

Stainless Steel

PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

Theme: Jesus was without sin.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:21

Memory Verse: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. - 2 Corinthians 5:21

The Children's Sermon

You'll Need:

-Black or dark nail polish, gauze or makeup pad soaked in nail polish remover, ziplock bag

I have a question for you. Who is Jesus? (Kids might say God's son, etc.) That's right. You know who Jesus is, but the other day when I asked a group of kids if Jesus ever sinned... Boy was I surprised at the answer! Did Jesus ever sin? NO. That's right! Jesus is holy and perfect like his Father. You know when God created the world, He created who? That's right Adam and Eve and everything was perfect. There was no sin. But God loved us and he created us with a choice. He didn't say, "YOU HAVE TO LOVE ME!" Adam and Eve chose not to obey God and through them sin entered the world. Ever since then, we all sin. That means you and me. But God did not say, " YOU HAVE TO!". Instead He said, "I love you." And He gave us Jesus to pay the price for our sins.

Let me give you an example. Let's see what a mess I can make. (Paint your thumb.) Let's say this nail polish is sin. See how it stains my nail. Now let's say this white cloth is Jesus. Jesus, who is perfectly clean and sinless. Now watch. (Remove the paint with

the cloth.) Now look. The stain is on the cloth, just like Jesus took our stain on himself. Your parents or grandparents can't pay for your sins. Why not? They have sins of their own. God's sinless and perfect son took on your sins and paid the price for you. Now you have a choice. To love Him and accept His gift, or not. Note: Put the nail polish soaked cloth in the ziplock bag to keep it moist until you need it.

Now, let's talk more about Jesus as Sin-Bearer. Imagine you're playing in the mud, and you get all dirty. You can't clean yourself with more mud, right? You need clean water. Jesus is like that clean water. Our hearts get dirty with sin, and Jesus cleans us up.

Sometimes, we try to clean our sins by being good, but it's like trying to wipe mud off with a muddy hand. It doesn't work. We need Jesus because He's the only one who can make us clean from sin. Just like the cloth took the nail polish off my thumb, Jesus takes our sins away when we ask Him to.

Jesus as Sin-Bearer means He carries our sins away from us. It's like if you had a heavy backpack full of rocks, and it was too heavy for you to carry. Jesus comes and takes the backpack from you. He carries it so you don't have to. That's what He did when He died on the cross. He took all of our sins—the lies, the unkind words, the bad thoughts—and He carried them for us.

But why would Jesus do this? Why would He take our sins and make us clean? Because He loves us so much. He wants us to be close to Him. Sin keeps us away from Jesus, but He made a way to bring us back. Just like a bridge helps you get across a river, Jesus helps us get back to God.

Now, you might wonder, how do we let Jesus take our sins? It's simple. We just need to talk to Him. Tell Jesus you're sorry for your sins and ask Him to be your Sin-Bearer. It's like saying, "Jesus, I can't clean this mess myself. I need You to help me." And guess what? He will! He's always ready to clean our hearts and make us new.

Remember, even after Jesus cleans our hearts, we might still make mistakes. But the good news is, Jesus is always there to help us. He's like the best friend who never gives up on you. You can always go to Him and ask for help to do better.

So, let's think about how we can live knowing Jesus as our Sin-Bearer. We can be kind to others, share, and help those in need. When we live like Jesus, we show others how amazing His love is. We become little lights that shine bright for Him.

And if you ever feel like you're not good enough or you've made too big of a mistake, remember the nail polish and the cloth. Just like the cloth took away the nail polish, Jesus can take away any sin, no matter how big. All you have to do is ask Him.

To end, let's say a little prayer together. You can repeat after me if you want: "Dear Jesus, thank you for being our Sin-Bearer. Thank you for loving us so much that You took our sins away. Help us to live in a way that shows Your love to others. We love You, Jesus. Amen."

Bible Memory Verse

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. - 2 Corinthians 5:21

You Will Need:

-White and black construction paper

-Scissors

-Glue sticks

-Stickers or markers to decorate

Get Ready:

-Cut the white construction paper into shapes of crosses.

-Cut the black paper into small pieces that can fit onto the crosses.

Do This:

1. Give each child a white cross and several black paper pieces. Explain that the white cross represents Jesus, who was without sin.

