

WEEK 4 | PRESCHOOL | PARENT LESSON GUIDE

Need to Know: I Can Talk to God Anytime

Bible Story: When Jesus Prayed

Bible Reference: John 6:5-11, Mark 1:35, Matthew 26:36-44, Luke 3:21-22



READ THE BIBLE

DO Show and read the **Bible Story Cards** aloud to the group.

SAY

- *Did Jesus only pray before He ate food, or did He pray anytime of the day? (Anytime of the day)*
- *When Jesus prayed, did He talk the whole time, or did He listen, too? (He listened, too) God loves to hear you pray, and He wants to talk to You, too!*

LET'S PRAY

PRAY

- Allow kids to take turns praying, "Hey God! I love you! Amen."
- *Then pray: Hey God, thank You for hearing us when we pray. Please help us remember that we can talk to You anytime of the day! We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!*

LET'S PRACTICE

DO

- Place **Clock Cards** in a circle in the center of the group to look like a real clock.
- Allow kids to take turns selecting one Card.
- Read the back of the Card, and allow the child to respond. Do not replace the Card.
- Continue until each child has had a turn or until all Cards have been read/discussed.

SAY *You can talk to God anytime! When you talk to God, He will be listening! Let me hear you say this after me one more time: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)*

I Can (thumbs to chest)
Talk to God (make praying hands)
Anytime (tap wrist)

MEMORIZE IT

SAY

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

DO

Have kids pop up and squat down as you say each phrase of the memory verse. For example, kids would pop up for "No matter," squat down for "what happens," etc.

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



When Jesus Prayed

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When Jesus lived on Earth, He knew that God was always listening. So Jesus talked to God all of the time!

Do you ever talk to God when it's time to eat and tell Him thank you for your food? (Allow responses) I do! And Jesus did, too! You see, one time a big crowd had been listening to Jesus talk all day, and they were very hungry. A little boy offered to share his lunch, and when Jesus told God "Thank You" for it, it turned into enough for everybody!

On the count of three, let's all say, "Thank You," to God! One, two, three! (Everyone will say, "Thank You!")



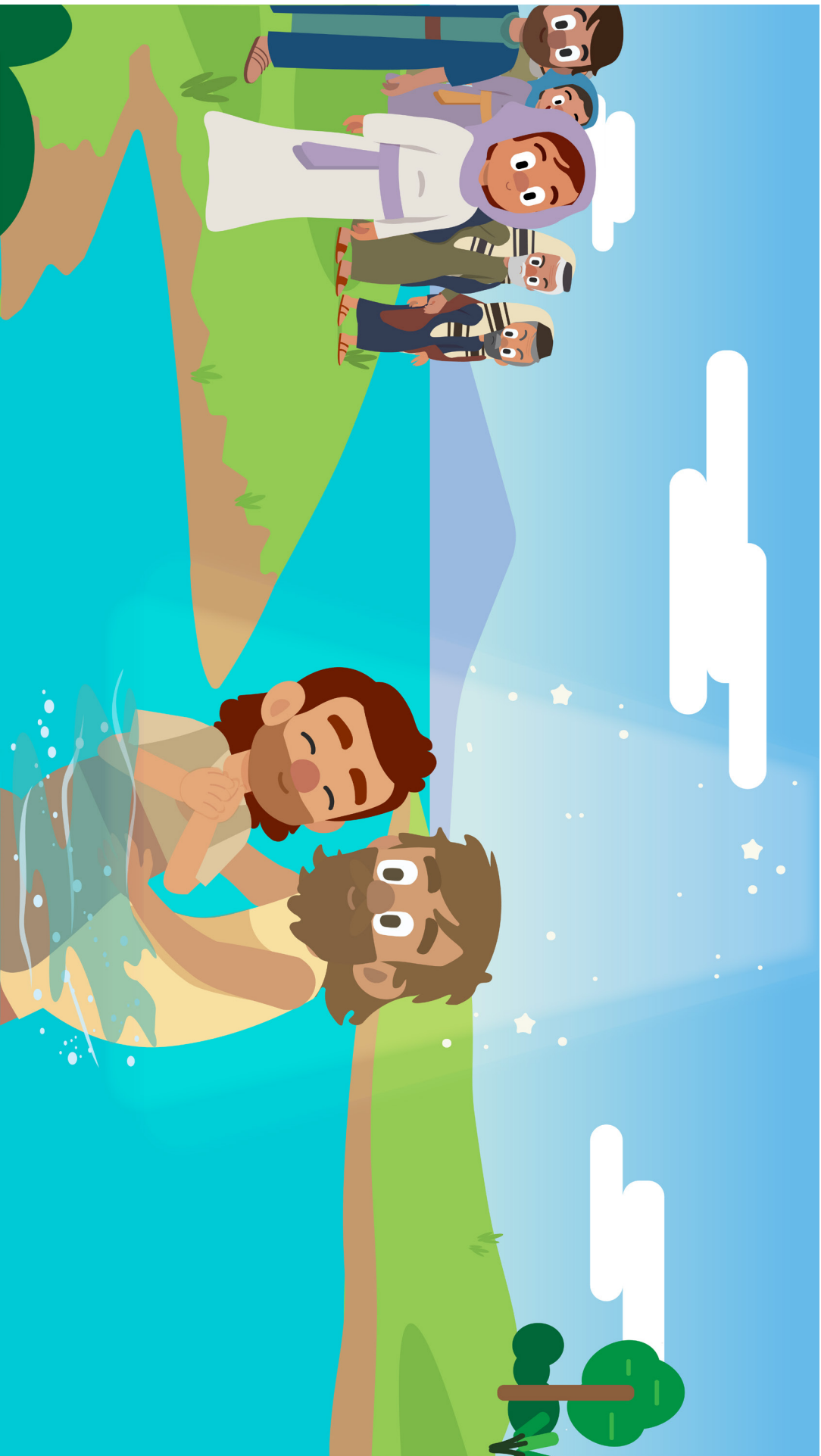
Another time, Jesus' friend Mark saw Jesus praying before a very busy day.

