

Bible stories for the kindergarten program

Term 1

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How God made the world Genesis 1

Love Week 1

Who made the world?
God did.

At one time there was no world.
There was no sun and no moon.

Then God said, "Let there be light."
And there was. This was day one.

Then God said, "Let there be a sky.
Let there be water and land.
This was day two.

Then God said, "Let there be plants."

This was day three.

Then God said, "Let there be a sun, a moon and stars." This was day four.

Then God said, "Let there be fish in the water and birds in the sky." This was day five.

Then God said, "Let there be animals on the land. Let there be people too." This was day six.

Then God said, "Everything I have made is very good. I will rest." This was day seven.

God made me special Genesis 1; Psalm 139

Love Week 3

I am special. That's because God made me special.

There is no one else the same as me.

There is no one else with the same eyes as me.

There is no one else with the same hair as me.

There is no one else with the same finger print as me.

I am special. That's because God made me special.

God made me to be His special friend.

God loves me very much. He loves me just the way I am. That's because He made me.

Jesus knew their names John 1:43-50

Love Week 4

When Jesus called the disciples to be His followers, He called them by name. The first ones He called were the four fishermen, Simon, Andrew, James and John. One day, Jesus met Philip walking down a street in Galilee. He knew that Philip would become one of His friends.

"Follow me," Jesus said to Philip. Philip had a friend called Nathanael. He told Nathanael about Jesus. "Come with me," said Philip. "I have found the special One sent by God."

Nathanael went with Philip to see Jesus. When Jesus saw Nathanael coming, He knew that Nathanael too would become one of His friends. He had never heard of Nathanael before, yet Jesus knew all about him. He even knew his name.

"How did you know me? How did you know my name?" asked Nathanael.

Jesus answered, "I saw you, Nathanael, even before Philip asked you to come and meet me. I saw you when you were sitting under the fig tree." Nathanael was surprised and said, "Jesus, you really are the Son of God!"

The children were happy. Jesus had come to their town. They wanted to see Jesus.

"Hurry, Mum," said the children. "We want to see Jesus. Please take us to see Him."

The Mums took their children to see Jesus. There was a big crowd.

The children wanted to go to the front of the crowd.

"Get back! Get back!" said the friends of Jesus. "There are grown-ups here who want to be at the front!"

"No!" said Jesus. "I want the children here. Bring them to me."

The Mums brought the children to Jesus.

Jesus sat the children on His knee.

"I love children," He said. "Children are very special. If grown-ups want to be my friends, then they must be like these children."

Children can love Jesus with a special love. Jesus wants you to love Him. He loves you with a special love too.

God gives us everything we need Gen 1, Phil 4:19, Ps 147:4

Provider Week 1

Do you know how much God loves us? He loves us more than anyone. He wants to give us good things.

He made air and water so that we could live. Only the earth has air to breathe and water to drink.

He made the sun to keep us warm and to give us light. He made plants for our food. Did you know that plants need light to stay alive? If we had no light, we would have no food and we could not live.

God put the sun in the sky, just in the right place. It is not too close to us. It is not too far away. It is just right. It is not too hot for us. It is not too cold for us.

The sun is a star. God made all the stars. He knows exactly how many stars there are and He has names for them all. How many stars do you think there might be?

God knows everything!

God made animals too. He made them so that we would be happy. He made animals to help us. God thought of everything! Which animal do you like best? Can you think of some animals that help us?

Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden. They were very happy. God told Adam and Eve that they must obey Him. He told them that they could eat any food from the garden, but they must never eat the fruit from one tree.

There was an angel who was a wicked angel. His name was Satan. When he became wicked, he became like a snake. Satan said to Adam and Eve, "Go on. Eat the fruit. It will not hurt you."

So Eve ate the fruit. She gave some to Adam. At once they knew that they had done something very wrong.

They were sad. God said, "Now that you have done wrong, you cannot be in my beautiful garden. You must go from here. You will not be so happy. This is because you did not obey me.

God sent a good angel to the garden. The angel had a sword. No one could go into the garden from now on. This was a very sad day. The world was now a place of sadness and sin. Adam and Eve were not happy. The animals were not happy.

God was very sad because people could no longer be with Him. God made a plan. He planned to send His Son Jesus, to die on the cross and to forgive us for our sin. If we ask Jesus to forgive us for our sin, and if we ask Him to be our friend, then we can be with God, just like Adam and Eve were once with God in the Garden of Eden.

The man who said thank you Luke 17:11-19

Provider Week 3

The ten men in this story have leprosy. This is a disease that gives you sores on your skin. Many people did not want to be around people with leprosy. So, when the lepers saw Jesus, they knew that He could heal them, because they had seen him heal other people. To heal someone means to make them better. Jesus was not like other people. When He saw the lepers, He knew how they felt and wanted to help them, so, He healed them. He made them better using the mighty power of God. Jesus didn't have to heal them, but he did because he loved them.

