

In The Palm Of His Hand

PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

Theme: Nothing can take us out of the Jesus' hand

Scripture: John 10:28

Memory Verse: I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. - John 10:28

The Children's Sermon

For my final trick, I will do "Around the World." This one is a little bit more difficult and sometimes I mess up. Ready? Here goes! Oh wow! I really messed up on that one, didn't I? Well, no problem. I'll just pick up my yo-yo, rewind it, and then I'll be ready to go again. Did you notice that every one of my tricks started and ended exactly the same way? Each trick began and ended with the yo-yo in the palm of my hand. Jesus said, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand." When we give our heart to Jesus and place our life in his hands, we know that we are safe and that nothing can snatch us from his hand. Oh, we may have our "ups and downs." We may even stray away at times, but just a little tug will pull us right back into His hand. Even when we really mess up, like I did on the "around the world" trick, he picks us up and dusts us off and there we are, right back in the palm of his hand.

Isn't it great to have the assurance that Jesus has put us in the palm of his hand and that nothing can harm us or take us from his hand! Dear Jesus, we thank you for holding us in your hand and for giving us the promise that nothing can take us from your hands.

Now, let's talk more about this wonderful promise of Eternal Life in Jesus' Hand. Imagine you have a very special toy that you love very much. You would want to keep it safe, right? That's how Jesus feels about us. He loves us so much that He wants to keep us safe forever. That's what Eternal Life in Jesus' Hand means. It's like being in the safest, most loving hands ever.

Sometimes, we might feel scared or alone, like when we're trying something new or when we're not sure what's going to happen next. But remember, just like the yo-yo comes back to my hand, we can always come back to Jesus. No matter what happens, we're never too far from His love and care. That's the beauty of Eternal Life in Jesus' Hand.

You know, sometimes we might do things that aren't so good, like not sharing with our friends or saying unkind words. It's like when I messed up the "Around the World" trick. But guess what? Jesus doesn't get mad and walk away. Instead, He's always ready to forgive us, help us do better, and remind us that we're still safe in His hand. This is another part of Eternal Life in Jesus' Hand - knowing we're loved and forgiven, no matter what.

Let's think about how we can stay close to Jesus, just like the yo-yo stays close to my hand. We can talk to Him every day through prayer, telling Him about our joys, our worries, and even saying sorry when we need to. We can read stories about Him in the Bible to learn how much He loves us and how we can love others. And we can show His love to everyone around us by being kind, sharing, and helping others. These are all ways to feel the warmth of Eternal Life in Jesus' Hand.

Now, imagine if you had a friend who didn't know about this amazing promise of Eternal Life in Jesus' Hand. You could share this good news with them, just like I'm sharing with you. You could tell them how Jesus loves us so much that He wants us to be with Him forever, safe in His hand. And you know what? Sharing this good news makes Jesus really happy, and it can make our hearts feel full and happy too.

So, let's remember, no matter what tricks life throws at us, we have something amazing - Eternal Life in Jesus' Hand. We're safe, loved, and cared for, today, tomorrow, and forever. And that, my friends, is the best promise of all.

Dear Jesus, thank you for your love and for the gift of Eternal Life in Jesus' Hand. Help us to always remember how much you care for us and to share your love with everyone we meet. Amen.

Isn't it wonderful to know that we're always in Jesus' hands, no matter what? Let's keep this promise close to our hearts and live every day knowing we're loved and protected by Him. Remember, Eternal Life in Jesus' Hand is the best gift we could ever have, and it's ours forever.

Bible Memory Verse

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. - John 10:28

You Will Need:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Safety scissors
- Glue sticks

-Stickers or markers

Get Ready:

-Cut the construction paper into large, hand-shaped cutouts beforehand, one for each child.

-Set up a table with the hand cutouts, safety scissors, glue sticks, and stickers or markers.

