

Apostles Defend Their Faith

Acts 5:12-42

Nesting things of graduated sizes is a favorite activity of very young children. It helps them begin to form concepts of relationship that will eventually grow into sophisticated spatial and mathematical skills. Today's lesson introduces the concept of spiritual multiplication at a rudimentary level. Children are wonderful messengers of God's love. Challenge them to share freely as they grow.

INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Tell About Jesus Learn how Jesus' love can multiply.	4 nesting cups, scissors, tape Teacher Pack: "Faces" teaching picture 	Cut out the faces from the teaching picture, and tape each one to the bottom of the corresponding-size cup so that the cups can stack one over the other, upside down.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	He's Jesus, He's Jesus Hear a song about Jesus while bouncing on a ball.	inflatable beach ball	Inflate a beach ball about two-thirds full.
	Can You Tell the News? Clap to a verse and tell of Jesus' love.		
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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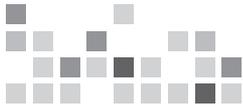


Bible Point
Tell others about Jesus.

Key Verse
"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Children will begin to learn that God wants us to tell others about Jesus.



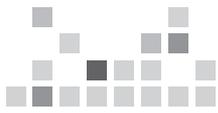


TODDLER

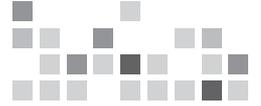
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3 Weaving Faith Into Life	More and More Use blocks to learn about building the kingdom of God.	blocks	
	Tell Others About Jesus Play a copycat game.		
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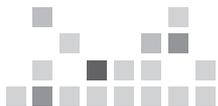
2-YEAR-OLD



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Go and Tell Learn how telling others about Jesus makes new disciples.	Bible, 4 nesting cups, scissors, tape Teacher Pack: “Faces” teaching picture 	Cut out the faces from the teaching picture, and tape each one to the bottom of the corresponding-size cup so that the cups can stack one over the other, upside down.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Tell the Good News Create picture-sentences to spread the “happy news.”	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Happy News!” page (at the end of the lesson), glue, scissors, newspaper, washable red paint, shallow pan, sponge	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut newspaper into 2-inch squares and a sponge into a 2-inch heart shape.
	Say It, Say It Do an action rhyme telling about Jesus.		
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

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INFANT

1 GETTING
STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing "God Wants Us to Tell" (track 12) to the tune of "The Ants Go Marching" to the babies anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants. As you sing, seat a baby on your knees and gently bounce him or her in time to the music.

**God wants us to tell our friends
Who Jesus is.
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Who Jesus is.
Jesus is God's precious Son.
He showed God's love for everyone.
You can tell your friends that
Jesus is the Son of God.**
(Repeat.)

Sing "Tell, Tell, Tell a Friend" (not on CD) to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" to the babies anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants. "Row" baby up and down as you sing.

**Tell, tell, tell a friend,
"Jesus came for you.
Oh, my friend, oh, my friend,
Jesus came for you!"**

2 BIBLE
EXPLORATION

Tell About Jesus

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold a baby on your lap. Place the nested cups on the floor in front of you, and point them out to the baby.

Say: **Here's a friend who loves Jesus.** Remove the top cup from the stack to reveal the next cup. **The friend told another friend about Jesus.** Remove the cup from the stack



Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: "God Wants Us to
Tell" (track 12)

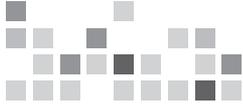
Tell About Jesus Supplies

4 nesting cups
scissors
tape
Teacher Pack
"Faces" teaching
picture

Tell About Jesus Easy Prep

Cut out the faces from the teaching picture, and tape each one to the bottom of the corresponding-size cup so that the cups can stack one over the other, upside down.





He's Jesus, He's Jesus Supplies

inflatable beach ball

He's Jesus, He's Jesus Easy Prep

Inflate a beach ball
about two-thirds full.

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1
copy per child of the
"Growing With Jesus"
page (at the end of the
lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 6
pages from each My
Bible Snuggles student
book.

to reveal the next cup. **Then that person told another friend about Jesus.** Remove the cup from the stack to reveal the last cup. The cups should be lined up in a row on the floor in front of you. **Soon many people knew about Jesus. God wants us to be like these friends and ► TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

He's Jesus, He's Jesus

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

As you sing the following song to the tune of "It's Raining, It's Pouring" (not on CD), seat the baby on top of the inflated beach ball, and gently bounce him or her.

 **He's Jesus, he's Jesus.**

The Son of God is Jesus.

He came to earth and showed God's love.

Tell everyone about him.

Can You Tell the News?

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold a baby on your lap facing you as you say the following verse. Help the baby to clap out the syllables of the words.

Baby, baby, can you tell the news?

Oh, yes, oh, yes, tell the news.

Jesus, Savior, sent from God,

Came to give us all his love.