The ten men were very happy that they were healed, and they went on their way, probably to show people that they were better.

There was one man who came back to say thank you to Jesus. The other nine men forgot to say thank you.

Jesus asked the one who came back, "Weren't all ten healed? Where are the other nine? Didn't any of them want to come back to say thank you to God?"

Jesus was not happy that the nine other men forgot to come back and praise God. In our lives we should be like the one who thanked God. What things can we thank God for?

The Bible tells us about a man who trusted God to provide the things they needed. Elijah saw God do miracles to provide for him.

Elijah was a man who lived in Bible times. He was a servant of God. There had been no rain for a long time. The brook dried up.

God said, "Elijah, I want you to go to the town."
Elijah did what God said and went to the town. There he saw a woman. She was picking up sticks. Her husband had died, so she had no husband to earn money for her.

Elijah said to her, "Please get me some water in a jar. And could you please give me a piece of bread to eat?"

The woman looked unhappy "I'm sorry," she said sadly, "I have no bread. I have a little flour in a bowl and a little oil in a jar. That is all I have. I think my son and I will die. We have no more food."

"Do not be afraid," said Elijah. "Make a little bread for me. Then make bread for yourself and your son."

God spoke and said to me, "The bowl of flour will not be finished. The jar of oil will not be empty, until the day when God sends rain."

That is what happened. The bowl of flour was never empty; the jar always had enough oil to make bread for each day. God kept His promise to care for Elijah, the woman and her son, until at last the rain fell and the grass was green again.

God provides oil for Elisha

Provider Week 5

Elisha was a friend of Elijah. He was also a servant of God.

One day, Elisha was passing through a town, when he met a woman with two sons. Her husband had died and she did not have any money.

But she had to pay money to someone, and that person had told her that if she didn't pay, they would take her sons away to work. She loved her son and didn't want them to be taken away.

"Please help me," she asked Elisha. "I have nothing except for a little oil in a jar."

Elisha felt sorry for the woman. He wanted to help her. Elisha told the woman to tell her sons to go and find all the empty jars that they could. He told them to even borrow jars from their neighbours and friends.

The boys went out and did just as their mother said. They asked all the neighbours and all of their friends to give them their empty jars.

Elisha told the woman and her sons to go inside her house and shut the door.

"Use the oil that you have and fill the first jar. Then fill the next jar. Keep filling all the jars until there are no more jars left."

The woman did not know how this could happen but she did as Elisha said. She knew that Elisha was God's helper. She and her sons went inside the house and shut the door. First, she filled one jar and then set it aside. Then she filled another and set it aside. Over and over she filled the jars with oil and the first jar never emptied out.

Finally, when she asked one of her sons to bring her another jar, he told her that there were no more jars left. All of the jars were full of oil.

The woman rushed outside to tell Elisha. Elisha told her to go and sell the oil. People would pay a lot of money for olive oil. It would be enough to pay all the money that she owed. Now her sons would not be taken away from her! She was so glad that Elisha helped her.

Elisha prays for God to provide a baby boy

Provider Week 5

Elisha would often go to a place called Shunem, to visit a family.

One day the lady said to her husband, "Elisha is God's helper. Please, could we build a little room upstairs for him? We could put a bed in it, and a table, a chair and a lamp-stand. When he visits Shunem he could sleep there."

One day Elisha came to Shunem again. He said to his servant, "Go and see if the lady needs anything. I would like to help her. She has been very kind to me."

The servant went to her. He said, "My master Elisha wants to know if there is anything that he could do for you."

"I don't need anything," she said, "I have all I need."

But I have no children. I would really like to have a little boy."

The servant told Elisha.

"Go and bring her to me," Elisha said.

The woman came to Elisha. "Thank you for being so kind to me," said Elisha. "I have asked God to give you a little boy. This time next year, you will be holding a son in your arms."

A year later the woman had a baby boy.

One day, some years later, when the boy was quite big, he went out in the field to where his father was working. As he was watching his father, he suddenly cried out, "O! My head! My head hurts."

His father called a servant, "Carry him quickly to his mother. His head is hurting."

The boy sat on his mother's lap, but not long after, he died. His mother carried him up to Elisha's room, put him on the bed and closed the door.

She called her husband, "Quick! Send a servant and a donkey! I must go

to the man of God.”

“Why?” he asked.

“Never mind. Just let me go quickly!”

As fast as she could she rode to the place where Elisha lived. Elisha saw her coming and knew something was wrong.

“Oh, Elisha,” she cried, “my son has died. Why has God taken him from me?”

Elisha told his servant to go to the woman’s house as fast as he could. “Take my stick” said Elisha, “and hold it over the boy.”

