



Lesson
42

2s & 3s

INTRO TO JESUS' MINISTRY

June 6 & 7

JESUS IS OUR TEACHER



LESSON GOAL:

Background: Jesus came to earth and invited people to follow Him and turn back to God. He taught people about God and showed them how to live, like in the Sermon on the Mount. Everything Jesus did was part of God's big plan to save us!

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that Jesus is our teacher. We can follow His example and learn from Him how to live God's way.

Matthew 4-7

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

KIDS CAMP - June 8-11

woodmenvalley.org/kidscamp

Home Discipleship Parenting Class

Hosted @ Downtown campus

July 13, 20, 27 - woodmenvalley.org/kids



KEY VERSE:

"Even the Son of Man did not come to be served. Instead, he came to serve others. He came to give his life as the price for setting many people free."

Mark 10:45, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

KIDS CAMP

You don't have to go far away to be a missionary. God has given you a mission field right where you are! Your school, your neighborhood, your team, and your friends are all places where you can show God's love every day. Being kind, including other kids and talking about Jesus are powerful ways to make a difference.

One of the best ways to be a missionary right now is by inviting your friends to Kids Camp and praying for lives to be changed through this upcoming week of camp!

PRAY: For God to help kids at all Woodmen campuses learn more about God and how he wants us to love our enemies!



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in time is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome by creating a welcoming environment.



WELCOME FAMILIES

As kids arrive to check-in, greet them and help them feel safe, seen and secure.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

(Insert parent name), do you have a diaper bag or any other specific instructions for today? *(Respond accordingly)* Enjoy service!

DO:

Help kids feel **SAFE** (physically & emotionally), **SEEN** (known & understood) and **SOOTHED** (calmed & supported) so they can become **SECURE** in your classroom.



FREE PLAY

The goal of free play is to create space for toddlers to get adapted to the classroom so they can connect with the Ministry Partners and other kids.

DO:

As kids play with the classroom toys and games, take time to connect on their level. Initiate conversation by relating to something the child is doing, something you notice about him/her or an overview of what they can expect during class. The goal is to help them feel safe and connected.

Examples:

- That's a nice red shirt you're wearing! Is red your favorite color?
- I see you're holding a yellow lego. What are you building?
- I see that you're sad. Your grown ups went to church but they'll be back soon.
- We're going to learn about Jesus here. When we clean up our toys, we're going to do a craft.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



MAKE: "Let's Be More Like Jesus!" Action Card Set

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: action card ring set (1 per child), markers/crayons



DO:

Pass out a card set to each kid. Have the kids color the different action cards as you talk with them about what each one means.



SAY:

Today we're learning how Jesus is our teacher! That means we can follow Jesus' example and learn how to live God's way. Let's color this action card set that you can take home and use! Once we're finished coloring, let's act out some of these actions together to practice following Jesus' example!



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by discussing the Big 3 questions.



SAY:

Answer THE BIG 3 questions to help kids prepare for the lesson

1. Who is our story about today?

Jesus, His followers, us

2. What is the problem?

We need someone to rescue us from our sins and teach us how to live God's way.

3. What will God do?

God sent Jesus to the earth to rescue us from our sins and teach us how to live God's way.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

