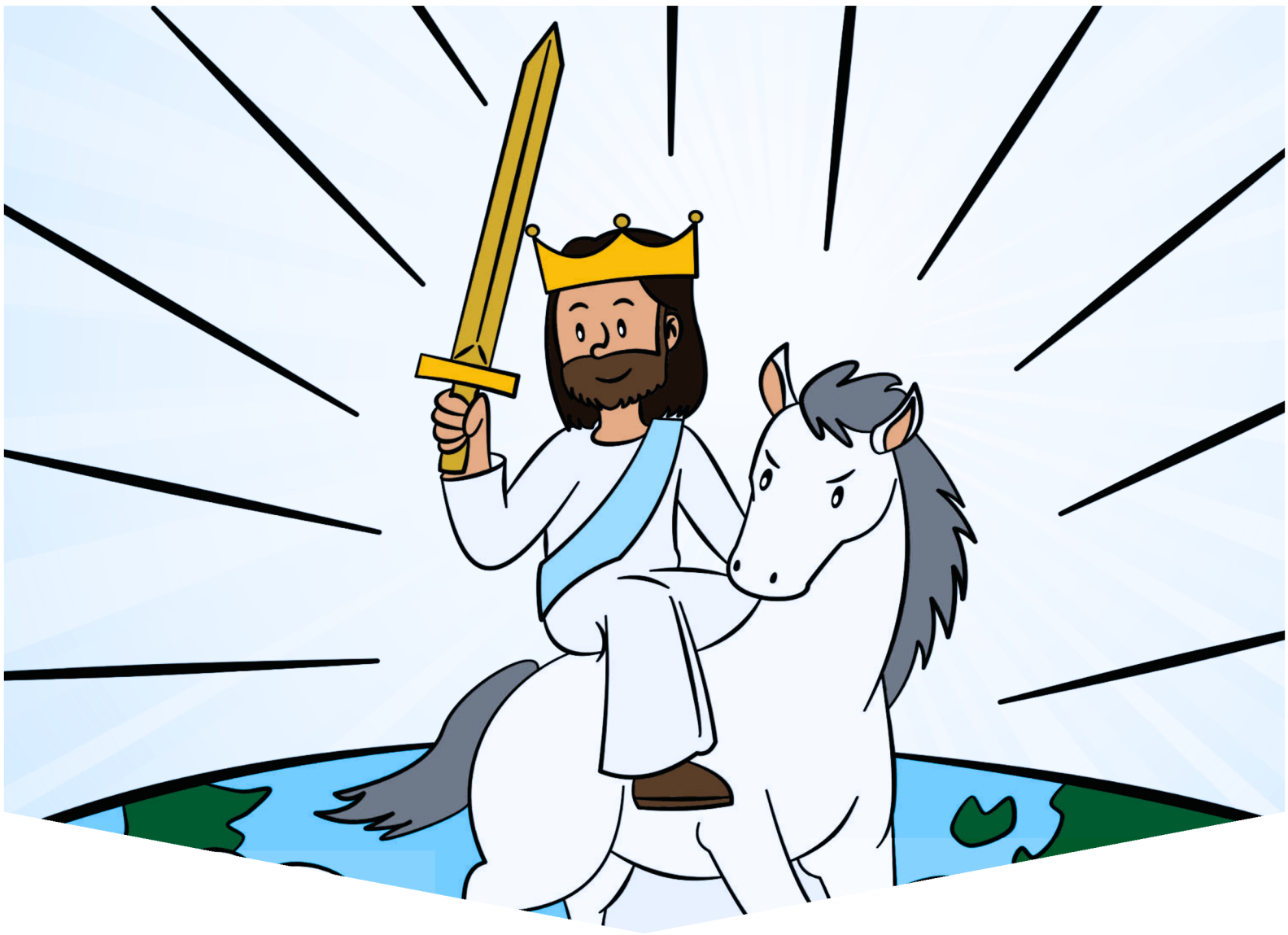




UNIT 1, SESSION 1

JESUS RETURNS

LUKE 24; JOHN 14; ACTS 1; REVELATION 21

KEY POINT

Jesus always keeps His promises.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who always keeps His promises? **Jesus!**

MEMORY VERSE

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **Genesis 1:1**

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever made a promise you couldn't keep? Maybe you intended to, but circumstances changed. As humans, we do our best, but sometimes we fall short. The wonderful truth about God is that He never does.

The Bible is filled with God's promises. From the very beginning, God promised to send a Savior, and He faithfully fulfilled that promise through Jesus. God promises to forgive our sins when we trust in Him. He promises to be with us. And He promises an eternal home with Him for all who believe. We can trust Him to keep all of these promises!

