

First LookTM

Curriculum for Preschoolers & Kindergarteners

We want preschoolers to take a first look at who God is and understand . . .

God made me.

God loves me.

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

May 16, 17, & 20 2020

Bible Story Focus: God loves me no matter what.

Prodigal Son • Luke 15:11-24

Memory Verse: "Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love."

Romans 8:39, NIrV

Key Question: Who loves you? **Bottom Line:** God loves me. **Basic Truth:** God loves me.

Worship:

Engage children's hearts through worship.

Memory Verse:

PARENT: "Do you remember what we're learning all month long? Who loves you?"

CHILDREN and PARENT: "God loves me!"

PARENT: "Yes, He does! Our memory verse reminds us just how much God loves us! Let's say it together. 'Nothing at all (shake head and wave your arms in front of you) can

separate (lock your fingers together) us from God's (point up with both hands) love (hug yourself).' Romans 8:39. (Open your hands like a book.)

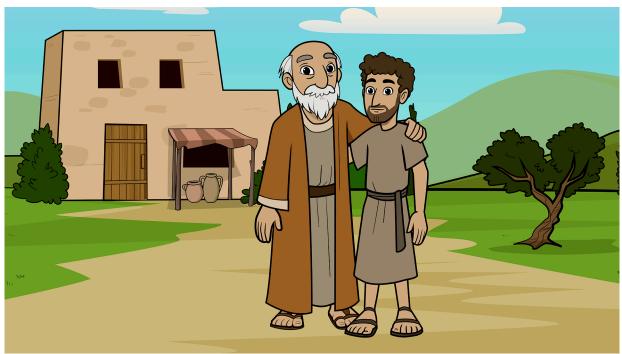
(Say the verse and do the motions several times together.)

"Great job! **God loves me** and you and you and you! There's nobody else in the world like you.

Bible Story

What You Need: Bible

PARENTS: "I'm REALLY glad to see you today because I have an awesome story to tell you. It's actually a story that Jesus told, so you know it's a good one! This story is about a father and a son. It's a story that teaches us that God loves us, no matter what!



"Are you ready to hear the story? If so, when I say, 'Are you ready?', you answer, (give two thumbs up) 'I'm ready!' So, are you ready?"

CHILDREN: "I'm ready!"

PARENT: "Awesome. One day, a son asked his dad if he could have a LOT of money that his dad was saving for when the son was MUCH older.



"The dad gave him the money. Then, the son packed up, took the money, and went far away.

"Once he'd arrived in this new place, he immediately spent his money on EVERYTHING.

"He bought clothes and toys and food. He kept spending his money until it was ALL gone.

"Everyone say, 'Uh-oh!"

PARENT: "Uh-oh!"



PARENT: "Uh-oh is right! All of his money was gone, and he was all alone. He didn't have a house to live in, or money, or food.

"In fact, at one point, he was so hungry that he wanted to eat pig's food. EWWW! The son knew he had made bad choices. And he was VERY sorry. He wanted to go back to his dad and tell him how sorry he was.

"So, he went back to his dad. When his dad saw him coming, he ran down the road to hug him!



"His dad forgave him. He LOVED him. Nothing could ever change that. And do you know what? God loves you the same way the father in the story loved his son. God will never, ever, ever stop loving you. He loves you no matter what! Tell me, **who loves you?**"

CHILDREN and PARENT: "God loves me."

PARENT: "That's the truth, friends! There isn't anything you could do to make God stop loving you! You are so special to God. Let's pray and thank God for loving us no matter what!"

PRAYER

PARENT: "Heavenly Father, thank You for the story of this son. Even when he messed up, the father forgave him because he loved him. Thank You for loving us, no matter what! We love You! In Jesus' name we pray, amen."



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