Unit Title: Jesus’ Early Ministry
Key Passage: John 3:16-17
Session Title: Jesus Met Nicodemus
Bible Passage: John 3:1-21

Big Picture Question: Why do we need to be born again? Because of sin we are spiritually dead, but Jesus came to give us new life.

Christ Connection: Without Jesus, we are spiritually dead. Sin separates us from God. When people believe in Christ and are “born again,” they receive new life and become God’s children. Jesus offers new life to those who trust in Him for salvation.

Small Group Opening (15–20 minutes)
Welcome and Session Starter (Choose one or more of these activities from the Younger Kids Bible Study Leader Guide.)
  • Arriving activity: Night scene
  • Activity Page: Block Maze
  • Session starter (10 minutes)
    • Question game (low prep)
    • Question ball

Large Group Leader (25–30 minutes)
  • Countdown
  • Introduce the session (1 minute)
  • Timeline map (1 minute)
  • Big picture question (1 minute)
  • Sing (5 minutes)
  • Key passage (4 minutes)
  • Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)
  • Discussion starter video (3 minutes)
  • The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (optional)
  • Prayer (5 minutes)

Small Group Leader (20–25 minutes)
  • Key passage (5 minutes)
  • Bible story review (10 minutes)
  • Activity choice (10 minutes)
    • Jesus questions (low prep)
    • Glow-in-the-dark wristbands
  • Journal and prayer (5 minutes)
Unit Title: Jesus’ Early Ministry  
Key Passage: John 3:16-17  
Session Title: Jesus and John the Baptist  
Bible Passage: John 3:22-36  
Big Picture Question: Where did Jesus come from? God sent Jesus to earth from heaven.  
Christ Connection: John the Baptist had told people to get ready for Jesus, the promised Messiah. Now that Jesus was there, John’s mission was complete. John the Baptist joyfully stepped aside as Jesus began His earthly ministry.

Small Group Opening (15–20 minutes)  
Welcome and Session Starter (Choose one or more of these activities from the Younger Kids Bible Study Leader Guide.)

- Arriving activity: Jump the river  
- Activity Page: Fast Facts  
- Session starter (10 minutes)  
  - Spread the message (low prep)  
  - Question game

Large Group Leader (25–30 minutes)  
- Countdown  
- Introduce the session (1 minute)  
- Timeline map (1 minute)  
- Big picture question (1 minute)  
- Sing (5 minutes)  
- Key passage (4 minutes)  
- Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)  
- Discussion starter video (3 minutes)  
- The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (optional)  
- Prayer (5 minutes)

Small Group Leader (20–25 minutes)  
- Key passage (5 minutes)  
- Bible story review (10 minutes)  
- Activity choice (10 minutes)  
  - Greater than (low prep)  
  - Pennant craft  
- Journal and prayer (5 minutes)
**Unit Title:** Jesus’ Early Ministry  
**Key Passage:** John 3:16-17  
**Session Title:** Jesus Met a Samaritan Woman  
**Bible Passage:** John 4:1-26  
**Big Picture Question:** What does Jesus offer? Jesus offers eternal life.  
**Christ Connection:** Jesus offered the woman something no one else could give her—living water. Jesus wasn’t talking about water that she could physically drink; Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit who would satisfy her spiritual thirst. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to those who come to Him by faith.

**Small Group Opening** (15–20 minutes)  
Welcome and Session Starter (Choose one or more of these activities from the Younger Kids Bible Study Leader Guide.)  
- Arriving activity: Water relay  
- Activity Page: What’s Different?  
- Session starter (10 minutes)  
  - Paper cups (low prep)  
  - More than water

**Large Group Leader** (25–30 minutes)  
- Countdown  
- Introduce the session (1 minute)  
- Timeline map (2 minutes)  
- Big picture question (1 minute)  
- Sing (5 minutes)  
- Key passage (4 minutes)  
- Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)  
- Discussion starter video (3 minutes)  
- The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (optional)  
- Prayer (4 minutes)

**Small Group Leader** (20–25 minutes)  
- Key passage (5 minutes)  
- Bible story review (10 minutes)  
- Activity choice (10 minutes)  
  - Into the well (low prep)  
  - Water art  
- Journal and prayer (5 minutes)
**Unit Title:** Jesus’ Early Ministry  
**Key Passage:** John 3:16-17  
**Session Title:** Rejection at Nazareth  
**Bible Passage:** Luke 4:16-30  
**Big Picture Question:** What is the good news about Jesus? Jesus died for our sins.  
**Christ Connection:** Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote about God’s plan to send a Messiah. He would bring good news and redeem people who were broken and hurting. Jesus read Isaiah’s words and told everyone who was listening that He is the promised Messiah.

