

JESUS, THE TEACHER

Timeless Truth: Jesus' teachings have earthly benefits and heavenly rewards.

Bible Basis: Matthew 5:2–12; 6:5–15; 14:22–32; Mark 4:30–41; 6:30–44; Luke 10:25–37; 15:1–7; John 6:66–71

Key Verse: [Simon Peter said,] "We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."
—John 6:69, NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 24: "Jesus, the Teacher"

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 24 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child experience teaching Bible stories. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

Jesus told stories to teach people. You can learn from Jesus' stories too.

TABLE TALK

- Tell me about your favorite story.
- What is your favorite Bible story?
- Can you tell me about some of the stories Jesus told? (*The Good Samaritan; The Prodigal Son*)

LIVING FAITH

This week's Bible story is all about the stories that Jesus taught. Let your child teach some Bible stories, too. Let your child pick his favorite Bible story and pretend to teach Sunday school to your family or to stuffed animals. Color a picture, sing songs, have a snack, and pray. Include as much of your child's normal Sunday school class schedule as you can. If you do the activity as a family, let each family member take turns teaching their favorite Bible story. When everyone is finished, thank God for the teachers that help you learn from Jesus' stories.

EXTRA MILE

Let your preschooler use strips of cloth, bandages, or a doctor kit to take care of a sick stuffed animal. Caring for a sick stuffed animal will help your child remember Jesus' story about the Good Samaritan.

Read many stories this week. Talk about what those stories teach us. Make sure to read some of Jesus' stories too.

Let your child make her own Bible storybook. You can use coloring pages from previous lessons or find some online. Staple the book together using construction paper for the cover.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray. Use these motions to help your child remember the prayer Jesus taught.

Our Father in heaven *(Raise your hands in the air to God.)*

May your name *(Fold your hands as if in prayer.)*

Be honored. *(With folded hands, bow.)*

May your kingdom *(Put your hands on your head, fingers up like a crown.)*

Come. *(Wave someone toward you.)*

May what you want to happen be done *(Point up.)*

On earth *(Make a circle with your arms.)*

As it is done in heaven. *(Raise your hands in the air.)*

Give us today *(Hit a fist in the palm of your other hand.)*

Our daily bread *(Pretend to eat.)*

Forgive us our sins *(Cover your face with your hands.)*

Just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. *(Pretend to pat someone on the back.)*

Keep us from falling into sin *(Sway as if you are about to fall.)*

When we are tempted. *(Put a finger to your chin as if you are thinking about something.)*

Save us *(Raise your hands in the air to God.)*

From the evil one. *(Point behind you as if a bad guy is chasing you.)*