The servant hurried on ahead and held Elisha’s stick over the boy. He came back to meet Elisha and the woman.

“It’s no use” said the servant, “I put the stick on the boy’s body, but he didn’t wake up.”

When Elisha arrived he went up alone to the room and he prayed to God to give the boy his life again.

Then he lay down on the boy until he felt the boy’s body begin to get warm.

Elisha got up, walked around the room, then lay down on the boy again. Suddenly the boy sneezed seven times and then opened his eyes. God had given back the boy’s life to him.

The woman said thank you to Elisha, and to God for all that he had done.

The friends of Jesus were at a house. Jesus told them to go into the town and look for a donkey. Jesus told them exactly where the donkey would be. It would be a young donkey that had never had anyone ride on its back. Jesus wanted to ride this donkey.

The friends thought that this was not a good idea. When someone rides on a donkey for the first time, it would buck and kick, and the rider would fall off! But the friends did as Jesus said, and brought the donkey to Him.

Jesus got on the donkey. The donkey did not buck or kick. It was very calm. It knew that Jesus was special.

Jesus rode the donkey into the town of Jerusalem.

"Come and see Jesus," said the people in Jerusalem. "He is riding a donkey. He is the one who has done great miracles!"

The people waved branches. They shouted, "Hosanna! Jesus is king!"

Some people put their coats on the road, just like a carpet for a king to walk on.

The people wanted Jesus to be the king of their land.

They did not know that Jesus would die and come alive again. They did not know that Jesus would be the King of the whole world, and king of people's lives.

How Jesus came to live on the earth

Saviour Week 1

Father God made a wonderful place called heaven for people and angels and Himself. But all the people in the whole world made wrong choices except Jesus. So Father God was sorry that no people could come to heaven because there can be no wrong choices in heaven. BUT Jesus said, "Let me go down to earth and I will make it so people can come to heaven. I will take the punishment for all those wrong choices!"

This is how it happened: Long, long ago God the Father asked Jesus His Son to help Him make a beautiful world. And Jesus said, "Yes I will." So, they made our beautiful world and people to live in it.

But the people God made did not always obey Him, so God the Father asked Jesus, "Will You go to the world we made and be born there as a baby?" And Jesus said, "Yes I will."

Father God asked Him, "Will You grow up there and become a man?" Jesus said, "Yes I will."

God asked, "Will You show the people how to love me and obey me?" Jesus said, "Yes I will."

God asked, "Will You touch the people and heal them and feed them?" Jesus said, "Yes I will."

God asked, "Will You live on earth without ever making one wrong choice, without hurting people and hating people?" Jesus said, "Yes I will."

God asked, "Will you forgive all the people who don't like You and don't think You are my Son?" Jesus said, "Yes I will."

Then God asked a very serious question, "My Son, will You be willing to go to the cross and die for the wrong choices of all the people in the world? This will hurt very much." Jesus said, "Yes, I will." And this is what Jesus did for us. Then Jesus asked God His Father, "Will You raise me from the dead to live with You forever?" And His Father answered, "Yes I will."

Jesus went to Jerusalem, for the very last time, to eat the special Passover feast with his friends. The Passover feast is held every year to remind people when God saved the people of Israel from the wicked Pharaoh in Egypt, a long time ago.

Jesus said to his friends, "I want to eat the Passover feast with you before I go away. Go and get it ready for us. Look for a man carrying a water jar and follow him. He will show you where to go."

His friends found the man and followed him. The man went into a house. This was the house Jesus would come to. Jesus' friends knocked at the door and waited.

"Do you have a room for Jesus?" they asked. "Yes, I have a room upstairs. Everything you will need is ready."

"I knew Jesus would come," said the man. He took them upstairs to a big room. They got dinner ready with baskets of flat bread and wine, made from grape juice.

Soon Jesus came with his other friends. They went upstairs to have dinner together.

Jesus took the flat bread and broke it. They shared it. They shared the grape juice, too.

Jesus said, "Whenever you do this, remember me."
In church we call this "Communion."

Jesus had twelve special friends. They were all together with Jesus at the feast, but one of them, Judas, was going to do something bad. Jesus taught Judas and his friends, "Love God with all your heart and love others as much as you love yourself."

Judas loved Jesus, but he loved money more. The temple leaders wanted to get rid of Jesus, so Judas said he would show them where to find Jesus, if they paid him some money.

Judas left the feast and went out into the night to find the temple leaders, and carry out the plan.

Praying in the garden John 17

Saviour Week 1

Jesus was sad because he knew that soon he would die on the cross. God had planned it long ago, and Jesus knew it would happen. He came to earth to take the punishment for all the wrong things people had ever done, or would ever do, and now it was time.

Jesus asked Peter, James and John to go with Him to the olive orchard in the Garden of Gethsemane, to pray.