Do This:

1. Start by reciting the memory verse together. Repeat a few times to help the children memorize it.

2. Give each child a hand-shaped cutout and ask them to decorate it with stickers or markers. While they work, remind them that just like the hand they are decorating, Jesus' hand holds us and nothing can take us away from His love.

3. Once everyone has finished decorating, gather the children and let them share their decorated hands. Encourage them to say the memory verse again, reinforcing the message that they are safe in Jesus' hand.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- A large picture of Jesus with open hands (can be a printed image or a drawing)
- Several small, soft toy sheep or cutouts of sheep
- A large blanket or a piece of blue fabric to represent safety in Jesus' hands
- Tape or sticky tack to secure the picture on the wall

Get Ready:

- Secure the large picture of Jesus with open hands on a wall at the children's eye level.

- Place the blanket or blue fabric on the floor in front of the picture to represent Jesus' hands.
- Scatter the toy sheep or sheep cutouts around the room, but not on the blanket yet.

Do this:

1. Gather the children and explain that the blanket represents Jesus' hands, a place where we are always safe because nothing can take us out of His hands, just like John 10:28 says.
2. Ask the children to help you find all the sheep and bring them to Jesus' hands (the blanket) to keep them safe. As they place each sheep on the blanket, remind them that just like the sheep, we are safe with Jesus.
3. Once all the sheep are on the blanket, have a short discussion with the children about how we can trust Jesus to keep us safe and nothing can separate us from His love and care. Encourage them to say together, "Nothing can take us out of Jesus' hands!"

Snack Activity: Safe in Jesus' Hand Snack

You'll Need:

- Round crackers
- Cream cheese or any spreadable cheese
- Baby carrots
- Raisins

Get Ready: Make sure the cream cheese or spreadable cheese is soft enough to spread easily on the crackers. Wash your hands and the baby carrots.

Do this:

1. Spread a layer of cream cheese on each cracker to represent Jesus' hand. This shows how Jesus covers and protects us.
2. Place a baby carrot in the center of each cracker. The carrot represents us, safe and secure in Jesus' hand.
3. Add two raisins near the top of each carrot to create the image of us being happy and content because we are in Jesus' care. This snack will help remind the children that nothing can take us out of Jesus' hand, just like nothing can remove the carrot from the cream cheese without a deliberate action.

Game Activity: Jesus' Safe Hands

You'll Need:

- A large sheet of paper or a roll of butcher paper
- Markers or crayons
- Tape

Get Ready: Draw a large outline of a hand on the paper. This represents Jesus' hand. Use the tape to secure the hand outline on the floor or a wall accessible to the children.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that just like the hand on the paper, Jesus' hand is always holding us and keeping us safe. Nothing can take us away from His love and protection, just like John 10:28 says.
2. Have each child take a turn to stand in the center of the hand outline. While they stand there, the rest of the group can say together, 'Nothing can take (child's name) out of Jesus' hand.'

3. After everyone has had a turn, encourage the children to draw or write their names inside the hand outline with markers or crayons, reinforcing the idea that they are always in Jesus' care.

Prayer Activity: Safe in Jesus' Hands

You'll Need:

- A small plush sheep for each child
- A picture of Jesus (preferably holding a lamb)
- Soft background music (optional)

Get Ready: Before the children arrive, set up a comfortable area with the picture of Jesus displayed where all the children can see it. If using music, have it playing softly in the background.

Do this:

1. Gather the children around you and show them the picture of Jesus holding a lamb. Explain that just like the lamb is safe in Jesus' arms, we are safe in Jesus' hands. Mention that the Bible says in John 10:28, 'I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.'
2. Give each child a plush sheep and encourage them to hold their sheep tightly. This represents how Jesus holds us tightly and keeps us safe.
3. Lead the children in a simple prayer, encouraging them to repeat after you: 'Dear Jesus, thank you for holding us in your hands. Help us to remember we are always safe with you. Amen.'
4. For a closing activity, let the children play quietly with their plush sheep as you remind them that Jesus' love and protection are always with them, just like they are with their sheep.