon asked God to give him wisdom. When you have wisdom, you act and think in ways that honor, obey, and please God. God gave Solomon wisdom. God helped Solomon act and think in ways that honored Him. While Solomon was king, he told the people many wise things to help them know how to follow God. God wants us to obey Him all the way, and that includes thinking about things that honor and show love to Him and other people. Let's pray and thank God for helping us obey Him. Prayer is talking and listening to God.

God, thank You so much for helping us obey You. Thank You for knowing and helping us with our thoughts. We love you, amen.

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- 2. We are learning, God helps me with my thoughts. What kinds of thoughts can God help us with?** *(God helps us with all of our thoughts—our happy thoughts, our good thoughts, and our sad, scary, and mad thoughts.)*
- 3. The Bible tells us that what we think is important. God made us to think about things that please Him and show Him respect. We are set apart to think in ways that love, follow, and honor God. Let's open our Bibles to **1 Peter 1:13** and read about it together.** *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage or ask a volunteer to read the passage aloud, and make sure everyone can find it to follow along.)*
- 4. Peter wrote a letter to Christians encouraging them to live out their faith and keep their minds focused on Jesus and His return. How can our thoughts make a difference in what we do?** *(Our thoughts lead to our actions. What we think impacts what we do and say.)*
- 5. Jesus died on the cross for our sin, even for our thoughts that disobey God. What can we do when we have thoughts that do not honor God?** *(We can ask God to help change our thoughts. We can also learn Bible verses to think about throughout the day.)*
- 6. The Bible tells us that God cares about our thoughts, and He calls us to honor Him in everything. What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about?**

Take time for kids to reflect and talk about what they learned.

PRAY: God thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Please help us all to honor You with our thoughts. Help us focus our thoughts on You so we can live in a way that shows we are set apart and follow You. We love you so much! Amen.

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6. ACTIVITY

Right Way Obstacle Course

(Put up the "Team Game Time" slide on your TV)

Supplies: Hula hoops, Beanbag, Painter's tape

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- In our Bible story today, we learned about King Solomon. What was his name? (*King Solomon!*)
- God helped Solomon know how to live and follow Him all the way. Solomon was a teacher too. He said many things to teach people how to love and follow God.
- He said that following God will help you stay on straight paths.
- Our game today has us following an obstacle course path.
- We will make two teams.
- Let's all line up at the two starting lines.
- One at a time on each team, you will carry a beanbag through the course.
- You will have to think of the right way to work the obstacle course.
- First, you will hop from hoop to hoop. Next, you will walk on the taped line, pretending it is a balance beam then you will do the hop scotch path.
- You will hold a beanbag the whole time while you do the course. Then give it to the next friend in line.
- Are you ready? Let's cheer on our first friend!

Keep It Going: Invite kids to come up with alternative ways to move through the course such as walking backward, tossing the beanbag from hoop to hoop, and so on.

TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- Terrific! It was fun to cheer you all on as you made your way through the obstacle course.
- You had to think before you took your next step or hop.
- Solomon wanted to live in ways that showed love and honor to God.
- God wants us to obey Him all the way, and that includes thinking about things that honor and show love to Him and other people.
- The good news is God will help us obey!

LEADER DEVO

God Helps Me Obey—God Helps Me with My Words

Read: James 3

*“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.”:
James 3:13*

Reflect: Where can you grow in showing wisdom with your words?

- A. I can speak words that encourage, uplift, and build up others.
- B. I can avoid speaking words that hurt, harm, and discourage others.
- C. I can speak the truth in love and kindness.

Pray: God, You have given me the privilege to point others to You and help them grow with my words. Help me honor You with what I say. Thank You for working through me to love and encourage others with what I say. Amen.

Prepare: In your everyday conversations, what helps you honor God and lift others up rather than tear them down?

