

WEEK 3 | PRESCHOOL | PARENT LESSON GUIDE



Need to Know: I Can Talk to God About Anything

Bible Story: Ask, Seek, Knock

Bible Reference: Matthew 7:7-12

READ THE BIBLE

DO Give each child an **I Spy Sheet**. Then read the **Bible Story Sheet** aloud.

SAY

- *Did Jesus tell us to “Ask, seek, and ...” — knock or ring the doorbell? (Knock) Yes! Whenever we talk to God, it’s like we’re knocking on His door. God will always open the door and listen to us whenever we knock!*
- *Does God want to give us good or bad things when we ask for them? (Good things) Yes! God is a good Father who gives good gifts to His kids — you and me!*

LET’S PRAY

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- Allow kids to take turns talking to God and thanking Him for something: “Hey God! Thank You for _____. Amen.”
- Then pray: Hey God, I’m so happy we can talk to You about anything! Thank You for hearing us when we pray! We love You! In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen!

LET’S PRACTICE

DO Play “Simon Says” with kids as you say the following:

- *Simon says to touch your toes. (Kids will touch toes) Can you talk to God about friends you run and play with? (Yes) You got it! You can talk to God about anything!*
- *Simon says to pat your knees. (Kids will pat knees) If you fall down and scrape your knees, can you talk to God about it? (Yes) Yes! You can talk to God about anything!*
- *Simon says to rub your tummy. (Kids will rub stomachs) What is something you like to eat? (Allow responses) Can you tell God, “Thank You,” for the food you have to eat? (Yes) You got it! You can talk to God about anything, like thanking Him for your food.*
- *Simon says to wiggle your ears. (Kids will wiggle ears) Do you use your ears to smell or to hear? (Hear) Yes! When you talk to God, you can sit quietly and use your ears to listen. God wants to talk to you!*
- *Simon says to blink your eyes. (Kids will blink) If you see someone being mean, what can you do? (Tell them to stop, be kind, ask God to help) When you talk to God, you can tell Him what you saw, and you can ask Him to help everyone be kind.*
- *Simon says to open your mouth wide! (Kids will open mouth wide) Simon says to close your mouth tight. (Kids will close mouths) Do we use our mouths to smell or talk? (Talk) Yes! You can use your mouth to talk to God about anything!*
- *Simon says to say this after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)*
I Can (thumbs to chest)
Talk to God (make praying hands)
About Anything (arms up and out)

MEMORIZE IT

SAY & DO

There's a verse in the Bible that tells us we can pray and talk to God about everything! Say this after me: (Allow kids to repeat)

"No matter (make "X" with arms, shake head in "no" motion)

what happens, (arms out in "why" motion)

tell God (make praying hands)

about everything." (arms up and out)

Philippians 4:6 (make book with hands)

Place **crayons** in the center of the group. Then, give each child a **Coloring Sheet** to color.

