

WEEK 1 PRESCHOOL LESSON



Need to Know: *I Can Change*

Bible Story: *Paul Is Changed by Jesus (Acts 9:1-22)*

Circle Up

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1. WELCOME kids to church.
 2. SAY: *Hello, friends! My name is (YOUR NAME), and I'm your small group leader! (SHOW the **ninja rubber ducky**) This is my ninja friend, and he wants to meet each of you. When he comes to you, tell him your name! I'll go first!* (SAY your name again, and PASS the ninja rubber ducky to the child beside you)
 3. PASS the ninja rubber ducky around the group, and ALLOW each child to introduce themselves.
 4. After all kids have been introduced, SAY:
 - *Now we are officially ninjas in training! The first thing ninjas do is say, "Hi-yah!" to doing wrong things and then CHANGE to do what's right. Let me hear your best "Hi-yah!"* (Everyone will say, "Hi-yah!")
 - *Great job! Since we are all ninjas, we can change and start doing what's right! Let me hear all of you say this after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
 - I Can* (thumbs to chest)
 - Change* (wave hands in front of face)
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Read the Bible

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1. SAY: *There's a story in the Bible about a man who made a very big change and started doing what's right. Let's read his story together and find out what happened.*
 2. HAVE kids get ready to hear the Bible story by clicking on their listening ears and putting on their special eyes.
 3. SHOW and READ the **Bible Story Cards** to the group.
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Let's Practice

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1. SAY: *Let's play a game to help us know how we can change and do what's right! When it's your turn, you will roll this pocket die. (DEMONSTRATE how to roll the **pocket die**) Then I will ask you a question about the ninja the die lands on (POINT to the **Ninja Picture** on top of the die). Let's play!*
2. ALLOW each child to roll the pocket die.
3. SHOW the group the Ninja Picture that is on the top of the pocket die.
4. After each child's turn, ASK the following, and ALLOW kids to respond:
 - *What is this ninja doing?* (Options are: chasing a friend, crying, kicking, throwing star, stealing, making a mess)
 - *How can this ninja change to do what's right?* (Possible changes are listed below)
 - Chasing a friend – Stop running and high-five a friend
 - Crying – Stop crying and ask for help, be kind, be thankful
 - Kicking a friend – Keep feet and hands to yourself, walk away
 - Throwing a toy – Not throw things, but pass them carefully
 - Stealing – Not take what doesn't belong to him, ask for what he needs
 - Making a Mess – Clean up the mess, be more careful
5. CONTINUE until each child has had a turn to roll. Then SAY:
 - *Great job! Jesus wants us to say, "Hi-yah!" to the wrong things we do and start doing what is right! He wants to help us change! Let me hear you say this after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
 - I Can* (thumbs to chest)
 - Change* (wave hands in front of face)



ASSIST the child in rolling the pocket die if he/she is unable.

Memorize It

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1. SAY: *There's a verse from God's Word that says God wants to help us change from doing or thinking wrong things to doing what's right. He wants to make our hearts and minds new! I want to teach this verse to you now!*
 2. SHOW the **Memory Verse Card**, and HAVE kids repeat the verse after you several times.
"Be made new (wave hands in front of face)
in your hearts (pat heart)
and in your thinking." (point to head)
Ephesians 4:23 (make book with hands)
 3. REMIND kids to practice this verse with their family at home so they can win a prize in a few weeks.
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Let's Pray

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PRAY with your group, having them repeat after you in short phrases:

- *Jesus, thank You for loving me! Please help me change and do what's right! Thank You for my snack. I love You! Amen.*
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Stay Together

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1. **SANITIZE** each child's hands, and **PASS** out **snacks**.
2. **KEEP** kids engaged in Small Group until they are checked out by doing the following activities:
 - PLACE the **crayons** in the center of the group. GIVE kids **Memory Verse Coloring Sheets** to color and take home. As kids color, ASK:
 - *Who is someone that helps you at home?* (ALLOW responses) *One way God helps you to be made new in your heart and thinking is by using people at home to help you change. Your family can help you know when and how you can do what's right.*
 - *What is one way you can do what's right at home today?*
 - *How can I be praying for you this week?*
 - ROLL the **pocket die**. HAVE kids pretend to do what the ninja on the **pocket die** is doing. Then HAVE them change and pretend to do the right thing!
 - PLAY "Hot Potato" with the **ninja rubber ducky**.
 - HAVE kids say the Need to Know or memory verse as they pass the **ducky** quickly.
 - At the end of the Need to Know or memory verse, ALLOW the child who is holding the **ducky** to tell the group a ninja move to do.
 - CONTINUE until each child has a chance to tell the group a ninja move.
 - PLAY "Sensei Says" (pronounced: Sin-say) with the following moves or come up with your own.
*NOTE: SAY, "Sensei says," before each motion.
 - Touch your toes - Karate chop - Pat heart - Run in place
 - Touch your head - Karate block - Stomp feet - Clap hands