



Unit 1

GROUP TIME WITH

BONUS TEACHING IDEAS

SESSION 1

MOVE TO GROUP TIME. Turn the lights off and on and invite kindergartners to join you for group time.

SING “CLAP, WIGGLE, AND SWAY.” Lead the kids to sing and do the actions of the song along with you.

INTRODUCE THE UNIT. Show the “Unit 1 Banner.” Tell the kids they will hear stories about Jesus teaching others.

READ THE UNIT VERSE. Lead the children to stand and to spin around in place as they repeat the verse with you: “God sent Jesus to teach the good news. Luke 4:18.”

PLAY A GAME. Gather the kids to form a circle. Ask them to close their eyes while you hide the male figure in the room. Direct the kids to look for the figure and bring it to you. Play several rounds. Tell the kids that someone was looking for Jesus in the Bible story.

READ THE WORD CARD. Show the *Passover* card as you read the definition.

TELL THE BIBLE STORY. Open the Bible to Luke 2 and tell the Bible story in your own words with the Bible on your lap.

Jesus Talked with the Teachers

Luke 2:41-52

Jesus’ family traveled to Jerusalem every year to celebrate the festival of Passover. When Jesus was 12 years old, He went to the festival with Mary and Joseph.

When the Passover festival was over, Mary, Joseph, and a group of family and friends began traveling home. After a full day of traveling, Mary and Joseph could not find Jesus. He was not with them.

Mary and Joseph went back to Jerusalem to search for Jesus. On the third day, they found Jesus. He was in the temple (church), sitting with the teachers. Jesus was listening to them and asking questions. The teachers were surprised at the things Jesus asked and understood.

Mary told Jesus they had been anxiously searching for Him and were worried. Jesus said, “Didn’t you know I would be here?” Jesus went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. Jesus obeyed Mary and Joseph. Jesus grew and became strong and wise.

SHOW THE TEACHING PICTURE.

Ask: “Where did Jesus’ family travel? (*Jerusalem*) Why did they travel to Jerusalem? (*to celebrate the festival of Passover*) What happened when Jesus’ family began traveling home? (*They discovered Jesus was missing.*) How long did Jesus’ parents look for Him? (*three days*) Where did Jesus’ parents find Him? (*temple*) What was He doing there?” (*listening and talking to the teachers*)

MAKE A CHRIST CONNECTION.

Read the Life Point aloud. Comment that the teachers were amazed at how well Jesus knew the Scriptures. Lead a child to tape the Life Point strip to the bottom of the banner.

LEARN THE WEEKLY VERSE. Guide a child to open the Bible to the marked verse. Show the strip and say the verse. Invite the kindergartners to say the verse again with you using an “excited” voice. Sing aloud together “God Sent Jesus.”

SING TOGETHER. Sing to the tune of “Three Blind Mice”:

*Jesus grew. Jesus grew.
And He learned, and He learned.
As Jesus grew up, He learned about
God. He listened to teachers and
learned from His Word.
I can be like Him, as I grow up tall.
I can learn.*

PRAY. Thank God for sending Jesus to help us learn more about God.

WRAP IT UP. Show “Jesus Talked with the Teachers” video.