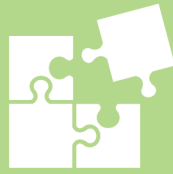
This week's lesson reminds us of one of God's greatest promises: heaven. Revelation 21 describes a beautiful place where there will be no more pain, sadness, tears, or suffering. What a comforting truth for us, and what a joy to share with our preschoolers!

As you lead this week, remember that young children are just beginning to learn who God is. They cannot understand heaven or salvation yet, but they *can* begin to understand that God always keeps His promises. Every Bible story, every prayer, and every conversation helps build that foundation.

As you teach this week, look for opportunities to point children back to God's faithfulness. Remind them that God cares for them. Let your words and actions reflect the trustworthy character of our God.

What's one promise from God that's encouraged you recently? Spend a few moments thanking Him for His faithfulness today.

WELCOME & OPENING



Connect with children as service starts.

WELCOME

Play music through the undercabinet radio (flash drive), or connect your phone to Bluetooth through the radio and play Christian preschool/Bible songs as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

MEMORY VERSE SONG

Gather children and sing the memory verse song to the tune of “Three Blind Mice”:

In the beginning
in the beginning

God created
God created

the heavens and the earth
the heavens and the earth

Genesis 1:1
Genesis 1:1

THE LORD’S PRAYER/TEN COMMANDMENTS

Toddlers & Twos: Use the provided poster to review the Lord’s Prayer with the children in your class.

Threes & Fours: Using the provided poster, review the Ten Commandments with the children in your class. Read through each one, then have children repeat after you as you say them together.

CRAFT



Help children with a craft connected to the lesson.

CRAFT: JESUS RETURNS

Give each child crayons/markers and one of the provided templates (the large sheet with the earth, the thin strip of paper for the handle, and the cutout of Jesus returning). Give children a few minutes to decorate their papers as they like.

Using a glue stick, help children fold the paper handle as shown and glue it to the back of the horse. Then, cut along the dotted line in the middle of the earth paper. Push the handle through the new cut in the paper, then show children how to move it up and down to make it look like the paper Jesus and horse are coming down to earth.

As you work, review today's Bible lesson.

Need help? Scan the QR code for a video tutorial!





BABIES & TWOS BIBLE LESSON

After Jesus died on the cross and came alive again on Easter, He spent time with His friends. One day Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. Trust Me. I am going away, but I will come back."

The last book of the Bible is called Revelation. It tells us that one day Jesus will come back as our mighty King. He will ride a white horse, and everyone will know that Jesus is the King of Kings!

Jesus always keeps His promises. We can love Him, trust Him, and wait for our wonderful King.

THREES & FOURS BIBLE LESSON

Do you remember what happened at Easter? Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sin. Three days later, He came alive again! Jesus spent time with His disciples and many other people before He went away.

Jesus knew His disciples were sad. He loved them very much, so He comforted them. Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust Me." Then He told them He was going away to prepare a place for everyone who belongs to Him. But Jesus made a wonderful promise: "I will come back." Jesus always keeps His promises.

The very last book of the Bible is called Revelation. It tells us what it will be like when Jesus comes back. This time, Jesus will not come as a tiny baby. He will come as a mighty King! The Bible says He will ride on a white horse. Everyone everywhere will see Him. Everyone will know that Jesus is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Jesus is perfectly good, perfectly strong, and He always does what He says He will do. One day, He will come again and rule forever as our King.

While we wait for Jesus to come back, we can love Him, trust Him, and follow Him every day. Jesus always keeps His promises. One day, Jesus is coming again as the King of Kings!

Jesus loves us so much that He died on the cross for our sins and came alive again. When we trust in Jesus, we become part of God's family. We can follow Him every day while we wait for Him to come again.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us, for dying on the cross and coming back to life, and for promising to come again. Help us trust You, love You, and follow You every day while we wait for our mighty King. Amen.

SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning.

SNACK & DISCUSSION

Have everyone wash their hands, then serve a snack. Ask the following questions and retell parts of the lesson as needed.

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible lesson?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible lesson?
3. Before He went away, what did Jesus promise?
4. Who always keeps His promises? **Jesus!**

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Sing the clean up song. Have children help put toys on tables.

Gather them on the rug in a circle and have one volunteer read today's Bible lesson from the children's Bible. Have a regular Bible ready as well.

Sing the "B.I.B.L.E." and "Everything in the Bible is Absolutely True" songs. Remind children that the Bible is God's Word and the most important book in the whole world!

The other volunteer should stand at the door and help with pick up, matching stickers, gathering children's things, etc.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
2. Spot sweep if needed.
3. Return toys to closet, close door.
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
5. Return binders to the cabinet.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!