**Small Group Opening** (15–20 minutes)  
Welcome and Session Starter (Choose one or more of these activities from the Younger Kids Bible Study Leader Guide.)  
- Arriving activity: Been there  
- Activity Page: Hidden Word  
- Session starter (10 minutes)  
  - Rejected (low prep)  
  - Parachute pop

**Large Group Leader** (25–30 minutes)  
- Countdown  
- Introduce the session (1 minute)  
- Timeline map (2 minutes)  
- Big picture question (1 minute)  
- Sing (5 minutes)  
- Key passage (4 minutes)  
- Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)  
- Discussion starter video (3 minutes)  
- The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (optional)  
- Prayer (4 minutes)

**Small Group Leader** (20–25 minutes)  
- Key passage (5 minutes)  
- Bible story review (10 minutes)  
- Activity choice (10 minutes)  
  - Share the news (low prep)  
  - Neighbor invite  
- Journal and prayer (5 minutes)
Unit Title: Jesus Performed Miracles  
Key Passage: John 20:30-31  
Session Title: Jesus Healed an Official’s Son  
Bible Passage: John 4:46-54  
Big Picture Question: What happened when Jesus performed miracles? Jesus’ miracles helped people believe in Him.  
Christ Connection: The official wanted Jesus to save his son from death, and it was not until Jesus did so that he understood who Jesus is: the promised Messiah. It took faith for the official to believe Jesus’ words—that his son was healed. In healing the official’s son, Jesus showed His authority and power as God’s Son.

Small Group Opening (15–20 minutes)  
Welcome and Session Starter (Choose one or more of these activities from the Younger Kids Bible Study Leader Guide.)
  • Arriving activity: First aid  
  • Activity Page: Illness Match  
  • Session starter (10 minutes)  
    • Far-out faith (low prep)  
    • Prayer list

Large Group Leader (25–30 minutes)
  • Countdown  
  • Introduce the session (1 minute)  
  • Timeline map (1 minute)  
  • Big picture question (1 minute)  
  • Sing (5 minutes)  
  • Key passage (4 minutes)  
  • Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)  
  • Discussion starter video (3 minutes)  
  • The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (optional)  
  • Prayer (5 minutes)

Small Group Leader (20–25 minutes)  
  • Key passage (5 minutes)  
  • Bible story review (10 minutes)  
  • Activity choice (10 minutes)  
    • Unbelievable fact or fiction? (low prep)  
    • Bandage art  
    • Journal and prayer (5 minutes)
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Unit Title: Jesus Performed Miracles
Key Passage: John 20:30-31
Session Title: Jesus Drove Out Evil Spirits
Bible Passage: Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37
Big Picture Question: What did the evil spirit know about Jesus? Jesus is the Holy One of God.
Christ Connection: Jesus is the King who has come to make all things right. By commanding the evil spirit to come out of the man, Jesus showed He has power over all our enemies. One day Jesus will take away Satan, sin, and death once and for all.

Small Group Opening (15–20 minutes)
Welcome and Session Starter (Choose one or more of these activities from the Younger Kids Bible Study Leader Guide.)
- Arriving activity: Good versus bad
- Activity Page: Counting Code
- Session starter (10 minutes)
  - Perfectly quiet (low prep)
  - Who’s talking?

Large Group Leader (25–30 minutes)
- Countdown
- Introduce the session (1 minute)
- Timeline map (1 minute)
- Big picture question (1 minute)
- Sing (5 minutes)
- Key passage (4 minutes)
- Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)
- Discussion starter video (3 minutes)
- The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (optional)
- Prayer (5 minutes)

Small Group Leader (20–25 minutes)
- Key passage (5 minutes)
- Bible story review (10 minutes)
- Activity choice (10 minutes)
  - Balloon bust Bible blast (low prep)
  - Door hanger
- Journal and prayer (5 minutes)
Unit Title: Jesus Performed Miracles
Key Passage: John 20:30-31
Session Title: Jesus Healed Peter’s Mother-in-Law
Bible Passage: Matthew 8:14-17; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39
Big Picture Question: How can we show we are thankful to Jesus? We can serve Jesus and live for Him.
Christ Connection: The prophet Isaiah wrote that the promised Messiah would bear our sickness and carry our pain. Jesus fulfilled this prophecy as He healed people. Sickness exists because the world is broken by sin. One day, when Jesus returns, there will be no more sickness because Jesus dealt with sin on the cross.