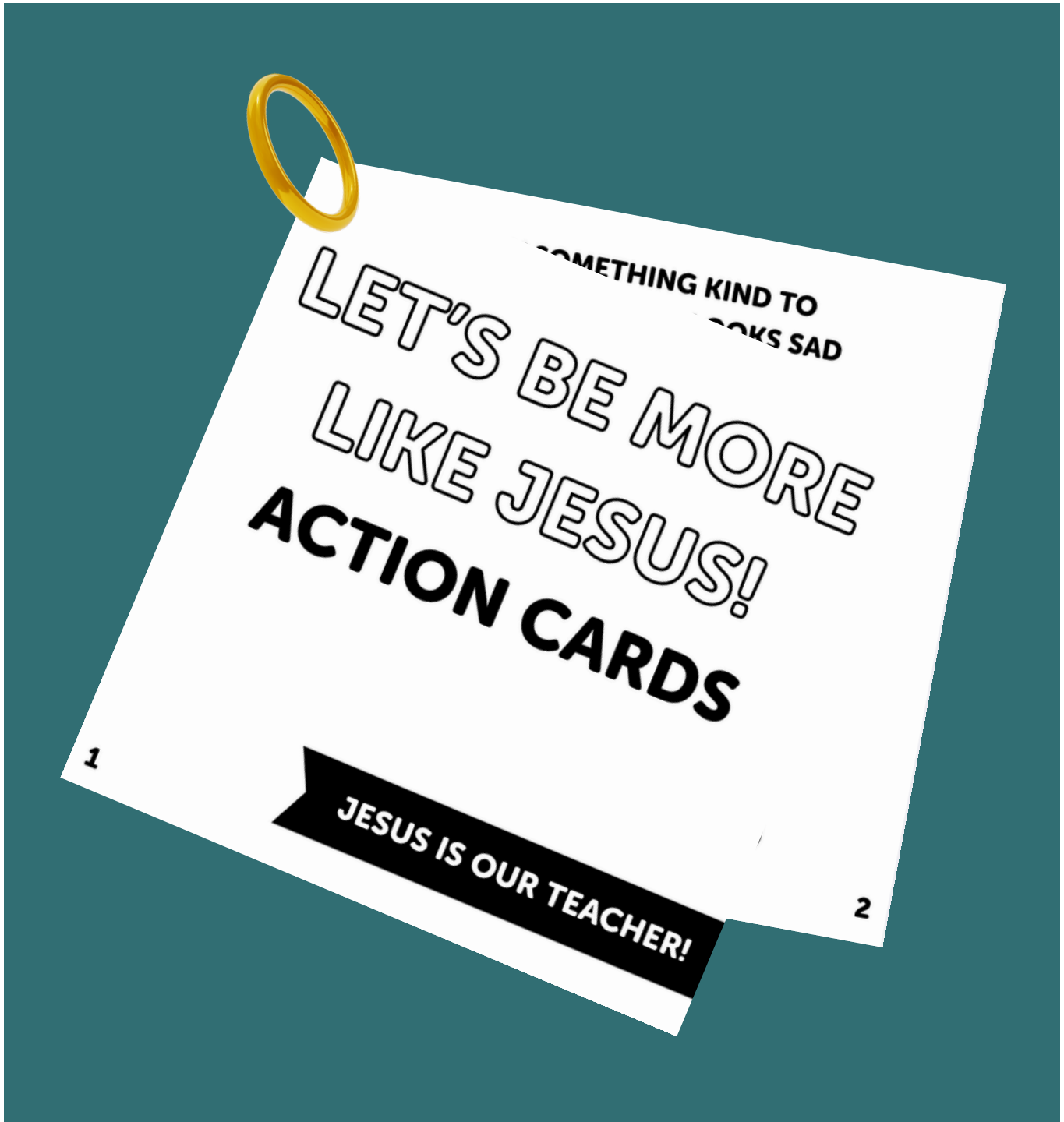
Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to transition to Large Group by sitting quietly in the designated story area.



SAY:

Let's all work together to clean up so we can hear our Bible story for the day. We can sing a song as we clean!

Sing: "Clean up, clean up, everybody do your share. Clean up, clean up, everybody everywhere."



6:25-6:40pm
9:25-9:40am
11:25-11:40am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God through Worship, an engaging Bible story and a time of response.



EXPECTATIONS

As you begin Large Group, play the Church Today Expectations video ([Plex > Videos > EC > 2s & 3s](#))

SAY:

We're glad to be at church today.
We will listen, we will pray.
We'll sit quietly in our spot.
We'll tell Jesus we love Him a lot!

DO:

PRAY before transitioning to worship.



WORSHIP

Use the Little Kids music videos on Plex to sing some simple songs with your class. To access these videos, go to [Plex > Videos > EC > 2s/3s](#) folder.