Let me see you make praying hands. (Everyone will make praying hands)

Even though He had a very busy day, Jesus woke up early in the morning to pray and talk to God. He knew this was the best way to start His day!



Jesus even talked to God when He was feeling sad. Jesus knew He was about to die on the cross to take the punishment for all of the wrong things we do. He knew this was the only way to fix our friendship with God, but He felt sad because it was going to hurt. So Jesus talked to God about how he was feeling.



Not only did Jesus talk to God, but He listened to God, too.

Let me see you click on your listening ears! (Everyone will click on listening ears and say, "Click! Click!")

That's it! Jesus listened to God when He was sad and when He was happy - like when He was getting baptized! When Jesus was getting baptized, He was praying. That's when He heard God say, "You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you." God wants to tell you that He loves you, too!

Jesus shows us that we can talk to God anytime. When we talk, God is always listening! Let me hear you say this after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)

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Talk to God (make praying hands)

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These kids are at the library for story time. Do you like to go to the library? (Allow responses)

Can you talk to God while you're at the library? (Yes)

Yes! You can tell Him thank you for all the books!

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Does it look like these friends are sharing?
(Allow responses)

If your friends are not sharing, can you talk to God about it? (Yes)

Yes! You can say, "God, will you help them share with me?"

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What is this girl doing? (Allow responses)

It looks like she's doing chores at home.

When you are doing chores or helping at home, you can be quiet and listen to God talk to you.

We can talk and listen to God anytime!

Wk 4 - PS - Clock Cards



These friends are so happy because they just went to a birthday party.

Clap your hands if you like going to birthday parties. (Allow responses)

You can talk to God when you are at birthday parties. You can thank Him for your birthday friend!

Wk 4 - PS - Clock Cards

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What is something that you like to eat for dinner? (Allow responses)

Before you eat your dinner, you can talk to God and tell Him, "Thank You," for the food you get to eat.

Wk 4 - PS - Clock Cards



Pretend it's your first day of basketball practice, and you are nervous to talk to your new coach.

Can you talk to God and ask Him to help you? (Yes)

You got it! God hears you when you talk to Him, and He will help you!

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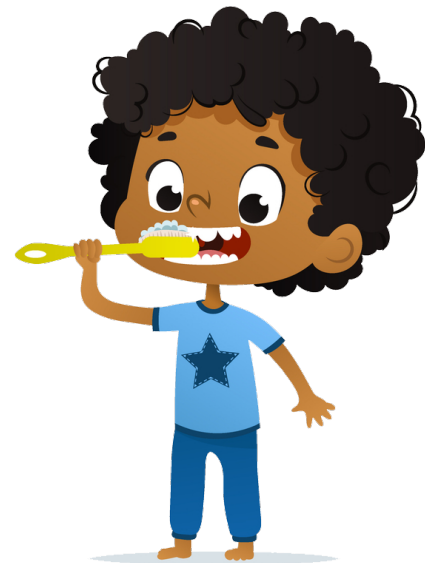


Is this boy going for a walk or taking a nap?
(Taking a nap)

That's right! When you are laying down to take a nap, it's a great time to get still, be quiet, and listen to God talk to you!

