



BIG IDEA

Jesus is the main character in God's story.

LUKE | RESCUE | WEEK 2 OF 4

MIDWEEK NOTES

The Old Testament Points to Jesus

1 | Hangout

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- Let the kids know that you're going to play a story-building game by starting with a main character, then taking turns telling the story. Encourage everyone to use their imaginations and make it as wild and wacky as they want!
- Work together to come up with a main character (e.g., a purple hippo, a lost puppy, a lonely robot, a hungry bear, etc.).
- Begin the story: "Once upon a time there was a [main character] and..."
- Ask one of the kids to add a sentence or two (e.g., "...and [main character] went to the candy store looking for a treat. He looked at all the candy but couldn't decide what to choose, so he...").
- Prompt the group to take turns adding to the story. Their ideas could link together logically or go in completely different directions. Have fun with it!
- When everyone has had a turn, add a final sentence to wrap up the story.
- If the kids are interested, build a new story together with a different main character.
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **Jesus is the main character in God's story.**
- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

2 | Hear

SUPPLIES

- Bible

INSTRUCTIONS

- Explain that when we hear the words "story" or "character" we may think of something that's pretend. However, God's story is real! Jesus is the good news at the heart of it. Challenge the kids to listen carefully to find out what happens when Jesus appears to his disciples and they realize he's fulfilled everything God promised.
- Look up Luke 24:35-49 and read about how the Old Testament points to Jesus.
- Review and discuss:
 - How did Jesus show up to speak with the disciples?
 - What did the disciples think Jesus was? (A ghost)
 - How did Jesus show them he was alive? (Jesus showed them his hands and his feet and invited them to touch him, then he ate a fish)
 - What did Jesus explain was written in the scriptures about himself? (See verse 46)
 - Who did Jesus promise to send? (The Holy Spirit)
 - Do you think it was easy or difficult for the disciples to accept that Jesus was alive? Why?
 - What does it mean when we say that Jesus is Lord?

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3 | Huddle

SUPPLIES

- Large piece of craft paper or blank side of wrapping paper
- Drawing supplies

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

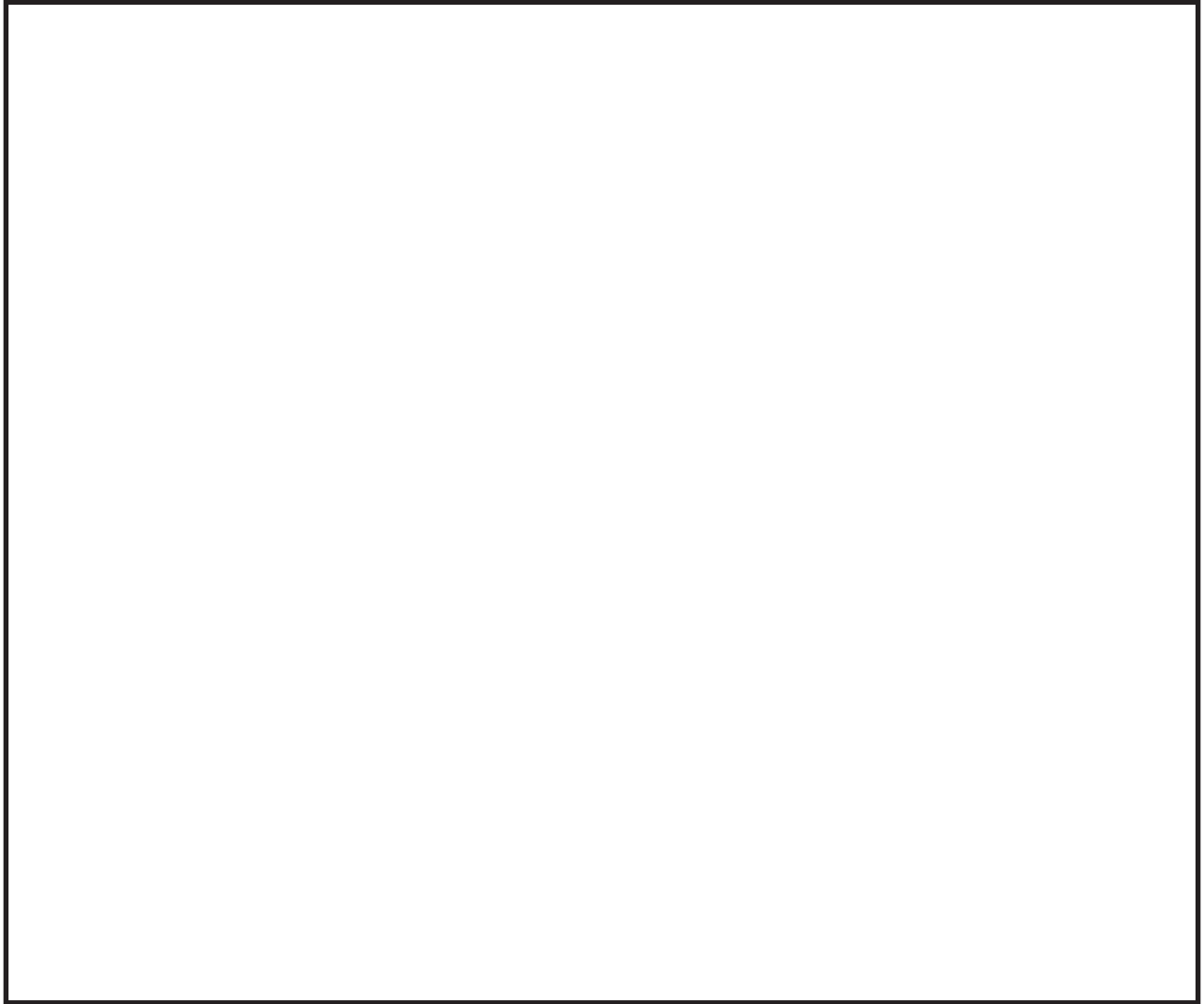
- In the middle of the paper, draw a heart and write "Jesus" inside it.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Lead the kids to brainstorm a list of important parts of their lives (e.g., family, school, hobbies, friends, etc.). Write their ideas around the "Jesus" heart on the paper.
- Encourage the group to decorate the paper.
- As they draw and doodle, chat about what it means to keep Jesus at the centre of our lives.
- Explain that when we have a Jesus-centred heart it allows us to be other-centred in the way we live.
- Discuss:
 - What does it mean to be other centred? (To put others first)
 - Do you know anyone who's always thinking about and caring for other people? Who is it?
- Pray, "Thank you, God, for showing us that Jesus is the main character in your story. Please help us keep Jesus at the centre of our lives. Show us how to follow his example and love and serve others. We love you! Amen."

Jesus Character Study Activity

Draw a picture of Jesus in the box below, and finish the statements!



1. Jesus is... _____

2. Jesus loves... _____

3. Jesus shows us... _____