His friends sat down in the garden while Jesus went a little way off to pray by himself, asking his Heavenly Father to help him to get through what was about to happen.

When Jesus went back his friends were all fast asleep. "Wake up," he said. "Couldn't you watch and pray with me for just one hour?"

Then the soldiers with torches and swords came looking for Jesus. Judas had agreed to show them who Jesus was if they paid him 30 silver coins.

"The person I greet with a kiss on the cheek is Jesus," Judas told the soldiers.

Peter, James and John were shocked when the soldiers came to arrest Jesus. Peter was so angry that he took his sword and cut off a soldier's ear.

"Put away your sword," said Jesus. "People who use swords will get killed by them."

He reached out and healed the soldier's ear.

They arrested Jesus and took Him away.

The Governor, who was the ruler of the country, asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "Yes, it is just as you say."

The Governor asked the people, "Should I let Jesus go?"

The crowd said, "No. Let the thief Barabbas go instead."

The Governor didn't know what to do. He knew that Jesus was not a bad man.

His wife said, "I had a bad dream about Jesus last night. You must let Jesus go."

So, the Governor said he would have nothing to do with making the choice – whether to let Jesus go or let him die. He would leave it up to the other leaders.

The soldiers led Jesus into their hall. They put a scarlet robe on him and made him a crown from a ring of thorns.

"Here is the King of the Jews," they joked.

They led him away to die on the cross. Jesus had to carry the cross up the hill. It was very heavy. When he could carry it no longer a man called Simon, carried it for him.

Jesus' hands and feet were nailed to the cross, and He died.

It was a sad day for Jesus' friends. But they did not know that God had a wonderful surprise for them, and they would not be sad for long.

Jesus is alive! Matthew 27 & 28

Saviour Week 2

After Jesus died, a rich man named Joseph, took Jesus' body. He gently wrapped it in cloths and then took the body to a special cave-tomb.

One of Jesus' friends named Mary watched as a heavy stone was placed over the door to seal it shut.

The leaders sent guards to watch the body to make sure no one took Jesus body.

But early Sunday morning there was a big earthquake. An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away.

The guards saw the angel and were so afraid that they fell down on the ground.

Mary came to the cave-tomb early that morning. She saw that the stone was not in front of it. She saw an angel there.

"Jesus is not here," said the angel. "He is alive! Go and tell his friends that they will get to see him again!"

Mary ran back to the friends to tell them the wonderful news.

Jesus appears to His friends Matthew 28 & 29; John 21

Saviour Week 2

Mary told Peter and John that Jesus was alive! They ran quickly to the tomb to see for themselves. They found the stone rolled away from the door and the grave clothes were empty.

Not long after, two men were walking along the road talking together. They were disappointed that Jesus had died. They thought He was the promised One that the Bible had told about. If He was, then why should He die?

Then Jesus, who was alive again, came and walked along the road with them. He explained things about Himself that were told in the Bible in earlier times. At first, they didn't know it was Jesus, but as they listened to Jesus, they knew that this was Him! It had been told long ago that He would die and come alive again, and here He was, walking right beside them!

One evening some of Jesus' friends were in a room with the door closed. Suddenly Jesus appeared. They were glad, and believed, when they saw Jesus alive! One of the friends named Thomas was not with them. When the other friends told Thomas that Jesus was alive, Thomas did not believe it. But on another evening, when they were all together, Jesus came again. This time Thomas was there. Jesus showed Thomas the scars on His hands where He was nailed to the cross. Thomas now believed. He knelt at the feet of Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God."

A short time later, some of Jesus' disciples were fishing at night. They sailed out in their boat and threw their nets into the water. They waited and waited, but they did not catch anything.

Early in the morning they saw someone standing on the shore. The man called, "Have you caught any fish?"

"No," they called back.

"Throw your net on the other side of the boat," said the man.

So they did, and their nets were soon full of fish. John looked at Peter and said, "It's Jesus!"

Jesus made a little fire on the beach and cooked fish for breakfast. "Come and have something to eat," said Jesus, and He ate breakfast with them.

They were so happy. Jesus was alive!

Forty days after the Sunday morning when Jesus came alive, it was time for him to go back to his Father in heaven. He and his disciples climbed up the Mount of Olives.

And while his friends were standing there, on top of the hill, Jesus went straight up into heaven, in a cloud.

The disciples were so surprised. They stood looking up into the sky.

They had seen Jesus go up into heaven with their very own eyes!

Then two angels appeared and said, "One day Jesus will come back again exactly the same way you have just seen him go up to heaven."

Jesus had told the disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait for Holy Spirit to come and give them power. Then they were to tell other people, everywhere, all they had seen him do.

So the disciples went straight back to Jerusalem, to wait for the Holy Spirit to come.

Then they began to tell people everywhere the good news about Jesus.