

# PRESCHOOL

Date MAY 12, 2024



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O you who are enthroned in  
the heavens!” Psalm 123:1

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## Psalm 125:1-5

- <sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
- <sup>2</sup>As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds his people,  
from this time forth and forevermore.
- <sup>3</sup>For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
lest the righteous stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.
- <sup>4</sup>Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts!
- <sup>5</sup>But those who turn aside to their crooked ways  
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!  
Peace be upon Israel!



### Arrival & Free Time (30 minutes)

Objective: Connect with the kids through games and play time (kids attending worship with families will arrive about 20 minutes in)

### Clean Up (5 minutes)

Objective: Before moving onto the next thing, get the toys picked up and the classroom organized

### Bible Story Time (10 minutes)

Objective: Learning God's Word in an applicable way for preschool kids

### Prayer Time (\*5 minutes)

\*take as much time as needed

Objective: Talking to God is our greatest privilege

### Craft Time (10-15 minutes)

Objective: Apply what you have learned through creativity

### Play Time (5-10 minutes)

Objective: Now that we have learned God's Word, let's have some well deserved fun

### Clean Up / Dismissal (3-5 minutes)

Objective: Respect your leaders and God's house by leaving the classroom clean and tidy

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## **Free Time & Clean Up (35 minutes)**

The goal of this time is connecting and interacting with the kids. Three- and four-year-olds love to share all kinds of fun facts with adults. Be attentive and ask questions that encourage them to share about their lives. The more invested in the kids we are, the more they will be invested in what we have to teach them.

Some kids will attend worship with their families and arrive about 20 minutes after the service starts. Allow free time to continue long enough for them to have time to play for about 5 or 10 minutes.

## **Bible Story Time and Prayer Time (15 minutes)**

While the whole passage is included on page one, we will only cover the main points with the preschool class. Most weeks will have two or three main points that all direct back to the big question of the day. These points will coincide with the sermon for that day, helping to enhance our *full family experience*. It is important that we keep in mind that the preschool class needs to be taught on a preschool level, so keep things light, fun and applicable for their age group. An example of how to tell the Bible Story will be given each week, but feel free to make it your own. As long as the main points are covered, the children will learn the most when the teacher feels confident in the presentation.

## **Craft Time (10-15 minutes)**

Craft time gives the kids the opportunity to create something that goes along with what they have learned. This allows kids to take home a piece of the lesson to share with their families. This is another way we can incorporate a *full family experience*. Supplies and instructions will be provided.

## **Play Time (5-10 minutes)**

Being mindful that preschoolers have a shorter attention span than older kids, having extra built in play time in the schedule is a must. When nice enough, take the kids outside to play. Just like during the free time at the beginning, use this time to connect and interact with the kids.

## **Clean Up and Dismissal (3-5 minutes)**

Our goal is for the kids to feel that their classroom is their space. Being responsible for leaving the room the way it was when they arrived helps teach responsibility. Make a game out of it and make it fun, and kids will actually look forward to this time. Parents should be arriving at this point, so dismiss in an orderly fashion.

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## BIBLE STORY TIME:

Let's play a game! Play musical chairs.

Even though while we played the game, we didn't always get a chair, those of us who did get a chair in time all had one thing in common: the chair held them up!. Nobody took the time to look under the chair to make sure it had sturdy legs. Nobody wiggled the chair to make sure it was sturdy. Everyone just sat down as fast as they could hoping to not be the one left standing without a chair. And, everyone who got a chair was held up by the chair.

Why do you think we can trust the chair to hold us up when we sit down? Because that's what a chair does! Chairs are made to hold us up. And, we have probably all sat in a lot of chairs and every time we sit in one and it does what it is supposed to do, our trust in it becomes stronger. And this is what we are going to learn today about trusting God! **Those who trust in the Lord cannot be moved!**

Let's read our Bible passage for today:

Read Psalm 125:1-2

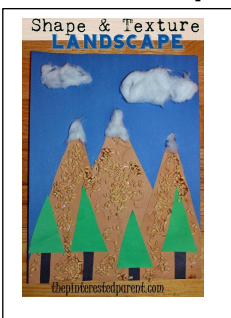
### Sermon Connection:

**Putting our trust in God means we can stand strong and not be moved.** The example we see here is a mountain. Even really strong winds and rain and storms can't move a mountain. And, **those who trust in the Lord will be secure like that too.** And, these verses teach us that God surrounds His people like the mountains surround Jerusalem. **Like a big hug, God surrounds His people and protects them.**

So, if we can trust a chair to hold us up because it is supposed to, we can trust God to protect us because the Bible teaches us that He will. And, we know that He has many, many times, so our trust in Him becomes stronger every time we see Him protect us. **We know that those who trust in the Lord cannot be moved!**

Let's pray and thank God for being trustworthy and surrounding us with His love!

## CRAFT: Shapes & Textures



Give each child a piece of blue construction paper. Then, give the different shapes to create the mountains, trees, clouds, etc. Explain that God surrounds His people like the mountains surround Jerusalem. Those who trust in the LORD will not be moved