

WEEK 2 PRESCHOOL LESSON



Need to Know: *I Can Tell the Truth*

Bible Story: *Jesus Forgives Peter for Lying (John 18:15-18, 18:25-27, 21:15-17)*

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!")
 - *If you say, "Hi-yah!" and accidentally kick over your cup of water, should you tell your mom the truth or tell her a lie about what happened?* (Tell her the truth)
 - *Yes! Since we are all ninjas, we can do what's right by telling the truth! Let me hear all of you say this after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
 - I Can* (thumbs to chest)
 - Tell* (cup hands around mouth)
 - The Truth* (two thumbs up)
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Read the Bible

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1. SAY: *There's a story in the Bible about a time Jesus forgave someone for lying. Let's read this 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: *It's not always easy, but Jesus wants you and me to do what's right and tell the truth. And Tiny Tiger wants to help us practice!*
2. SHOW and READ each **Tiny Tiger Card** to the group, and ALLOW kids to respond.
3. CONTINUE until all Cards have been read and discussed. Then SAY:
 - *Jesus wants us to say, "Hi-yah!" to telling lies and start telling the truth! Let me hear you say this after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
 - I Can* (thumbs to chest)
 - Tell* (cup hands around mouth)
 - The Truth* (two thumbs up)

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 to tell the truth! 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 **Coloring Sheets** to color and take home. As kids color, ASK:
 - *Do you ever have a hard time telling the truth?*
 - *What do you think you would like most about being a real ninja?*
 - *How can I be praying for you this week?*
 - 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 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