

WEEK 4 PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



THE BIG IDEA

Step four, leave the results to God.

THE BIBLE

God Promises a Savior:
Jeremiah 33:14-16

WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Jam Session

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** You can lead kids in worship with any songs you like best, but here are a few songs that go along with this month's theme. Make sure you have purchased any licenses required to play or perform these songs. For more information, [read this!](#)
 - "Your Power Will Pull Us Through" (Group Publishing)
 - "I Will Pray" (Yancy)
 - "Trust In You" (Kidspring)
 - "God's Handiwork" (Lantern Music)

ACTIVITY | Tough Cookie

- Hey, kids! Welcome back to The Plate It Cooking Show! This is our last week of learning about the prophets in the Bible and how we can prep ourselves for doing life with God.
- **What is it called when you have a treat after dinner?** That's right, dessert! It's my favorite part of a meal! And for today's dessert . . . cookies!
- **Which cookie should I try to make today?**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Leave out a tray of a few decorated cookies along with plain sugar cookies, icing, sprinkles, and other items. Have kids help you pick which cookie to try to copy. If you'd like, you can prepare a batch of cookies to pass out after this or give each kid their own plain sugar cookie to decorate!
- I know today I only decorated this cookie, but in order to make cookies, it starts with making the dough. Then we have to bake them in the oven.

- The whole process takes a bit of time, but when we follow all the directions of the cookie recipe and we wait patiently, we will get the right cookies!
- Today we are going to talk about what else we can do to show that we want to live for God!

ACTIVITY | Piece of the Pie

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Split kids into groups of six. Print and cut the first page of the printable and distribute a piece to each kid in the group. For groups of less than six, give a few kids more than one piece or give it to a leader. Have each kid color their piece. Then, give each group a blank grid printable (one copy for every six kids) and have them glue their piece onto the corresponding numbered space once they are finished coloring.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Instead of cutting the printable, fold it along the lines in various ways, showing them only one section at a time. See if they can guess what the picture is. Afterward, unfold the paper and help them color in the image.
- The finished puzzle is absolutely fantastic! I love how everyone prepared a beautiful piece of the puzzle, and when we put all the pieces together, it resulted in a unique, one-of-a-kind picture!

TEACHING TIME

BIBLE STORY | God Promises a Savior

- It's time to tune in to the Bible story segment of The Plate It Cooking Show!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read *Jeremiah 33:14–16* in an easy-to-understand translation such as CEV or NIV.
- Jeremiah was one of God's prophets, like Elijah and Samuel, who spoke for God to the people who needed to hear God's message.
- During Jeremiah's time, God's people, the Israelites, would not listen to God. Jeremiah warned the people that bad things would happen if they kept it up, but they still didn't listen.
- In the end, God's people were taken over by another kingdom. They no longer had their own country.
- But God did not forget the Israelites. God spoke to Jeremiah again and this time, God wanted him to share good news.
 - *[Read verse 14.]* Everyone hold up your pinky fingers. Cross your finger with someone next to you. **When we do this, what does it mean?** It means we're making a promise. God made a promise to save the people!
 - *[Read verse 15.]* God said that somebody from the family of King David would become the best king of all – a king that cared about the people and did everything right.
 - *[Read verse 16.]* This king would save not just the Israelites but everybody everywhere. **Shout it out if you know who the Bible is talking about!** Yes, Jesus!
- God promised to send Jesus to save everyone from their sin. Sin is what we call things we do that make God sad.
- Jesus put an end to sin and made it possible for us to live with God forever!

BIG IDEA | Step four, leave the results to God.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Create a new Big Idea plate for this week. Hold the “plate” as a server would hold a platter with one hand. With your other hand, remove the tablecloth by pinching it in the center and lifting it up quickly and dramatically. (You could use the same prop as last week and simply cover the Big Idea from last week with the new one.)
- It isn’t just the Israelites who continuously disobeyed God. We disobey God, too! Thankfully, God had the end result in mind when God promised us a Savior. Let’s say our Big Idea together. **Step four, leave the results to God.**

VIDEO | Plate It, Episode 4

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week’s episode of Cali’s World.