SONG 1: My God is So Big

SONG 2: The B-I-B-L-E

SONG 3: Jesus Loves Me



BIBLE STORY

Use the Hamilton puppet to help read the Bible story (see script on page 4). Use the flipbook provided.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Supplies: "Jesus is Our Teacher" foot prints (1 set per class)

Jesus is our teacher! We can follow Jesus' example and learn from Him as we try to live more like God! Let's do an activity right now to help us remember to follow Jesus as our teacher. **Invite kids to make a line. Then, lay the foot prints on the ground and have kids take turns stepping across the foot prints as they say "Jesus is our teacher!"**



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you follow Jesus with your whole life, trusting that He is your teacher!

BIBLE STORY

Hamilton's Prop: tiny Bible



INTRODUCTION - HAMILTON

Use the Hamilton puppet to introduce the lesson topic and get the kids engaged.



SAY:

Hi Hamilton! **Hamilton comes out reading his tiny Bible.** What are you doing today, Hamilton? **Hamilton whispers in your ear.** You're reading your Bible so you can learn more about Jesus? **Hamilton nods excitedly.** That's a great idea! You know, our Bible story for today is actually all about how Jesus is our teacher, Hamilton. Do you want to listen to it with us? **Hamilton nods.** Friends, if you're ready to hear our Bible story, can you wiggle your ears with me? **Wiggle ears together.** Let's dive in!



BIBLE STORY

Use the Hamilton puppet to help read the Bible story. Use the story cards in your curriculum folder as you read the story.



SAY:

Jesus is God's Son! Jesus came to earth as part of God's great rescue plan to save us from our sins. While Jesus was on earth, He did many amazing things. He fixed people who were sick. **Can you show me your happy face?** He did impossible things that only God can do. **Can you show me your surprised face?** And Jesus taught people all over about what it means to follow Him and live for God!

One of Jesus's longest teachings is called the Sermon on the Mount where he told his followers to live in a way that shows God's love. Jesus is OUR teacher too! We may not get to hear these special lessons from Jesus right in front of us, but Jesus gave us a very special book that helps us learn all about Him! Does anyone know what that book is called? **Hamilton holds up his Bible and waves it around.** That's right, it's the Bible! The Bible is God's Word and it is full of true stories that all point back to God's BIG story.

Hamilton whispers in your ear. That's right, Hamilton! Jesus teaches us many things like how to be kind to everyone, how to help others, and how to share God's love! We can learn so much for Jesus because **Jesus is our teacher!**

6:40-6:55pm
9:40-9:55am
11:40-11:55am

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



SAY IT OUT LOUD!

Help the students remember the God Statement for the day by repeating it aloud and doing simple motions to help them remember the phrase.

SAY:

Today our God statement is **Jesus Is Our Teacher!**

Let's say it together in a fun way to help us remember it.

Say it loudly, softly and in a fun voice. Then do the hand motions.

DO:

Use simple hand motions to help kids remember the God Statement as you say it together.



ACTIVITY- Follow the Teacher

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the students can participate in this activity that reinforces the daily lesson.

Supplies: None

SAY:

Today, we learned how Jesus is our teacher! A teacher is very important because they help us learn and know what to do. We're going to play a game to help us practice following the teacher!

DO:

Have the kids sit or stand in a circle. Have the kids follow you as you repeat easy actions (clapping, stomping, patting your head, spinning, etc.) As you do each motion say, "Jesus is our teacher! We can follow Him!"

6:55-7:10pm
9:55-10:10am
11:55am-12:10pm

EAT & PLAY

The goal of this time is to provide a snack, introduce kids to structured classroom games, have free play and to encourage interaction and participation with others.



SNACK

Check your classroom roster to ensure none of your kids have allergies, then offer each child a snack and water (provided in your classroom).



GAME IDEAS

While your class can participate in free play for most of the remaining classroom time, please try to lead at least one structured activity with your class.



DO:

- Play “I Spy” focusing on color, shape, and letter recognition
- Freeze Dance
- Duck, Duck, Goose
- Hot Potato
- Charades
- Odd One Out Game
- Hokey, Pokey
- Popcorn Parachute Game
- Read a book or a story out of picture Bible
- Gather paper and crayons and practice drawing

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their Explore craft or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any upcoming events or announcements while handing their parent the announcement card or flyer.