

### Teacher Preparation

Readings: 1 John 1:7-9; Acts 3:19; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 4:17

Lesson Objective: The children will learn that we must confess our sins in order to be forgiven.

Materials: Old dirty shoes, mud, and newspaper or poster board

Memory Verse: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

### Lesson Summary

How many of you have ever played in a mud puddle? What happened when you walked in the house after playing in mud? That is right...you made a huge mess all over the floor. Your mom knew that you had been playing in the mud puddle. There was no way that you could deny it. The bad thing about mud is that it is so messy and is not easy to clean. Nobody wants to be around a dirty muddy person. Let's pretend for a moment that the mud is like sin. In life, sometimes our shoes get very muddy. Sometimes we get stuck in bad situations. When we see a bad situation, like a mud hole, we should avoid it. But sometimes we don't because we think that playing in the mud looks like a lot of fun. In the same way mud can ruin our clothes and shoes, sin can ruin our walk with the Lord. Thankfully, mom can give those clothes and shoes a good washing. Jesus too can wash us as white as snow. Our soul can be pure and spotless. In the same way that mom won't allow us to walk on the clean floor in our dirty shoes, God will not allow us to enter Heaven with a heart spotted with sin. We should repent confessing our sins, and God will give us a pure, clean heart.

### Bible Point:

Father  
forgive us.



### Ideas to Illuminate:

Before class, take muddy shoes and lay them on newspaper or poster board.

### Questions for Class Discussion:

1. How can our hearts be like muddy shoes?
2. What does it mean to confess your sins?
3. What will happen if we confess our sins?

## Teacher Preparation

Readings: Matthew 21:22; John 3:16; John 6:35

**Lesson Objective:** The students will learn that they should believe that Jesus can and will perform miracles in their lives.

**Materials:** cardstock, markers, crayons, and glue

**Memory Verse:** “As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe” (Mark 5:36).

## Lesson Summary

Imagine that you were sick. What do you think that your parents might do? If you had a tummy ache or your head hurt, they might give you medicine. But what if that didn't help? What if you were so sick that they thought that you might even die? They would probably take you to the doctor or even the hospital as fast as they could. Your parents would do everything in the world possible to help you. Today we are going to learn about a ruler named Jairus. He had a daughter who was very sick. He thought for sure that she would die. He had heard about a man named Jesus and knew that he could perform miracles. Jairus rushed to see Jesus; and when he came to him, he fell at his feet. He begged Jesus to come and lay hands on his daughter so that she might live. Jesus immediately followed Jairus to his home. On the way there, men came up to Jairus and told him that his daughter was already dead and that there was no need to bother Jesus. Jesus told Jairus not to be afraid, but to only believe. When they came to the house, Jesus asked the people why they were crying and told them that the girl was only sleeping. Jesus took her by the hand and told her to get up. The girl did as Jesus said. Her parents were very happy that their little girl was alive. We can see how much Jairus loved his daughter. Our heavenly father loves us even more, and would do anything to save us and give us new life. Nothing is hopeless. Anything is possible with him if we only believe.

## Bible Point:

Only  
believe



## Ideas to Illuminate:

Help the children to cut out a shape like a little girl. You may find a template for this on the internet. On one side, have them to draw what she might look like awake, and on the other side make it look like she is sleeping. Help the kids to draw or make a three-dimensional bed and decorate it.

## Questions for Class Discussion:

1. What was the name of the ruler in our lesson?
2. What did he do when his daughter became sick?
3. What did Jesus say to the people who were in the house that were crying?

### Teacher Preparation

Readings: Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-34; Philipians 2:11; 1 John 4:2

Lesson Objective: The students will learn that we must not be afraid or ashamed to confess to the world that Jesus is Lord.

Materials: paper, and ink pads (for stamping)

Memory Verse: “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6).

### Lesson Summary

Throughout Jesus’ life people wondered who he really was. Even today, some people argue over who he was. Jesus proclaimed God’s Word to the people. His works demonstrated that he was the Son of God. He wanted the people to understand who he really was, rather than his just telling them. Because of his countless miracles performed and his teachings, many people were convinced that he was no doubt a prophet or a messenger from God. However, not everyone was convinced that he was the promised Messiah who had come to save the world. One day, Jesus asked his disciples who they thought he was. Peter told him that other people thought he was a prophet. Jesus then asked Peter who he believed he was. Peter confessed that he believed Jesus was the Messiah, the promised deliverer of the world. Jesus was very pleased with the answer that Peter gave him. Peter declared that he was indeed the Son of God. Jesus wants us, as Christians, to confess to others that same belief. We are to declare God’s Word and tell the world that Jesus has come to save the world from a life of sin. He has come to give us new life in him. We are to point the way to Christ. We should never be ashamed to confess that Jesus Christ is our Lord.

### Bible Point:

Every  
tongue will  
confess.



### Ideas to Illuminate:

Let the children press their fingerprints onto the paper. They may choose to incorporate their prints into a picture. Ask them to compare their prints with the other children. Explain how fingerprints are used to identify people. Discuss how no two fingerprints are exactly the same.

### Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Who revealed Jesus’ identity to the disciples?
2. Who did Peter say Jesus was?
3. How did Jesus prove that he was the Son of God?

## Teacher Preparation

Readings: John 14:15; Matthew 7:21; 2 Corinthians 2:9

**Lesson Objective:** The students will learn that they should always obey what God has instructed them to do.

**Materials:** clothes pins, cardstock, glue, markers, crayons, and scissors

**Memory Verse:** “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves” (James 1:22).

## Lesson Summary

God gave Jonah strict orders. He told him to go to Nineveh and warn the people that God was planning to punish the people because of their evil behavior. Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh. Instead of obeying God, Jonah tried to run and hide from him. He got on a boat with some sailors, thinking that God would not see him there. However, there is no hiding from God. God decided to teach Jonah a lesson. He sent a terrible storm that violently rocked the ship. Jonah knew that God was punishing him for being disobedient. He told the sailors to toss him off the ship, and the storm would stop. Instead of letting him drown, God sent a huge fish and it swallowed Jonah. There Jonah stayed for three days and nights. Jonah was sorry for disobeying God; he prayed for forgiveness. God caused the fish to spew, or vomit, Jonah onto the shore. Jonah was ready to obey the Lord's command this time. He went to Nineveh and told the people that they were doing wrong and that God was not pleased. In the same way God expected Jonah to obey him, he also expects us to obey his Word. Even if the task seems too big for us to do, we should always trust in the Lord and obey him. Even though we will probably never be gobbled up by a fish, God has ways of disciplining us for disobedience. Disobeying God is a sin, and we will not go to Heaven with sin in our lives. If we want to please the Lord, we must always listen and obey his instructions.

## Bible Point:

Obey the  
Lord.



## Ideas to Illuminate:

Print out a template of a whale. Have the children color the whale. Help the children to cut the whale horizontally starting at the mouth. Glue the two pieces to the clothespin so that it looks like the whale is opening and closing its mouth when you open the clothespin. Have the children draw and cut out a tiny man to glue to the bottom back part of the clothespin. This should look like Jonah in the fish belly.

## Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Why do you think Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh?
2. How do you think Jonah felt while he was in the fish?
3. What did Jonah do when he finally got out of the belly of the fish?