



## Kid's Church Lesson Ideas

### Lesson 1 - A Perfect Day

Through this activity, children will contemplate the perfect day and gain an understanding of what makes God holy.

by Leah Pittsinger



**Topics:** Character of God, Holiness

**Materials:** None needed

**Duration:** Approximately 5-10 minutes

### What you will do:

Say, "The word, 'holy,' means perfect and unlike any other. When we use this word to describe God, we identify His unmatched position as Creator of the universe and His perfect nature." To help the children understand the difference between God's perfection and humanly subjective perfection, have each child answer the following question:

What would you do on a perfect day?

In lieu of each child's answer, add that while our perceptions of perfection are different, God's perception is the true standard. Comment, "This truth – Everything God does is perfect and without sin – and that is what makes Him holy."



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### Lesson 2 - Finish the Story

In this activity, children will discover how God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, so He could show us the way to salvation.

**Topics:** Eternal Life, Grace, Heaven, Jesus, Salvation

**Materials:** Activity page for each child (next page),  
Pencils

**Duration:** Approximately 15 minutes

**Preparation:** Before class, print or make copies of one activity page for each child.

#### What you will do:

Hand out the copies of the activity page to the class - one per student. Tell them to read the story and think carefully about what the farmer could do to help save the birds. Then write down an ending in their own words. Give the children plenty of time to complete the project before giving them the intended ending.

#### What you will say:

This is a story about salvation. I would like to share the (my) ending of this story with you, but first let me ask a few questions.

1. Based on your understanding of the story, do you believe the farmer is genuinely concerned for the birds? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think the birds are afraid to enter the barn? Why do you think they feel this way?

This story is similar to our relationship with God. The birds represent you and me, and of course the farmer represents God. The only way for the farmer to really communicate with the birds, and for the birds to understand him, would be if the farmer became a bird. If he were also a bird, the birds would not fear him because he would not be foreign to them—he would look like them, talk like them, share



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their same interests and fears. In this way, the farmer could protect them by leading them to the safety of the barn.

This is exactly how God lead us to safety. He came to earth as man, Jesus Christ. Through the teachings of Jesus, we can understand the way to eternal life. Because God came to us in human form, a form we are familiar with, we are capable of receiving the gift of Salvation.”

## Finish the Story



1. There was an old farmer who noticed a flock of birds in the middle of winter.



2. They were cold and looking for shelter. A winter storm was coming and they could freeze to death.



3. He knew his barn was warm and able to provide a safe place to stay.



4. So he opened the barn doors. But the birds were afraid, and would not go in.



5. He had to find a way to tell the birds, or show them what they must do to be saved. He finally realized what he needed to do.

6. The farmer \_\_\_\_\_

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### Lesson 3 - Hope Word Collage

In this activity, children will decorate words to describe why they have hope.

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**Topics:** Hope, Salvation, Roman's Road

**Materials:** Activity Page (next page),  
Poster board,  
Paper,  
Markers,  
Scissors,  
Tape



**Duration:** Approximately 10 minutes

#### Preparation:

Print a few handouts for the children to use (if desired) and cut out the words. Set the paper, words from the handout, and markers on a table. Use a marker to write "HOPE" in the middle of the poster board. Then display the poster board near the table.

#### What you will do:

As the children arrive, ask them to either color a few of the printed words or create their own words that remind them of "HOPE." Then the words will be taped on the poster board (overlapping if possible) as a display of the hope God has given us.

#### Application:

We have hope because Jesus died for our sins! Without His sacrifice, there would be no way for us to be reconciled to God.

JESUS

GOD

SALVATION

TRUTH

BIBLE

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### Lesson 4 - I Know You

A feel good activity that enables children to accept themselves and others as they are.

**Topics:** Acceptance, Friendship, Individuality, Kindness, Love

**Materials:** 8½ x11" sheet of paper for each child,  
Pencil or marker for each child

**Duration:** Approximately 10-15 minutes



### What you will do:

First, divide the children into groups of 4, 5 or 6 kids each. (A group of three is too small and seven may end up taking too long.) If possible, have the kids in each group sit together at separate tables, or at opposite ends, etc. Then tell the children to look around at everyone in their group, and have them write the first name of each member down the left-hand side of their piece of paper. Order is not important. Then, tell them to write down something nice about each person next to their name. What they write must be positive, not hurtful or degrading.

EXAMPLE:

Mark	Always dress nice
Alyssa	She is nice to everyone
Jennifer	She is very smart
Andrew	Knows books of the Bible
Erica	Very good at soccer

Once everyone has had a chance to write down something nice about each person in his or her group, have them pass their paper to the person on their right. Then, everyone is to find their name and read the comments the others wrote about them. After a few moments, have the children pass the paper again to the person on their right, and let everyone read what comments the others wrote about them. Repeat this until the paper gets back to the original author. The kids will be able to know what good things others think about them, and this will no doubt brighten their day.

Explain to the children that God is love, and Jesus is the example we have of love. Jesus saw people for who they really are. When we have Jesus in our heart, we can also see people the same way Jesus does, with love, compassion, kindness and concern.



