Sunday school lessons

TEACHER GUIDE: EIGHT FREE LESSONS FOR ELEMENTARY KIDS

How a lesson runs (about 20 minutes)

1

Read

Read the Bible passage out loud together. (3 minutes)

2

Listen

Play the free five-minute episode. Search its title at carpoolingwithjesus.com/search.

3

Write

Fill out the worksheet while it's fresh. (7 minutes)

4

Talk

Ask the three questions. The last one is the big one. (5 minutes)

The eight lessons

1. David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17:32-50
2. The Lost Son Comes Home	Luke 15:11-24
3. Jesus Calms the Storm	Mark 4:35-41
4. Elisha Sees the Army of God	2 Kings 6:8-17
5. Jesus Goes to Zacchaeus's House	Luke 19:1-10
6. Daniel Keeps Praying	Daniel 6:1-23
7. Jesus Teaches Us to Pray	Matthew 6:5-13
8. Blessed Are the Merciful	Matthew 5:1-12

Worksheets: Carpool Detective, Episode Notebook and 3-2-1 Report are free at carpoolingwithjesus.com/sunday-school-lessons. Episodes are free, about five minutes, with no ads and no sponsors.

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Lesson 1: David and Goliath

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR KIDS

PASSAGE
1 Samuel 17:32-50

EPISODE
Scared of a Big Dog?

WORKSHEET
Carpool Detective

THE ONE THING
Tell the truth about what scares you.

MEMORY VERSE

"You come against me with a sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of Armies."

1 Samuel 17:45 (CSB)

Ask

1. Was Goliath really dangerous? What does the Bible say he had?

2. What did David say about God?

3. What's something that feels scary right now, and what's one thing you know is true about God?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

Say both truths out loud this week: what scares you, and what's true about God.

Lesson 2: The Lost Son Comes Home

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR KIDS

PASSAGE
Luke 15:11–24

EPISODE
Scared God Is Mad at You?

WORKSHEET
Episode Notebook

THE ONE THING
When you mess up, go to God.

MEMORY VERSE

"But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him."

Luke 15:20 (CSB)

Ask

1. What did the younger son do wrong?

2. What did the father do when he saw his son coming?

3. When you mess up, what's one thing you know about God that makes it easier to go to Him?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

Next time you mess up, tell God about it that same day.

Lesson 3: Jesus Calms the Storm

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR KIDS

PASSAGE
Mark 4:35-41

EPISODE
Scared of Tornadoes or Storms?

WORKSHEET
Carpool Detective

THE ONE THING
You might not be able to stop a storm, but Jesus is still in charge.

MEMORY VERSE
"He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Silence! Be still!' The wind ceased, and there was a great calm."
Mark 4:39 (CSB)

Ask

1. What were the disciples afraid would happen?

2. What happened when Jesus spoke to the wind and the sea?

3. When something big or scary happens, what helps you feel calm or safe?

TRY IT THIS WEEK
When something scary happens this week, pray one sentence: "Jesus, You're in charge of this."

Lesson 4: Elisha Sees the Army of God

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR KIDS

PASSAGE
2 Kings 6:8-17

EPISODE
Scared of Riding the Bus?

WORKSHEET
3-2-1 Report

THE ONE THING
Count who is actually with you.

MEMORY VERSE
"Don't be afraid, for those who are with us outnumber those who are with them."
2 Kings 6:16 (CSB)

Ask

1. What did Elisha's servant see when he went outside?

2. What did he see after Elisha prayed?

3. Who's someone you see during the day who you could count as being on your side?

TRY IT THIS WEEK
Make a list of three people who are on your side, and put God at the top.

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Lesson 5: Jesus Goes to Zacchaeus's House

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR KIDS

PASSAGE
Luke 19:1-10

EPISODE
Thankful for Mealtime Moments

WORKSHEET
Episode Notebook

THE ONE THING
Jesus chose the house everybody complained about.

MEMORY VERSE
"'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down because today it is necessary for me to stay at your house.' So he quickly came down and welcomed him joyfully."
Luke 19:5-6 (CSB)

Ask

1. Why were people upset that Jesus went to Zacchaeus's house?

2. What did Zacchaeus do after Jesus came?

3. What's one thing you could do during mealtime to make it more meaningful for your family?

TRY IT THIS WEEK
At dinner this week, tell your family one real thing from your day, not just "fine."

Lesson 6: Daniel Keeps Praying

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR KIDS

PASSAGE
Daniel 6:1-23

EPISODE
Keep Your Prayer Habit at School

WORKSHEET
3-2-1 Report

THE ONE THING
Keep praying, even when it's hard.

MEMORY VERSE

"Three times a day he got down on his knees, prayed, and gave thanks to his God, just as he had done before."

Daniel 6:10 (CSB)

Ask

1. What did the new law say Daniel couldn't do?

2. What did Daniel do anyway?

3. When is one time each day you could meet God for even one minute this school year?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

Pick one spot every day this week for a one-minute prayer, like the car line or the bus stop.

Lesson 7: Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR KIDS

PASSAGE
Matthew 6:5-13

EPISODE
How Jesus Taught Us to Pray

WORKSHEET
Episode Notebook

THE ONE THING
Prayer is talking to God with simple, honest words.

MEMORY VERSE
"Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy."
Matthew 6:9 (CSB)

Ask

1. What did Jesus say about people who pray long prayers to look good?

2. What does it mean that we get to call God Father?

3. What's one thing you want to pray about today?

TRY IT THIS WEEK
Pray one line of the Lord's Prayer each night this week.

Lesson 8: Blessed Are the Merciful

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR KIDS

PASSAGE
Matthew 5:1–12

EPISODE
Blessed Are the Merciful

WORKSHEET
Carpool Detective

THE ONE THING
God shows us mercy, and we pass it on.

MEMORY VERSE
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
Matthew 5:7 (CSB)

Ask

1. What is mercy? Can you think of a time someone showed you mercy?

2. How has God shown mercy to us?

3. What's one way you could show mercy to someone at school or at home this week?

TRY IT THIS WEEK
When someone says sorry this week, say "I forgive you" out loud.