

FOUR
JUNE 2022

3-5 YEAR -OLDS

**PRELUDE** 

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HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT 25 MINUTES

#### MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

# BIBLE STORY

Jesus can help me choose patience.

SIMEON AT THE TEMPLE LUKE 2:22-39

# MEMORY VERSE

"I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."

PHILIPPIANS 4:13, NLT

## KEY QUESTION

Who can help you do everything?

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus can help me do everything.

### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



# 1. COLOR-BY-NUMBER VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Making Waves Color-by-Number" Activity Page, paper, and crayons

#### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Making Waves Color-by-Number" on paper, one per child. Set the pages on the

table with the crayons nearby.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Point out the verse on the page and repeat it together. Encourage the children to color each section of the page with different colors. Continue reviewing the verse as they work.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Make sure each child's name is on their page and set out for pick-up. Gather all crayons and set them aside for clean-up.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, find a spot at the table. What do you see? Yes, waves! I also see some words here. Do you know what this says? It's our memory verse. Let's say it together. 'I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength,' Philippians 4:13."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Do you see the numbers here on the page? Let's pick a different color for each number. So if you choose green for number one, I want you to color the section with the number one green!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Let's make sure your name is on your page, and we'll set it over here for pick-up. I'm so glad that Jesus can give me the strength to do everything. He can help us be patient! Who can help you do everything? Jesus can help me do everything."



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# 6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in Bible at Philippians 4:13; journal, fun-shaped pen; and reward stickers or handstamp

#### SMALL GROUP LEADER:

Now you can sit down. Anyone who wants to say the verse can give it a try. I have my [stickers/handstamp] ready! (Give each child the opportunity to try to say the Bible verse.)

"Yay, [child's name]! Here is your [sticker/handstamp]! (Repeat with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.)

"Okay everyone, when I count to three, I want you to stand up and show me your [sticker/handstamp]. One, two, three! (Pause to look.) Yay! (Give fist bumps to the children.)

"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)

"Today, we'll make a list of things that are hard to wait for like your birthday or Christmas or dinner. After we make our list, we can use it when we talk to God. So tell me, what do you think is really hard to wait for, [child's name]? (Say each child's name as you write it down. Write what they say beside their name. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"Thanks for making this list with me. Would anyone like to pray before I do?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

#### PRAYER

**SGL:** "Dear God, waiting can be so hard sometimes. We want to choose patience and wait with a happy heart like Simeon did. Please help [child's name] wait for [what child listed] with a happy heart. (*Continue with each child.*) Waiting on Your plan will always be best. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