God Helps Me with My Words

BIBLE PASSAGE

Words that Honor God

James 3

BIBLE VERSE

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Super Clue:

ABC Book

CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

Bingo

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Oh! I've seen one of these before! It's an ABC book. I wonder how an ABC Book connects to our Big Deal, "All the Way! God Helps Me Obey!" I can't quite figure out how an ABC book goes with obeying, but I know who can figure it out—the Super Crew! Let's send the Super Clue to the Super Crew in the Clubhouse. I'll put the Super Clue back in the Super Box, and you can help me send it to them. *(Place the Super Clue back in the box.)* Let's count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

BIBLE STORY VIDEO RECAP

In our Bible Story today, we learned about James, a follower of Jesus. He wrote a letter to help other people follow and obey Jesus. James wrote that our words should be loving, peaceful, gentle, obedient, and honest. God helps us with our words. He can help us honor Him with the words we say. Today's Super Clue is an ABC book. When we read an ABC book, we can learn new things and new words. Words are the things we say and write. God wants us to obey Him by using our words to honor Him. One way we can use our words is to pray. Praying is talking and listening to God. Let's pray right now and ask for His help.

God, thank You for listening to our prayers. Thank You for helping us control our words. Help us use words that are loving, peaceful, gentle, obedient, and honest. We love you. Amen.

BIBLE VERSE- *Spend some time practicing the Bible verse with the help of the video or handout*

OIKOS SONG- *Invite the kids to sing along to the Oikos song on the TV*

TALK TIME- *Transition into talk time by using the questions to review today's Bible story*

4. TALK TIME

Follow this guide to engage kids in discussion.

Use the Bibles provided, or let children who brought their own open to the Bible passage

- 1. Today our super clue was an ABC book-how can that help us remember our Bible Story?** *(An ABC book teaches us new words when we are little. God wants us to obey by using our words to honor Him.)*
- 2. God helps us with our words. When we have trouble controlling our words, what can we do?** *(Pray and ask God for help.)*
- 3. The Bible tells us that our words make a difference. Let's open our Bibles to **James 3:13** and read about it together.** *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage or ask a volunteer to read the passage aloud, and make sure everyone can find it to follow along.)*
- 4. James wrote to Christians, encouraging them to use their words wisely. He said that our conduct, which means the things we say and do and how we live our lives, should show gentleness that comes from wisdom. How can wise and gentle words help others and help us?** *(Wise and gentle words build others up. These words can point others to God. These words encourage us and remind us of what is true and good.)*
- 5. Our words carry power to either lift people up or tear them down. How can God help us use our words wisely?** *(When we believe in Him, Jesus helps transform our lives. God changes our hearts to follow Him with our words and actions.)*
- 6. The Bible tells us that God cares about our words. We live out our faith by pointing people to Jesus though what we do and say. God can work through our words to show His love and share His truth with others. What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about?**

Take time for kids to reflect and talk about what they learned.

PRAY: God, You are so kind to us. Thank You for inviting us to follow You and use our words to tell the world about You! Help us turn to You and ask for help so we can use words that honor You. We love You! Amen.

5. PRAYER TIME

- Take time to pray with the kids, thanking God for the good things in each person's life (praises), and asking for His help with their prayer requests.
- If a child arrives late, be sure they still have an opportunity to share a praise and/or prayer request.

If time is short, lead the kids in a simple prayer that covers all the requests.

If time allows, consider praying for each request individually, and give the kids a chance to pray for one another. Feel free to adapt this in whatever way works best for your class.

6. ACTIVITY

Bingo

(Put up the "Team Game Time" slide on your TV)

Supplies: "Bingo" printables, Bingo tokens

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- **Let's play a game of bingo. A game of what? (Bingo!)**
- **Each of you will have one of these bingo boards.**
- **Look carefully at the pictures. Can you tell where they are from? (Allow responses.)**
- **That's right! They are from our Bible story.**
- **Our Bible story taught us that God helps us with our words.**
- **We can talk about the pictures while we play our game.**
- **I will choose a card from this pile and show the group. If you have a matching picture on your board, I want you to cover it with a bingo token. (Demonstrate with token.)**
- **When you have a line of pictures covered by pom-poms, you can call out, "Bingo!"**
- **Ready to get started? Let's play! (Choose a card and show it to the group. Talk about the pictures. For example, "This is a picture of a mouth. It can be hard to control our words, but God can help us. This is James. He wrote a letter to help people learn." Continue until everyone gets a bingo.)**

Keep It Going: Invite the kids to have an "all the way" bingo by covering their whole bingo board.

TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- **Bingo! Bango! Bongo!**
- **That was a fun game of bingo!**
- **Everyone worked very hard to match their pictures and get a bingo!**
- **I liked that the pictures were from our Bible story.**
- **In today's Bible story, we learned that God wants us to obey Him with our words and that He will help us control our words.**
- **That is such good news!**

LEADER DEVO

God Helps Me Obey—God Helps Me with My Actions

Read: Exodus 12

*"All the Israelites did just what the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron."
Exodus 12:50*

Reflect: Where can you grow in obeying and following God?

- A. Stop a behavior that disobeys God.
- B. Start a habit that obeys and honors God.
- C. Ask someone I trust and admire where I can grow.

Pray: Thank You, God, for giving me a great example of loving, following, and obeying You through Moses and the story of the Passover. Help me remember, trust, and obey You. I love you. Amen.

Prepare: When is it easy and when is it difficult to obey God? What can help you when it is difficult?

God Helps Me with My Actions

BIBLE PASSAGE

Moses and Pharaoh

Exodus 3-12

BIBLE VERSE

*"You are my friends if you do
what I command you."*

John 15:14

AT-A-GLANCE

Super Clue:

Hopscotch Grid

CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

Moses And Pharaoh

1. PRAYER REQUEST SHEET

- Welcome children as they walk in.
- Before joining an activity, connect with each child by inviting them to write one praise and one prayer request on their paper. *Help them think about good things to thank God for and areas where they need His help.*
- Collect the papers to share during prayer time.

2. WELCOME/ EXTRA ACTIVITIES

1. Bible Verse Practice Sheet

Supplies: Bible Verse Practice Sheet, Pencils, & Crayons

- Provide each child with a Bible Verse Practice Sheet.
- Read the verse aloud together and discuss what it means.
- Encourage the kids to trace or write the verse on their own.
- Let them decorate their sheets with crayons.

2. Resurrection Eggs

Supplies: Resurrection Eggs

- Encourage kids to find the eggs around the room.
- Once they are all found have them bring them to you.
- Go over the Easter story with them by showing each item and explaining its meaning.
- Then have the kids explain them during the next round.

3. Hopscotch

Supplies: Hopscotch Path

- Allow the kids to play hopscotch.
- Help them feel connected and involved.
- Encourage them to read the Bible Verse on the path as they hop.

4. Bible Verse Activity

Supplies: Motion Cube

- Follow the Bible verse activity page to help kids learn this months Bible Verse

3. TEACHING SCRIPT

Greeting- Hi everyone! Today we are going to learn about how God helps us with our actions. When we do this we obey God. To obey God means to hear God's Word and do what it says. In fact, the word obey is in today's Big Deal. A Big Deal teaches us something important about God. Our Big Deal today is, "All the Way! God Helps Me Obey!" Let's say it together. I will say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Do the motions.)* Ready? All the Way! *(All the Way!)* God Helps Me Obey! *(God Helps Me Obey!)* To obey God means to hear God's Word and do what it says.

WORSHIP- *Lead kids in worship through songs and motions.*

BIBLE STORY VIDEO INTRO

Hold up your Bible- It was so much fun singing with you! We have a great story from the book of **Exodus**. *(Show kids where this week's passage is found in the Bible.)* I can't wait to learn more about it with you. Remember God's Word is true.

