

Teacher's Lesson for children

Life of Christ

Guard against wrong

Matthew 16:5-12

Younger Verse

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5

Older Verse

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your path straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

Lesson Goals

Know how to look things up in the Bible to see what is right and true.
Understand that what God tells us is Truth and we can believe it.

Welcome Time

Have you ever had someone tell you something and you wondered if they were telling the truth? What did you do to find out if they were telling the truth? (wait for answers) Today's lesson is about this. Listen closely.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Remember how we talked about the Pharisees. They were people who said they loved God but inside their hearts they were not truthful. They tried to trick Jesus. However, each time, Jesus knew their tricks and tried to help them see their mistakes. They did not like Jesus because He pointed out their wrongs.

Once again, these men tried to test Jesus. Jesus knew they were playing a game and He did not fall for the trick.

He took His friends and they paddled across the lake in a boat. As they were going, some of His friends realized that they forgot to bring bread to eat.

Jesus used that moment to teach His friends an important lesson.

As they were floating, Jesus said, "Be careful! Guard against the yeast of the proud, church leaders like those Pharisees."

Jesus' friends looked at each other. They scratched their heads to figure out what Jesus was saying. They thought Jesus said this because they forgot to bring bread with them, and bread has yeast in it.

Jesus heard them talking. He told them that He did not have to worry about bread. Then He reminded them of the great feast they had with a little boy's lunch of 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. Next, He reminded them that another time He took 7 loaves of bread and fed lots of people.

Then again, He told them that He was not talking about bread but about the lies that people can spread about what God wants and who He is.

After this, His friends understood. They saw that He was talking about being careful about what you believe and whom you trust.

This was a very important thing for Jesus to say. He wants us to be careful about what we believe and whom we trust. There are many people who pretend to be good and even love God. Inside they may be trying to trick you.

How can we know whom to believe? We can look at the Bible and see what it says about things. That's what one group of people did. Let's look at Acts 17:10-12. A man named Paul, who believed in Jesus, went to the town church/school to tell the people about Jesus. They wanted to hear all he had to say about Him. It says that they looked through the Bible every day to find out if the things Paul was saying were true.

What did they find out? They saw that what Paul said was true and they believed in Jesus. They trusted Him because they proved that what He was saying was true.

Have you ever wondered if some of the things that we say are true? Look it up in the Bible and see for yourself. The Bible is true and can tell you what is right and wrong.

One thing that we know is true is something that happened to Jesus. Jesus did something that no one else in the world would ever do. He died in the place of us. He took our place and died for all the bad things we have done. But that's not all! After 3 days, He came back to life! Jesus was alive again!

There is a reason for what Jesus did. He knew that all our bad stuff separated us from God. The only way to get rid of all the wrongs was to clean them away. Jesus did this by dying for all the bad things we have done. It does not mean that you automatically get to Heaven. We have to believe in Jesus and ask Him to come into our lives. We have to tell Him we are sorry for all the bad stuff and truly want to do right. Then, Jesus comes into our lives and stays there forever. He helps us and promises never to leave us.

Would you like to know more? Talk to us during activity time.

Learning Activities

Impress on the children the importance of knowing what you believe and how to find something in the Bible. Use activities that will help them remember.

Memory Verse Activities

Make up actions to go with the verse. This is a powerful verse to help the kids see that God will help them and direct their path.

Prayer Time

Thank God for being Truth and helping us know what is right and true. Thank Him for sending Jesus and giving us the Bible to help us know what is right.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Take time to answer questions and show the kids how to find things in the Bible. Snack together and use the time to answer questions.

Planning for July 16th
Peter's answers a question
Matthew 16:13-18

Preschool Lesson
for
Guard against wrong teaching

One day Jesus and His friends were sailing on a lake. They were having fun in the water and probably trying to catch some fish.

Suddenly one of Jesus' friends remembered that he forgot to bring something to eat for the group. Everyone moaned.

Jesus told them not to worry about food. He reminded them that He had taken a little boy's lunch and made plenty of food for a large, large group of people.

They smiled and remembered the special day.

Then Jesus explained that His friends should always be careful and do what is right. He shared that some people try to tell you wrong things and want you to believe it.

Jesus was trying to help them see that they must be careful about whom they trust and believe.

The Bible can help us when we are not sure what to believe. It is truth and can show us what we should do. It gives us help in knowing what is right and wrong and correcting mistakes.

God is so good to give us the Bible to help us do right! Let's take time to pray and thank God for the Bible.

Do a little finger play "A Special Book." See attached sheet.

Sing "The B-I-B-L-E."

Hands-on Activities for Guard against wrong teaching

Show the kids how to look up something in the Bible. Show them a concordance and explain that it has key words to help a person find a verse in the Bible. Practice looking for something.

Sometimes, children mention that they have seen a Bible story on a video or on TV. Help the kids understand that they can look up the stories in the Bible and see for themselves if a story is really true or if it really happened the way that the show told it. If the kids have seen a recent show like this, open your Bible and see how realistic it was.

This may be a great day to help the kids remember/learn the books of the Bible. You may also show them how to find books in the Table of Contents in the front of the Bible. Have fun and call out books and see who can find it first--boys or girls.

Make little copies of Bibles for each person to take home. Challenge them to think of a question to discuss next week. Another idea is to challenge them to look in their Bibles for answers to questions they have. Ask them to tell about it next week. (Teachers: be sensitive here so that no one takes a passage out of context.)

Be sure you bring extra Bibles for the kids to use. Show them some of your favorite Bible verses and how they can find them in the Bible. Some will wonder why their Bible has a different look, why the same verse may be worded differently, or why it is on a different page number. Share how the Bible was originally written in another language and we had to translate it into English. As people translate, they may translate a word a little differently, but it still means the same thing. Explain how we may have several words for the same object. Hold up a coke can and ask them what it is. Some may say "a Coke," other may say "Soda," and others may say the name brand. It is all the same thing but different ways of saying what it is.

Make little edible Bibles. Ice two graham cracker squares with frosting or marshmallow cream. Place a sliver of a fruit roll-up or licorice on it (to look like a bookmark). Top with a second cracker. Enjoy!

Jesus talked about yeast in our lesson today. Bring a sample of yeast in a package and add water to it. Watch it foam and begin to smell. Share how yeast mixes into bread dough and makes it rise.