



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON PLAN

WELCOME to the Adventures of Toby!
We hope that Toby's **MAKING FRIENDS** adventure and this easy lesson plan will help your kids get to know Jesus better! You can use all of it or only some of it; be creative! This lesson is aimed at kids aged 5-11.
Have fun!

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

God made me perfectly!
He doesn't just love me, he **LIKES** me!
Jesus is our friend and He made us perfectly. He had us mind, to love and be friends with long before he even made the world for us to live in!



WHAT'S INSIDE...

SHED SOME ENERGY

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KING OF THE CASTLE

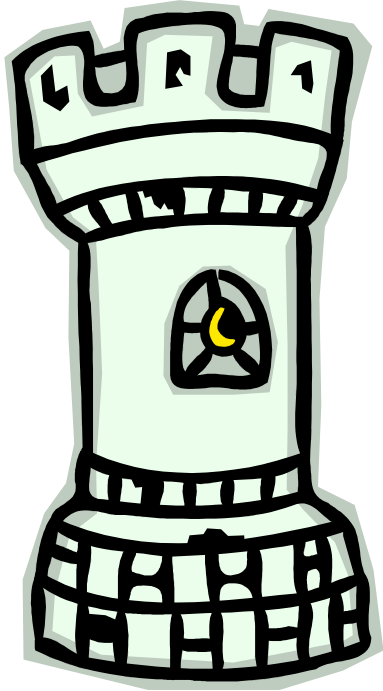
PRAY

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT YOURSELF?

EPHESIANS 1: 4-5

WHO ARE YOU? AND MAKE A DOUGH MAN

WRAP UP



THANK GOD FOR MAKING US SHED SOME ENERGY...warm up game.

KING OF THE CASTLE (age 8-11)

Set Up: Chat with them about high and low status, give them occupational examples so they understand, use a pack of cards ranging from Ace as No. 1 to the King. The 1 being the lowest for example a homeless person or a beggar and King being well, a King.

When they understand how the scale of less and more important works, distribute playing cards to everyone in the group, one per child. **They are not to look at the card at all.** Each child places their card on their forehead, visible to others but not to themselves.

Process: Pretend you are at a party. Do things you would do at a party, talk to each other, dance with each other etc. They are to mingle for a few minutes, treating everyone according to the status of their card.

Children holding the highest cards are the highest-status (more important); those holding the lowest cards are the lowest-status (less important). After a few minutes, stop the game.

Without looking at their cards yet, the children line up according to their perceived status, from highest on the left to lowest on the right.

Debrief Questions:

- What happened during the game?
- During your party conversations, how did you go about letting others know how important they were?
- What did people say or do to tell you how important you were?
- Did you guess how important you were? How did it feel to be treated like an important person?
- How did it feel to be treated badly or like a less important person?

The point: Jesus loves us all the same. He is the King and we are all Princes and Princesses in his Kingdom. No one is more or less important to him and Jesus wants us to love each other the same way.



PULL FOCUS:

Let's ask Jesus/The Holy Spirit to come and hang out with us today. (Encourage children to chat to God in their own words and in their own time too!)

SWITCH YOUR BRAIN ON AND OPEN YOUR HEART...

Watch the DVD!

Spot film question: Name 3 of the animals Jesus makes.

LET'S CHAT...

- What is the thing that Toby doesn't like and Janet teases him about? - His sticky-up hair.
- Do you have something that you don't like about your self or that someone teases you about?
- What does Toby learn about his sticky-up hair? – Jesus made him exactly the way He wanted him!
- What does Toby learn in his time with Jesus? - God made me perfectly!
- Does God only make nice people? – God made everyone!
- How do we know this? – God made Janet!

God made us perfectly so that he can love us! We should honour Him by choosing to behave like a Prince or a Princess. Real Princes and Princesses care about their subjects (the people they are in charge of) and treat them well! The way Jesus loves us is how He wants us to love each other!

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Do you know God has a plan for your life? He planned to love you way before you were even born and because of Jesus, there's nothing you could ever do to make him stop loving you or love you any less!

EPHESIANS 1: 4-5 (The Message)



Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.

Jesus has His Love focused on us!

Illustration: You can use a desk lamp to show how the beam of light is warm, like Jesus' focused love. Let the children feel the warmth of the light with their hands.

Then switch it off. Can you feel the difference? Jesus' focused love is warm and good for you. Like the sun helps things to grow; Jesus' love helps us to grow, when it's focused on us. Jesus wants us to let Him focus His love on us.



MAKE IT HAPPEN...

ACTIVITY 1: WHO EXACTLY ARE YOU? (ages 8-11)

Use the Activity sheet to find some things out about yourself. Jesus knows all of these things about you! He loves them all and He wants you to spend time with Him, so you can find out more of these things about Him! It's what friends do!

ACTIVITY 2: WHY CAN'T YOU BLOW ON IT AND MAKE IT COME ALIVE? (ages 5-11)

Give each child some play dough, bread dough or clay. (This will depend on your resources and time. If you use bread dough, which you can buy ready-made, you can bake them. They will love this!) Help them to make a person shape (or use a gingerbread man/lady cookie cutter) and then decorate it with something that they feel especially describes them. You can use the activity sheet to help them decide. Make sure you have lots to decorate with.

Edible: Smarties, jelly tots, icing, liquorices etc.

Non-edible: fabric, wool, glitter, paint, cardboard, coloured paper etc. Be creative and recycle where you can!

WRAP UP:

Thank Jesus for making you perfect and focusing His love on you. Ask Him to help us to love others the way He loves us.

Remember,
God made you perfectly!

If you would like some more info or advice email us at info@adventuresoftoby.com