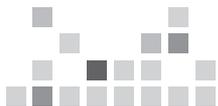
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Oh, yes, oh, yes, tell the news.

Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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TODDLER

1 GETTING
STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing "God Wants Us to Tell" (track 12) to the tune of "The Ants Go Marching" anytime during the lesson. Let children march around the room in time to the music.

 **God wants us to tell our friends
Who Jesus is.
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Who Jesus is.
Jesus is God's precious Son.
He showed God's love for everyone.
You can tell your friends that
Jesus is the Son of God.**
(Repeat.)

Sing "Tell, Tell, Tell a Friend" (not on CD) to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" anytime during the lesson. Hold hands with a toddler as you sing, and pull the toddler close to you for a hug as you sing the third line.

 **Tell, tell, tell a friend,
"Jesus came for you.
Oh, my friend, oh, my friend,
Jesus came for you!"**

2 BIBLE
EXPLORATION

We Must Tell

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Show one or two toddlers your Bible, opened to Acts 5. Put the Bible next to you along with the nesting cups.

Say: **The Bible tells us that Jesus' friends went everywhere telling people about Jesus.** Hold up the nesting cups. **When Jesus' friends would meet someone, they would tell that person about Jesus and say, "Jesus loves you!" Let's say that**



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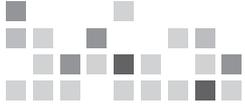
We Must Tell Supplies

Bible
4 nesting cups
scissors
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"Faces" teaching
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We Must Tell Easy Prep

Cut out the faces from the teaching picture, and tape each one to the bottom of the corresponding-size cup so that the cups can stack one over the other, upside down.





together: Jesus loves you! Let a toddler remove the top cup from the stack to reveal the next cup. **When Jesus' friends would meet another person, they would say, "Jesus loves you!"** Let's say that: **Jesus loves you!** Let another toddler remove the cup from the stack to reveal the next cup. **What would the friends say to this person? "Jesus loves you!"** Remove the cup from the stack to reveal the last cup. **Let's tell this person about Jesus, too: Jesus loves you!** The four cups should now be lined up along the floor. **Look! Lots of people know about Jesus now! God wants us to spread his love to everyone. We can tell people about Jesus' love, too.**

Hold hands with the toddlers, and ask them to bow their heads.

Pray: **Lord, help us to share your love and ► TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS. In Jesus' name, amen.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

More and More

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Help a toddler stack wooden or plastic blocks one on top of the other as high as he or she can before the blocks fall.

Say: **Each time we added a block, our tower got taller. Every time we tell someone about Jesus, the kingdom of God gets bigger and bigger. God wants us to ► TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS.**

Tell Others About Jesus

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Enjoy this copycat action rhyme with your toddlers. Help them copy your actions even if they can't say the words.

Tell others (*have children repeat "Tell others" and cup hands to mouths*)

About Jesus. (*Have children repeat "About Jesus" and clap hands.*)

Stand up tall. (*Have children repeat "Stand up tall," reach hands over heads, and stand on tiptoe.*)

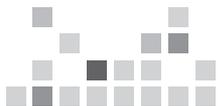
Shout to them all. (*Have children shout the words "Shout to them all."*)

Jesus loves you. (*Have children repeat "Jesus loves you" and point to others.*)

Say: **God wants us to ► TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS and his love.**

More and More
Supplies

blocks



Weaving Faith at Home

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2-YEAR-OLD

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing “God Wants Us to Tell” (track 12) to the tune of “The Ants Go Marching” anytime during the lesson. Play the song on the CD, and encourage your twos to cup their hands to their mouths every time they sing the word “tell.”



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(Repeat.)

Sing “Tell, Tell, Tell a Friend” (not on CD) to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” anytime during the lesson. When singing, form pairs, and teach them the following motions:



Tell, tell, tell a friend, (cup hands to mouth)

“Jesus came for you. (Point to friend.)

Oh, my friend, oh, my friend, (shake hands with friend)

Jesus came for you!” (Point to friend.)



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

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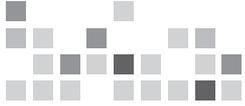
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CD player

Teacher Pack

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Go and Tell Supplies

Bible
4 nesting cups
scissors
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Teacher Pack
“Faces” teaching
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Go and Tell Easy Prep

Cut out the faces from the teaching picture, and tape each one to the bottom of the corresponding-size cup so that the cups can stack one over the other, upside down.

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Go and Tell

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather the 2-year-olds together. Open your Bible to Acts 5.

Say: **Point to a friend in this group. Isn't it fun to have friends? Jesus had some special friends. They were called the disciples. The Bible tells us that the disciples went everywhere telling people about Jesus.** Place the nesting cups on the floor in front of you.

