

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Step by Step

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

In This program called "Step by Step" we are teaching our preschoolers some of the keys to following Jesus. Namely, that we love Jesus, make friends and be kind! Jesus gave us a clear commandment in the bible, to love each other as He has loved us. We are building a foundation for preschoolers to know the love of God and to share God's love with others. This program will impart truths about being a good friend, building each other up and always showing kindness.

Memory Verse: "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." John 13:34

Repeated Phrase: To follow Jesus step by step we must love Jesus, make friends and be kind!

THE PROGRAM PLAN

Week One & Two: LOVE JESUS

Key Point: God knows me

Week Three & Four: LOVE JESUS

Key point: Jesus is my friend

Week Five & Six: MAKE FRIENDS

Key Point: I can be a great friend

Week Seven & Eight: MAKE FRIENDS

Key Point: Friendships make us stronger

Week Nine & Ten: BE KIND

Key Point: Love one another

Week Eleven & Twelve: BE KIND

Key Point: We can help each other out

THE PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- **Screens:** We have theme screens, memory verse screens, and screens for you to put your own text over!
- **Big 3 Rules:** We use consistent rules to help manage behaviour - repeat them weekly, with fun reward systems!
- **Repeated Phrase:** Our repeated phrase helps the kids engage with the greater message of the 12 week program, fitting the weekly topic into the greater theme.
- **Game:** These are designed to create a fun service and encourage friendships.
- **Memory Verse:** Repeat it weekly - in fun ways! For example, have kids do it with actions & use loud/soft voices
- **Video:** These are played two weeks in a row, and convey the key topic practically, for visual & auditory learning
- **Video Follow-Up:** These are repeated fortnightly and complement the video to land the key topic for kids.
- **Illustration Idea:** These are new weekly and help kids apply the topic practically. Use them or your own idea!
- **Connect Group Story and Questions:** These are repeated weekly - a topic bible story and follow-up questions
- **Craft & Templates:** These are new weekly, to help our tactile learners engage and parents follow-up at home.
- **Extra Colouring:** These are colouring's themed to the bible story & general topic, as a bonus resource.
- **Extra Resources:** You can find salvation booklets, music, story books and more at [our store!](#)

NEEDED BOOKS

- 'God Knows Me: Psalm 139,' written by Sacha Cameron and illustrated by Erica Calderone, available [here](#) or [here](#)
- Echidnas on Everest by Andrew McDonough, Lost Sheep Series [found here](#)
- The Good Samaritan by Andrew McDonough, Lost Sheep Series [found here](#)
- Ruth and Naomi (I Can Read! 2 / Adventure Bible Series) Illustrations by David Miles, Zonderkidz [found here](#)
- The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd Jones (Used regularly in our programs)

HOW TO PREPARE

1. **Allocate roles in advance and send the content to team.** A good combo for a 2-person team is having one leader be the 'host' running the 'light' service elements & the other do the video follow-up/illustration. Both run connect.
2. **Resource Prep:** Ensure all materials and resources are available, particularly any requiring preparation.
3. **Illustration Prep:** Consider how to deliver the illustration and what materials you may need to source from home.

SUGGESTED TIMINGS

- Welcome and Game - (10 mins)
- Worship and Big three rules - (8 mins)
- This weeks topic and memory Verse (3 mins)
- Animation and Follow-Up Questions (9 mins)
- Illustration Idea (5 mins)
- Connect Group Story Time (8 mins)
- Craft (10 mins)

Add to this FUN elements like free-time, handing out prizes , extra games etc.