God wants to tell you how much He loves you!

Wk 4 - PS - Clock Cards



Let me see you pretend to brush your teeth, like this boy getting ready for bed. (Everyone will pretend to brush your teeth)

Before you go to sleep at night, you can talk to God and tell Him all about your day. He loves to hear you talk to Him.

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What is something you like to eat for breakfast? (Allow responses)

Can you talk to God while you are eating breakfast? (Yes)

Yes! You can ask God to help you have a good day!

Wk 4 - PS - Clock Cards



This boy just woke up and is getting ready for school.

When you wake up in the morning, you can talk to God and tell Him, "Good morning!"

On the count of three, let's all say, "Good morning, God!" One, two, three! (Everyone will say, "Good morning, God!")

Wk 4 - PS - Clock Cards



This brother and sister are helping clean up dishes for their mom.

What is one thing you like to do to help your family? (Allow responses)

Whenever you don't want to help, you can ask God to give you a good attitude.

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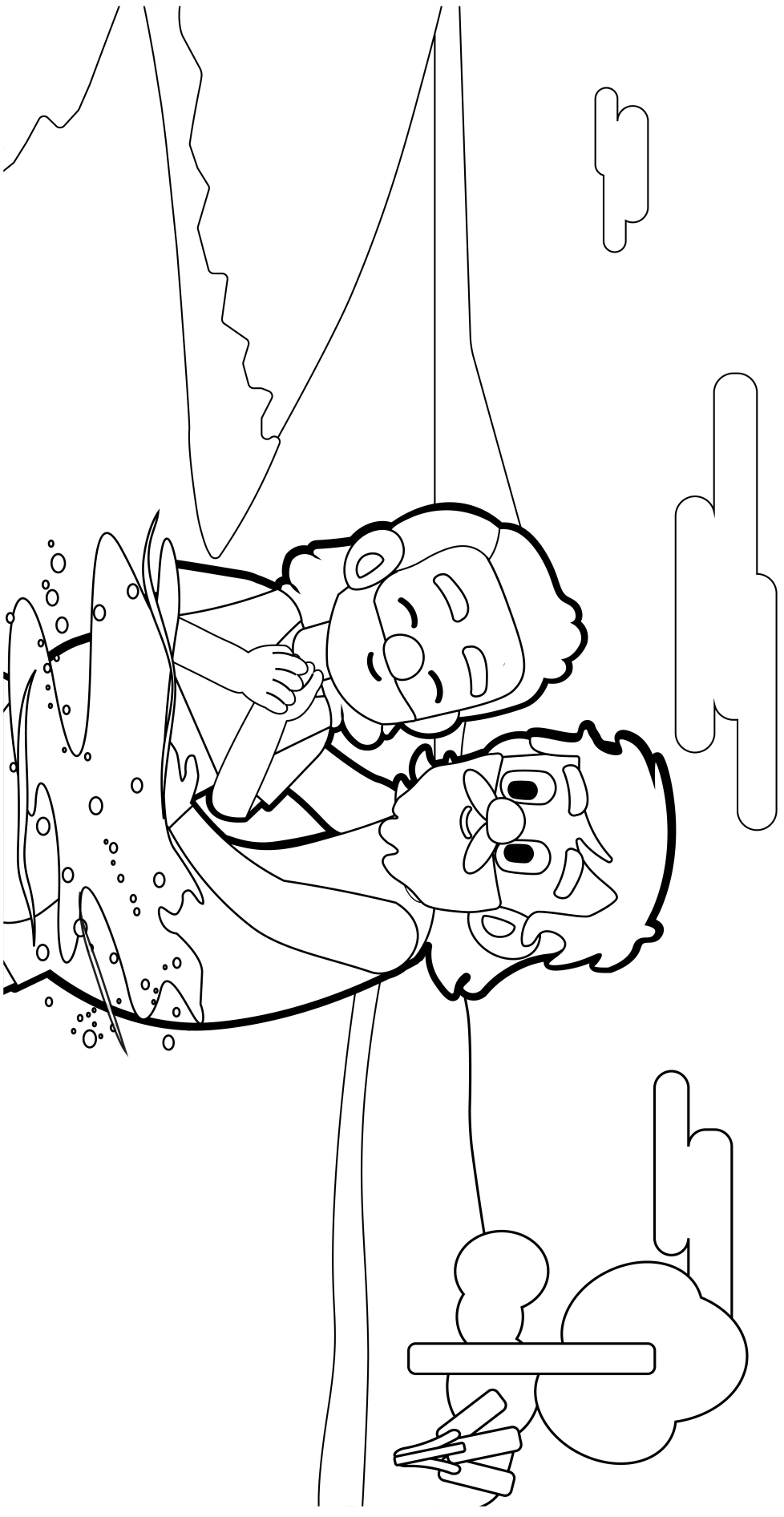


Is this boy walking dogs or cats? (Dogs)

Yes! If a dog barks at you and makes you feel scared, can you talk to God about it? (Yes)

Yes! You can ask God to keep you safe, and you can ask Him to make the dog stop.