2. Talk about how the black pieces represent our sins. Have the children glue the black pieces onto their white crosses while discussing that Jesus took our sins upon Himself.

3. Finally, allow the children to decorate their crosses with stickers or markers to remind them that because of Jesus, we can be made clean from our sins. Encourage them to take their crosses home to remember the lesson.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- White and black construction paper

- Scissors

- Glue sticks

- Cotton balls

- Washable markers

Get Ready:

- Cut the white construction paper into large heart shapes, one for each child.
- Cut the black construction paper into small pieces or shapes.

Do this:

1. Give each child a white heart and explain that this represents Jesus' heart, pure and without sin.
2. Show the black paper pieces and explain that these represent sin. Ask the children to glue the black pieces onto another piece of paper, not on the white heart, to show that Jesus did not have sin.
3. Let the children use cotton balls to glue around the white heart, explaining that the cotton balls represent Jesus' love and purity surrounding Him. They can also use markers to decorate around their hearts but should keep the heart itself white.

Snack Activity: Pure Heart Cookies

You'll Need:

- Sugar cookies (pre-baked, one for each child)
- White frosting
- Small bowls
- Spoons or small spatulas
- Edible glitter or sprinkles (optional)

Get Ready: Before the activity, prepare a clean, child-friendly workspace where each child can decorate their cookie. Have the sugar cookies, white frosting, and optional edible glitter or sprinkles ready in small bowls.

Do this:

1. Begin by explaining that just like these cookies are plain and without any marks, Jesus was without sin. 1 Corinthians 5:21 tells us that He was pure and without sin so that we could be made right with God.
2. Give each child a sugar cookie and a spoon or small spatula. Show them how to spread the white frosting over their cookie to make it 'pure' like Jesus. The white frosting represents purity and sinlessness.
3. If using, let the children sprinkle some edible glitter or sprinkles on their cookies to remind them that Jesus' purity makes our lives sparkle with joy and love. Encourage them to enjoy their Pure Heart Cookie while thinking about how Jesus is pure and loves them very much.

Game Activity: Follow the Sinless Path

You'll Need:

- Sidewalk chalk
- A clear pathway or sidewalk
- Pictures of simple 'good choices' and 'bad choices' (e.g., sharing toys, pushing, helping, not listening)

Get Ready: Draw a large, winding path on the ground with the chalk, making sure it's wide enough for little feet to walk on. Along the path, draw several 'decision points' - spots where you place the pictures of good and bad choices.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that Jesus was without sin, which means He always made good choices. Tell them they are going on a journey to follow Jesus' example.

2. At each 'decision point' on the path, show the children the two pictures and ask them to choose the good choice that Jesus would make.
3. After making a choice, the child hops or walks to the next 'decision point' on the path. The goal is to reach the end of the path by only making good choices, just like Jesus.

Craft Activity: Pure Heart Like Jesus

You'll Need:

- White paper plates (1 per child)
- Washable markers or crayons
- Stickers of hearts and crosses

Get Ready: Write 'Jesus was without sin' on the top of each paper plate before class.

Do this:

1. Give each child a pre-written paper plate and a set of markers or crayons. Explain that the white plate represents Jesus' pure heart, free from sin.
2. Ask the children to decorate around the words with the markers or crayons, telling them they can draw things they love or feel are good, just like Jesus loves all that is good.
3. Hand out the heart and cross stickers for them to stick on their plates, reinforcing the message that Jesus' love and sacrifice on the cross was because He was without sin and loves us.

Prayer Activity: Jesus, Our Sinless Friend

You'll Need:

- A small, clear jar filled with clean water
- A bit of dirt or food coloring
- Paper hearts (one for each child)

Get Ready: Before the activity, prepare the small jar filled with clean water to represent Jesus' purity and sinlessness. Also, prepare paper hearts to represent each child's heart.

Do this:

1. Gather the children around and show them the clear jar of water. Explain that the water is like Jesus—completely pure and without sin, based on 1 Corinthians 5:21.
2. Talk about how sometimes we make mistakes or do things wrong, which is like adding dirt or a drop of food coloring to the water. Add a bit of dirt or a drop of food coloring to the jar to illustrate this point.
3. Hand out a paper heart to each child and explain that even though we make mistakes, Jesus loves us and wants to help us be pure like Him. Encourage the children to place their paper heart near the jar as a sign of wanting to be like Jesus, pure and without sin.