MAILBOX/SUPER CLUE- *Ask a child to open the mailbox after you introduce the Bible story.*

Oh, this is an interesting Super Clue! It's a hopscotch grid. Hopscotch is a really fun game to play. You toss a game piece onto the hopscotch grid, and it lands in a square. You can hop, use one foot, or skip to that square. It is a fun game, but I wonder how a hopscotch grid connects with our Big Deal, "All the Way! God Helps Me Obey!" I'm not sure, but I know who will know. Our friends, the Super Crew, in the Clubhouse can help us. Let's send the Super Clue to them. I will put it in the box, and you can help me send it. *(Place the Super Clue back in the box.)* Let's count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

BIBLE STORY VIDEO RECAP

The Super Crew is so helpful! In today's Bible story, Moses had an important job to do, asking Pharaoh to let God's people go. God helped Moses follow Him and know what to say and do. Pharaoh made wrong choices and did not obey God with his actions. God wants us to obey Him all the way. He helps us follow Him all the way, just like He helped Moses. When you are playing hopscotch, there are different actions you can take. Every day we have to make choices about the actions we take. God wants us to obey Him all the way. On our own this can be hard, but God will help us obey Him, just like He helped Moses. Let's say, "God helps me with my actions," together. I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? God helps me with my actions. *(God helps me with my actions.)* When we need help, we can ask for it. When we talk and listen to God, this is called prayer. Let's pray now and ask God to help us obey Him with our actions.

God, thank You for helping us with our actions. Please help us obey You all the way in the things we do. Let all the choices we make glorify you. We love you! Amen!

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- 2. We learned, God helps me with my actions. Which actions will God help us with?** *(all of them)*
- 3. Who were the people in our Bible story today? Who obeyed God with their actions, and who did not obey God?** *(Moses, made good choices, Pharaoh made bad choices.)*
- 4. The Bible tells us that God cares about our actions. Our actions show that we love and follow Him. Let's open our Bibles to **Exodus 3:12 & Exodus 9:1** and read about it together.** *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage or ask a volunteer to read the passage aloud, and make sure everyone can find it to follow along.)*
- 5. We just read that we are never alone. If the Lord asks us to do something, He will be right there with us. We also read that God gave Moses clear instructions, and Moses acted and did what the Lord said.**
 - When is it hard to do what God tells us to do?** *(Allow kids time to answer.)*
 - What can you do to follow the Lord and obey Him with your actions?** *(Allow kids time to answer.)*

Take time for kids to reflect and talk about what they learned.

PRAY: God thank You for the chance to open the Bible and learn about You. Help us to live set apart and live out the truth that we love and follow You. Thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us from sin and give us the best example of how to live. Help us live our lives with actions that help others and honor You. We love you. Amen.

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6. ACTIVITY

Moses And Pharaoh

(Put up the "Team Craft Time" slide on your TV)

Supplies: "Moses And Pharaoh" printable, Craft sticks, Tape, Markers or crayons

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- **We are going to make puppets that will help us remember what happened in today's Bible story.**
- **We heard about two people in our story. One person made wrong choices and did not obey God—Pharaoh. Who made wrong choices? (Pharaoh!)**
- **One person made good choices and obeyed God—Moses. Who obeyed? (Moses!)**
- **That's right. We are going to color these pictures of Moses and Pharaoh, and then you can tape the pictures to craft sticks.**
- **You can use these puppets to retell the Bible story. Are you ready? Let's color!**

Keep It Going: Invite kids to form pairs and play out the Bible story as a leader narrates the story. Guide preschoolers to repeat the "lines" of Moses and Pharaoh. For example, "God told Moses to talk to Pharaoh. Moses obeyed and told Pharaoh, 'Let My people go.' (Let My people go.) Pharaoh said, 'No!' (No.) Pharaoh did not listen to Moses or obey God." Repeat 10 times and finally have Pharaoh say, "Yes!"

TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- **Your puppets look great.**
- **I am glad you will have these puppets to take home to help you remember our Bible story. We have been learning that God helps me with my actions.**
- **In our Bible story, God helped Moses follow Him and know what to say and do when he asked Pharaoh to let God's people go. Pharaoh made wrong choices and did not obey God in his actions.**
- **God will help us with our actions just like He helped Moses obey.**