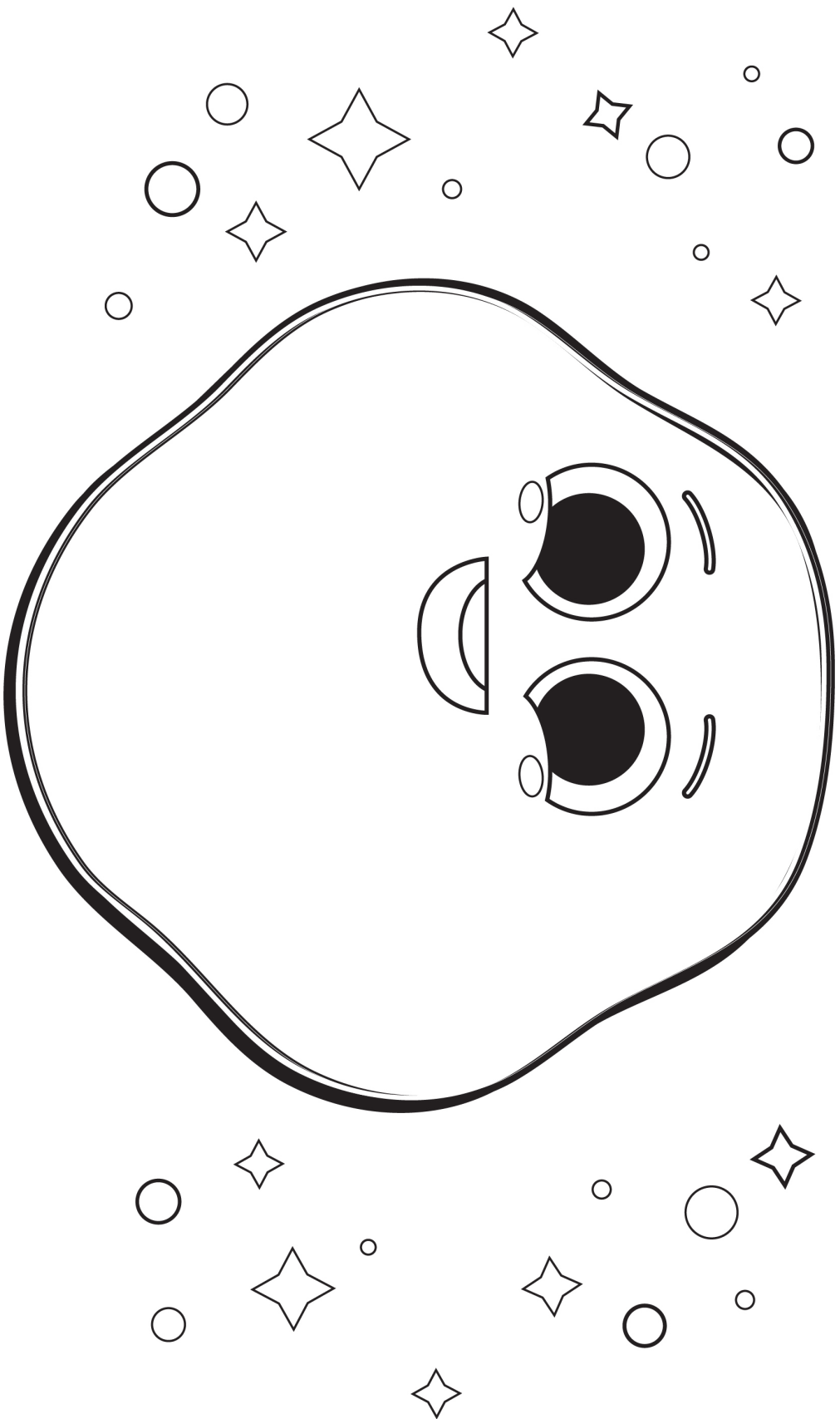
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Name _____



**"No matter what happens,
tell God everything."
Philippians 4:6 (NIRV)**

Preschool Memory Verse