Small Group Opening (15–20 minutes)
Welcome and Session Starter (Choose one or more of these activities from the Younger Kids Bible Study Leader Guide.)
- Arriving activity: How to serve?
- Activity Page: Serving Jesus
- Session starter (10 minutes)
  - Crowded circle (low prep)
  - Bandage snack

Large Group Leader (25–30 minutes)
- Countdown
- Introduce the session (1 minute)
- Timeline map (2 minutes)
- Big picture question (1 minute)
- Sing (5 minutes)
- Key passage (4 minutes)
- Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)
- Discussion starter video (3 minutes)
- The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (optional)
- Prayer (4 minutes)

Small Group Leader (20–25 minutes)
- Key passage (5 minutes)
- Bible story review (10 minutes)
- Activity choice (10 minutes)
  - Thankful montage (low prep)
  - First aid kit
- Journal and prayer (5 minutes)
Unit Title: Jesus Performed Miracles
Key Passage: John 20:30-31
Session Title: Jesus Cleansed a Leper
Bible Passage: Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16
Big Picture Question: Who can take away our sin? Jesus can and wants to cleanse us from sin.
Christ Connection: Not only did Jesus have the power to make a leper clean, He was willing to make him clean. Like the disease of leprosy, sin deeply affects all people and makes them spiritually dead. Jesus willingly died on the cross and rose from the dead to save us from our sin and give us new life.

Small Group Opening (15–20 minutes)
Welcome and Session Starter (Choose one or more of these activities from the Younger Kids Bible Study Leader Guide.)
- Arriving activity: Clean a penny
- Activity Page: Doctor Find
- Session starter (10 minutes)
  - Are you willing? (low prep)
  - Don’t touch!

Large Group Leader (25–30 minutes)
- Countdown
- Introduce the session (1 minute)
- Timeline map (2 minutes)
- Big picture question (1 minute)
- Sing (5 minutes)
- Key passage (4 minutes)
- Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)
- Discussion starter video (3 minutes)
- The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (optional)
- Prayer (4 minutes)

Small Group Leader (20–25 minutes)
- Key passage (5 minutes)
- Bible story review (10 minutes)
- Activity choice (10 minutes)
  - Pass the soap (low prep)
  - Soap art
  - Journal and prayer (5 minutes)
Unit Title: Jesus Performed Miracles  
Key Passage: John 20:30-31  
Session Title: Four Friends Helped  
Bible Passage: Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26  
Big Picture Question: How could Jesus forgive people’s sins? Jesus was going to take the punishment for sin when He died on the cross.  
Christ Connection: The man who was paralyzed needed to be healed. Jesus knew this and did something even greater; Jesus forgave his sins, and then He healed the man. Because Jesus is God, He has the power and authority to heal and forgive. Jesus offers forgiveness to those who trust in Him.

Small Group Opening (15–20 minutes)  
Welcome and Session Starter (Choose one or more of these activities from the Younger Kids Bible Study Leader Guide.)  
- Arriving activity: Mat racing  
- Activity Page: Picture Perfect  
- Session starter (10 minutes)  
  - Drop game (low prep)  
  - Stethoscope snack

Large Group Leader (25–30 minutes)  
- Countdown  
- Introduce the session (1 minute)  
- Timeline map (3 minutes)  
- Big picture question (1 minute)  
- Sing (5 minutes)  
- Key passage (4 minutes)  
- Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)  
- Discussion starter video (3 minutes)  
- The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (optional)  
- Prayer (3 minutes)

Small Group Leader (20–25 minutes)  
- Key passage (5 minutes)  
- Bible story review (10 minutes)  
- Activity choice (10 minutes)  
  - Bed bugs (low prep)  
  - Friendship puzzle necklace  
- Journal and prayer (5 minutes)
Unit Title: Jesus Performed Miracles
Key Passage: John 20:30-31
Session Title: Jesus Healed a Man’s Hand
Bible Passage: Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11
Big Picture Question: What did Jesus’ miracles prove? Jesus’ miracles proved that He is the Son of God.

Christ Connection: Jesus showed that God’s laws were meant to help people, not to hurt them. Jesus acted in love, even on the Sabbath. The religious leaders planned to kill Jesus. They did not know Jesus was going to die to show God’s love to the whole world. God provided forgiveness and salvation through Jesus’ death on the cross.