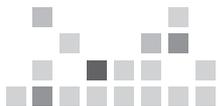
When the disciples would meet someone, they would tell that person about Jesus and say, “Jesus loves you!” Let's say that together to this person. Point to the top nesting cup. **Jesus loves you! Now that person can be a disciple and share God's love, too.** Remove the top cup from the stack to reveal the next cup. **What will we tell this person? Jesus loves you! Now we have two more people to help us tell about Jesus!** Remove the cup from the stack to reveal the next cup. **What would the disciples say to this person? Jesus loves you!** As you point to each cup, count aloud with the children. **One, two, three. Now we have three more people to help us tell others about Jesus.** Remove the cup from the stack to reveal the last cup. **Let's tell this person about Jesus, too. Jesus loves you!** The four cups should now be lined up along the floor.

Look how many people now know about Jesus! God wants us to spread his love to everyone. He wants us to be his disciples and ► TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS and his love.

Line up the twos.

Say: **Let's be disciples and tell our friends about Jesus.** Instruct the first child in line to turn to the child behind him or her and say, “Jesus loves you.” That child will then turn to the next child and say, “Jesus loves you.” The children should pass the message until everyone in the line has had a turn. Be sure to have the last child in line tell the first child.

Say: **You did a great job telling your friends about Jesus. God wants us to tell everyone about Jesus. Let's join hands and pray. God, help us be good disciples and tell other people about your Son, Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.**



3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Tell the Good News

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Working with one 2-year-old at a time, help him or her dot glue on the newspaper square and place it on the "Happy News!" handout beside the happy face. Then let the child dip the heart-shaped sponge in paint and press it onto the handout beside the picture of Jesus.

Say: **Let's read our picture-sentence together: "Happy news! Jesus loves!" Who does Jesus love?** Let the child respond. **God wants us to tell the good news about Jesus to everyone.**

Say It, Say It

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Enjoy this action rhyme with your 2-year-olds.

Wherever you go, whatever you do, (*march in place*)

Say to others, "Jesus loves you." (*Cross hands over chest.*)

You can say it very softly: (*crouch down*)

"Jesus loves you." (*Whisper.*)

Or shout it out loud: (*raise arms over head and stand up tall*)

"Jesus loves you!" (*Shout.*)

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Say: **We can ► TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS and his love.**

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shallow pan
sponge

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Growing With Jesus



Sharing Jesus

It's fun to help your child create little projects to share with friends or neighbors. You might bake cookies or muffins together to welcome a new neighbor or take soup to a friend who is ill. To help your child associate these kind acts with sharing Jesus, provide the opportunity to place a sticker picture of Jesus on the container of food.

Your child learned to tell others about Jesus (from Acts 5:12-42). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

INFANT

Can You Tell the News?

Hold your baby on your lap facing you as you say the following verse. Help your baby clap out the syllables of the words.

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2-YEAR-OLD

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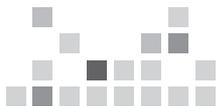
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Say: **We can tell others about Jesus and his love.**

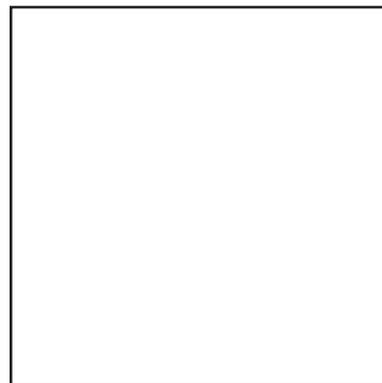
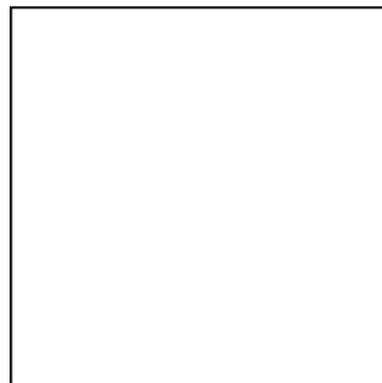
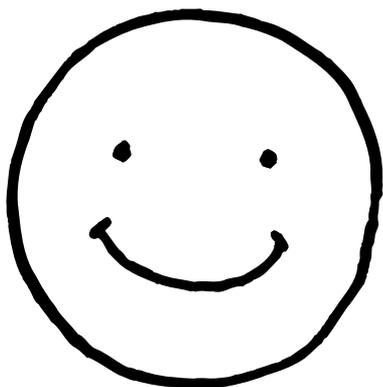
Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Use a play telephone to let your child pretend to call friends and tell them about Jesus. Then place a real call to a grandparent or friend. Remind your child to say, "Jesus loves you." Reinforce to your child that everyone can be told about Jesus.
- Together make this fun snack as a reminder to tell others about Jesus. Slice an apple, and put two slices on a plate. (These will be lips.) Spread cream cheese on the slices, and then place cereal squares to represent teeth. Point to the apple mouth, and say, "God wants us to use our mouths to tell other people about Jesus."

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Happy News!



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