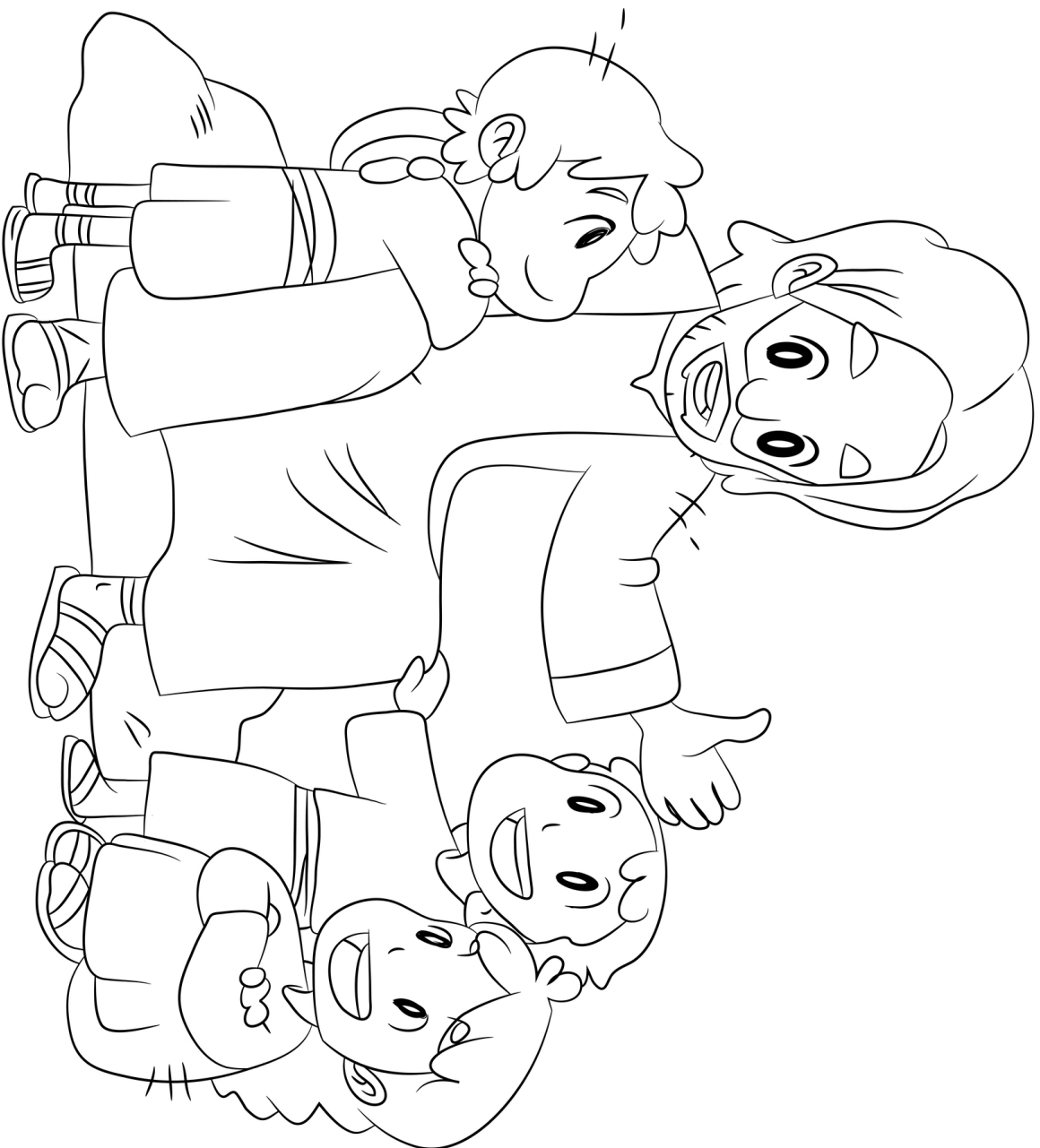
I spy sheet



BIBLE STORY SHEET

Wk 3 - PS - Bible Story Sheet

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| First, tell kids what you spy: | Then, say: |
| <i>I spy some boys and girls. Can you find them?</i> | Good job! One day, Jesus was talking to a crowd of boys and girls. He told them, "Ask, and God will give to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." Let's seek like Jesus told us to do and find more pictures so we can see what else He said! |
| <i>I spy a blue shoe. Do you see it?</i> | (Point to blue shoe on boy with hat) Good job! I asked you a question when I said, "Do you see it?" Jesus said that we can ask God anything. When we ask God questions, He will answer us and give us what we need! If you need new shoes, you can ask God, and trust that He will give you what you need! |
| <i>I spy a pink star. Can you find it?</i> | (Point to pink star) Yes! There it is! Jesus said that God will help us find anything we seek. If we are looking for who made all the stars in outer space, we can open our Bible, and God will show us that He made all the stars! |
| <i>I spy a green hand print. Do you see it?</i> | (Point to green hand) It's right there! Have you ever used your hand to knock on a door? (Allow responses) Let's pretend to knock on a door right now! Do it with me and say, "Knock! Knock! Knock!" (Pretend to knock on door with kids) Jesus said that whenever we talk to God, it's like we're knocking on His door. And Jesus promises that God will always open the door and listen to us whenever we knock! |
| <i>I spy a boy with a yellow shirt. Can you find him?</i> | (Point to boy with yellow shirt) There he is! When Jesus was talking to the people, he said, "What would you do if your son asks for bread? Would you give him a stone? Or if your son asks for fish, would you give him a snake?" Would your parents give you rocks for dinner? (Allow responses) No way! |
| <i>I spy a car. Do you see it?</i> | (Point to car) Raise your hand if you have ever gotten a car for a gift, maybe at your birthday or Christmas? A car is a good gift! Jesus said that even though mommies and daddies aren't perfect, they still know how to give us good gifts. |
| <i>I spy a blue cloud. Can you find it?</i> | Jesus told the boys and girls listening that if your parents know how to give you good gifts, then surely God, your Father in heaven, will give good things to those who ask Him! All we have to do is ask, seek, and knock because we can talk to God about anything! |



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Today's Bible Story: Ask, Seek, Knock (Matthew 7:7-12)

Series Memory Verse: "No matter what happens, tell God about everything." Philippians 4:6 (NIRV)

Name _____