Small Group Opening (15–20 minutes)
Welcome and Session Starter (Choose one or more of these activities from the Younger Kids Bible Study Leader Guide.)
• Arriving activity: Daily life
• Activity Page: Hands Down
• Session starter (10 minutes)
  • Handshake (low prep)
  • “Foot” ball

Large Group Leader (25–30 minutes)
• Countdown
• Introduce the session (1 minute)
• Timeline map (3 minutes)
• Big picture question (1 minute)
• Sing (5 minutes)
• Key passage (4 minutes)
• Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)
• Discussion starter video (3 minutes)
• The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (optional)
• Prayer (3 minutes)

Small Group Leader (20–25 minutes)
• Key passage (5 minutes)
• Bible story review (10 minutes)
• Activity choice (10 minutes)
  • Picture review (low prep)
  • Hand wreath
• Journal and prayer (5 minutes)
Unit Title: Jesus Preached  
Key Passage: Matthew 6:33  
Session Title: The Sermon on the Mount  
Bible Passage: Matthew 5–7  

Big Picture Question: What did Jesus teach in His Sermon on the Mount? Jesus taught how believers should live.

Christ Connection: The scribes and Pharisees looked righteous on the outside, but Jesus taught His disciples about a righteousness that comes from the inside. People who know and love Jesus have changed hearts that want to honor Jesus.

Small Group Opening (15–20 minutes)  
Welcome and Session Starter (Choose one or more of these activities from the Younger Kids Bible Study Leader Guide.)
  • Arriving activity: Blessed
  • Activity Page: Word Find
  • Session starter (10 minutes)
    • Opposite attitude (low prep)
    • Shine

Large Group Leader (25–30 minutes)
  • Countdown
  • Introduce the session (1 minute)
  • Timeline map (1 minute)
  • Big picture question (1 minute)
  • Sing (5 minutes)
  • Key Passage (4 minutes)
  • Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)
  • Discussion starter video (3 minutes)
  • The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (optional)
  • Prayer (5 minutes)

Small Group Leader (20–25 minutes)
  • Key passage (5 minutes)
  • Bible story review (10 minutes)
  • Activity choice (10 minutes)
    • Sermon commands (low prep)
    • True treasure
    • Journal and prayer (5 minutes)
Unit Title: Jesus Preached
Key Passage: Matthew 6:33
Session Title: Parable of the Sower
Bible Passage: Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:4-15
Big Picture Question: How do people respond to the gospel? Some people believe the gospel and others reject the gospel.
Christ Connection: Not everyone believes the truth about Jesus. Some don’t understand it, some believe in Jesus for selfish reasons, and some only want part of Jesus because they love other things more. But those who hear the gospel and understand who Jesus is will become like Jesus and share His good news with others.

Small Group Opening (15–20 minutes)
Welcome and Session Starter (Choose one or more of these activities from the Younger Kids Bible Study Leader Guide.)
- Arriving activity: Guess the seed
- Activity Page: Good Soil
- Session starter (10 minutes)
  - Good plant (low prep)
  - Hungry birds

Large Group Leader (25–30 minutes)
- Countdown
- Introduce the session (1 minute)
- Timeline map (1 minute)
- Big picture question (1 minute)
- Sing (5 minutes)
- Key passage (4 minutes)
- Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)
- Discussion starter video (3 minutes)
- The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (optional)
- Prayer (5 minutes)

Small Group Leader (20–25 minutes)
- Key passage (5 minutes)
- Bible story review (10 minutes)
- Activity choice (10 minutes)
  - Good soil (low prep)
  - Flower plant
- Journal and prayer (5 minutes)
Unit Title: Jesus Preached
Key Passage: Matthew 6:33
Session Title: Three Parables
Bible Passage: Luke 15

Big Picture Question: What does it mean to be lost? Being lost means not knowing Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Christ Connection: A shepherd was seeking his sheep, a woman was seeking her coin, and a father was seeking his prodigal son. Jesus told these parables to teach about Himself. As Savior, Jesus seeks sinners. He paid the ultimate price—His own life—to save people from sin.

Small Group Opening (15–20 minutes)
Welcome and Session Starter (Choose one or more of these activities from the Younger Kids Bible Study Leader Guide.)
  • Arriving activity: Hidden Pictures
  • Activity Page: Lost Lamb
  • Session starter (10 minutes)
    • Missing coin (low prep)
    • Pack it up!

Large Group Leader (25–30 minutes)
  • Countdown
  • Introduce the session (1 minute)
  • Timeline map (1 minute)
  • Big picture question (1 minute)
  • Sing (5 minutes)
  • Key passage (4 minutes)
  • Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)
  • Discussion starter video (3 minutes)
  • The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me (optional)
  • Prayer (5 minutes)

Small Group Leader (20–25 minutes)
  • Key passage activity (5 minutes)
  • Bible story review (10 minutes)
  • Activity choice (10 minutes)
    • I’m looking for … (low prep)
    • Coin bank
  • Journal and prayer (5 minutes)