OBJECT LESSON | Seeds the Day

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare a pot of soil, a bottle of water, and a light source. Gather the children and show them the packet of food seeds (e.g., tomatoes).
- **Have you ever tried to grow food from a seed?** It’s not easy. You might think that you can just put the seed in some soil, then watch and see if it grows.
 - [Put the seeds in the soil. Pause and look intensely at the soil, like you’re just waiting for something to happen.]
- **Why isn’t it working? What are some things that plants need?** That’s right! They need water and sunlight!
 - [Pour some water over the soil and expose it to sunlight if possible.]
- This plant might grow really tall or it might not even grow at all. I’m not sure what will happen, but I need to do my part and care for this plant.
- When we live for God, we don’t know how things will turn out. We don’t know what we’ll grow up to be. We don’t even really know what the weather will be like tomorrow. But God does.
- So all we need to do is do our part. We should do the things God wants us to do. And God will take care of the rest!
- We can trust God, talk to God, and listen to God. But after all that, don’t leave out **step four – leave the results to God!**

PRAYER

- Wow, God! You love us so much. Thank you for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Help us to not forget the ways we can prepare ourselves to serve you. We trust that you are in control no matter what! Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Edible Gift Box

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Help kids make an edible gift box by spreading icing all over a graham cracker square. Then, lay a length of candy from top to bottom of the square and then from side to side of the square. Be aware of any food allergies that might exist and swap out ingredients as needed.

- **What promise did we hear about through Jeremiah?**
- Today we heard how God promised a Savior to take away our sin. Jesus was the Savior that God promised. Let's celebrate the gift of Jesus with a special snack.

ACTIVITY | Return the Result

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pick a few kids to come to the front. Have them draw something on a piece of paper. Hand their drawings to leaders and have them transform the kids' drawings by coloring them in or adding to them creatively. You could even have the kids tell the leaders what they would like added to their drawings. Have the leaders return the drawings to their owners.*
- **What was it like to wait for the new drawing?**
- **Did the drawing turn out the way you thought it would?**
- God's people waited a very long time for Jesus to come to earth. But all they needed to do while they waited was to trust God, talk to God, listen to God, and of course, **step four . . . leave the results to God.**

ACTIVITY | Teamwork Towers

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Provide two bins filled with identical but random kitchen items (e.g., measuring cups, small pots, oven mitts, small cutting boards, plates, and cups). Split kids into two teams. One kid from each team will take something out of the bin, take it to the other side of the room, and place it on their designated tray. The next kid will take out another item and stack it on top. Keep going until all the items in the bin have been used. See who stacked everything the fastest and whose tower didn't fall over.*
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Have toddlers try to stack these items at their own pace, or have them stack cups or plates only.*
- How wonderful to see you all working together!
- God works with us just like we work with each other. The difference between God and us is that we don't know how things will turn out but God knows everything!
- Maybe things don't always work out the way we want. Just like this game, things might fall over and we might get upset sometimes. But even when things like that happen, we can relax because God will always take care of us.
- That's what it means to leave the results to God!

MEMORY VERSE | Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have the kids sit in a circle. Play upbeat music and pass the spoon around the circle. Pause the music randomly. The child holding the spoon should stand and recite the memory verse after you. Repeat until more children have had a chance to say the verse.*
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Have toddlers bang two plastic or metal spoons together while repeating the verse after you.*

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute the coloring page along with crayons or markers. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse. For added fun, keep their coloring pages each week, and at the end of the month, bind them together to create a coloring page "recipe book" they can take home!*

ACTIVITY | Pie Tin Toss

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have kids use pie tins like frisbees and aim them at an "oven" (large cardboard box lying on its side). For added fun, cut a large circular label into thirds or fourths and give kids a "slice" every time they make it into the oven. Kids can keep trying until they get the whole "pie" sticker!*

ACTIVITY | Big Idea Recipe Book

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid four index cards and a copy of the printable. Have them color their printable, then help them cut out each item and glue it on separate index cards. Hole punch the corner of each card and bind them together with binder rings.*
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Assemble these "recipe books" in advance so toddlers will only have to color the pages. Or cut out all the printable pieces and help them glue them on.*

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.