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### Lesson 5 - My Gifts From God

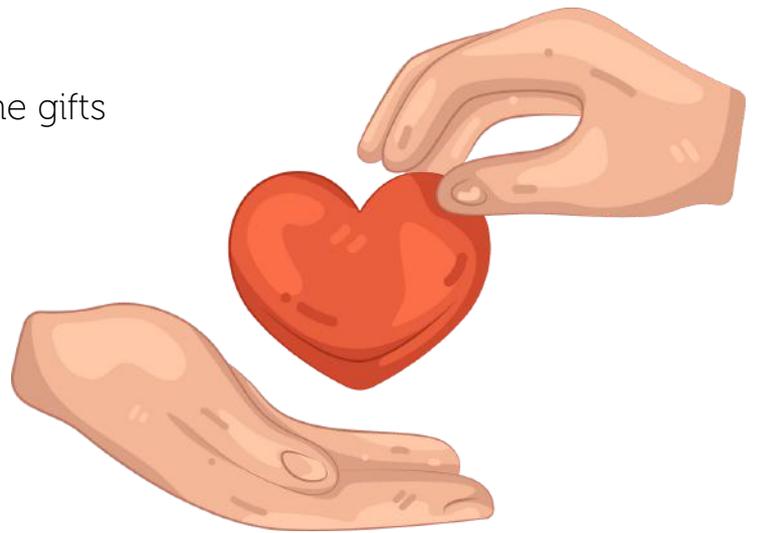
In this activity, the children will identify the gifts they have received from God.

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**Topics:** Hope, Salvation, Roman's Road

**Materials:** Activity Page (next page)

Pencils,  
Crayons,  
Markers



**Duration:** Approximately 10 minutes

#### Preparation:

Print the handouts and place a handout, pencil, and crayons/markers at each child's place.

#### What you will do:

As the children arrive, ask them to choose a place at the table and work on the handout. Be prepared to give suggestions to the children if they need a little help getting started.

#### Application:

Was it easy or hard to think of six things God has given you? It's good to admit that God has given us many amazing things, such as families, toys, and a church where we can learn more about Him. But what is the best gift He has ever given us (eternal life/salvation)? Because of Jesus, we don't have to worry about paying for our sins – He paid the cost by dying on the cross. So, when we think about everything God has given us, the most important gift is salvation because there is no way we could have ever received it without Jesus life, death, and resurrection.

# **My Gifts from God**

What has God given you?

Draw a picture in each box of something you have received from God.




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### Lesson 6 - Patience, Please

In this activity, children practice patience techniques and are rewarded for their skills.



**Topics:** Faith, Hope, Patience

**Materials:** Small pop-up tent or large bed sheet and chairs)  
Sweets

**Duration:** Few minutes at beginning, middle and end of class

#### Preparation:

Before class, set up a small pop-up tent, or make one using a bed sheet and chairs.

#### What you will do:

As children arrive, they'll be curious about the tent but ask them to wait until everyone is there. Once gathered, toss in one sweet per child (sneakily if possible). Let them peek inside, but not enter yet. Ask, "Who wants to go in now?" Then say, "You may go in now if you wish, but if you wait until the end of class, it will be much better. The Bible says, 'If we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.'"

Some may go in - remind them to only take one sweet and share fairly. Encourage at least half to wait. Midway through class, add another sweet for each child who waited, repeating the choice and reminder about patience. Again, let those who insist go in, but keep some waiting.

At the end, add a final, more special sweets for those who waited. Let them finally enter to receive their reward. Then explain: God sometimes asks us to wait, not to keep things from us, but to bless us with something even better. Romans 8:25 reminds us to wait patiently, trusting that God always gives the best- He's already given us the greatest gift of all, Jesus.



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### Lesson 7 - So Don't Worry

In this activity, children learn that worrying tears away at being able to enjoy the many pleasures life brings.

**Topics:** Habit, Peace, Worry

**Materials:** Activity page for each child (next page)

**Duration:** Approximately 5 minutes

**Preparation:**

Before class, print or make copies of the activity page for each child.

**What you will do:**

Give each child the activity page and have them look at the happy pictures—birthday, bike, big game, circus, puppy. Ask which they'd like most. Then explain: worrying can steal the joy from these good things. Ask, "What kinds of things do you worry about?"

If the children do not offer examples of things they worry about, you can suggest the following:

1. Worrying about getting a good grade on a test
2. Worrying about whether other children in the neighbourhood will like you
3. Worrying about your mom or dad finding out you did something wrong
4. Worrying about what others will think if you do not do well at sports
5. Worrying about the way you look

As each worry is shared, have them tear off a picture and throw it away until the page is empty. Explain: worry does the same thing—it takes away the joy God wants us to enjoy. Then read 1 Peter 5:7: "Cast all your worries upon Him, because He cares for you." Remind them that giving worries to Jesus lets us enjoy the good gifts God provides.





**A Happy Birthday!**

*A shiny new bike!*



**A NEW LITTLE PUPPY**



**Playing  
in the  
big game!**



**A Day at the Circus!**



## Kid's Church Lesson Ideas

### Lesson 8 - What's On The Inside

Through this activity, children will learn that the contents of their hearts matter to God.

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**Topics:** Salvation, Roman's Road to Salvation

**Materials:** Props: Tube of toothpaste, rubber duck, colorful votive candle or bar of soap, small stuffed animal, bouncy ball, etc.,  
Scissors (or small handsaw if used with caution),  
Tablecloth  
Optional: plastic gloves, apron

**Duration:** Approximately 10-15 minutes

#### Preparation:

Cover a table with the table cloth and then spread out the items on the table so the children can see them. (If desired, you may also put on plastic gloves and an apron to keep your hands and clothing clean.)

#### What you will do:

Tell the children that you're going to discover what some common objects look like on the inside. One by one, carefully cut open the objects and allow time for a brief discussion for each item.

#### Application:

Was it surprising to see the inside of the objects? Which object was the most interesting or strange? The Bible tells us that God cares about what's inside our hearts. If we say we believe in Him, but have things like hatred, selfishness, and disrespect inside our hearts, then we need to ask for His help to change. Can you imagine cutting open toothpaste only to find mud?! Yuck. So, obeying God and showing His love to others is how our hearts can look like Him both inside and out!

