

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
in Lent  
February 28-  
March 6, 2022

Pre-K  
Message

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-40, 45-49

**THEME:** Our Temptation is Crushed by Chris't Obedience

**SONG:** CW21 863 /CW93 200 A Mighty Fortress st. 1  
or CW21 395 - What Grace Is This st. 1

**VISUAL:** Pictures of powerful animals vs. weaker animals

### OBJECT LESSON

Show pictures of some large powerful animals and match them up against much smaller weaker ones. (For example a lion against a mouse, or an elephant against a kitten, or a bear against a chipmunk, or a rhino against a ladybug.) Ask the children who would win each of these battles. If you want, close with a picture of a small person versus a giant and use it to lead into the lesson.

### BIBLE TRUTH

The Philistines were enemies of God's people and they had a champion warrior nine feet and six inches tall named Goliath. No one in Israel wanted to face this giant because they were afraid.

David was upset because Goliath was mocking (making fun of) God's army. So David offered to fight. (Tell account.)

Even though it looked like Goliath could crush David like a bug, David won a mighty victory because the Lord was on David's side. We have the ultimate warrior on our side who defeated all our greatest enemies - Jesus.

Jesus defeated the devil by living a perfect life and by dying on a cross to pay for our sins. Jesus rose from the dead to prove this victory. Jesus' victory is our victory. Now our champion protects us with the weapon of his word.

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

What are some things that make you afraid? Explain why getting us to fear is one of the many temptations of the devil.

How does knowing Jesus is always with us help us with our fears?

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for being our champion who fought off every temptation and crushed the devil's head by giving your life on a cross for us. Protect us and strengthen us with your powerful word. Help us live each day for you without fear. Amen.



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**2<sup>nd</sup>** Sunday  
in Lent  
March 7-  
March 13, 2021

Pre-K  
Message

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 13:31-35

**THEME:** Shortcuts are Crushed by Determination

**SONG:** CW21 395 - What Grace Is This st. 1

**VISUAL:** Pictures of different pathways or set up two obstacle courses

### OBJECT LESSON

Show a picture of a pathway that looks beautiful and peaceful. Show a difficult path with obstacles and danger. (Ask kids which path they would choose and why.)

Another option if it fits your setting is to set up 2 obstacle courses. One really easy, maybe even with candy treats along the way. The other difficult with many obstacles and challenges. Give kids a choice and see which one they pick.

### BIBLE TRUTH

The Pharisees did not like Jesus and wanted to get rid of him. There was a bad king named Herod who wanted to kill Jesus. So the Pharisees told Jesus to leave that place because Jesus was in danger. (Give Jesus' answer explaining that fox means crafty if you want.)

Jesus did not leave to protect Himself. Jesus stayed on the path that God had for him, a difficult path that would end up in Jerusalem where Jesus would give his life on a cross.

We are thankful Jesus did not take the easy way. Jesus took the difficult path to save us. We see just how much Jesus loved the people, all people. Jesus says like a hen gathers little chicks under her wings to protect them, so Jesus wants us safely in his love.

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Give examples of when we might be tempted to take the easy way, instead of God's way. (example: it would be easier to join all the other kids in being mean to another kid instead of helping that kid.)

Explain why hens will put their little chicks under their wings. Tell how Jesus wants and does the same for us.

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, you never took any shortcuts but, in love, you took the most difficult path for us. Because of your suffering and death on a cross we now have forgiveness and life. Help us to live for you, even when the path is difficult, knowing that you go with us and will protect us with your saving, unending love. Amen.



**HEART  
IMPRINTS**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Sunday  
in Lent  
March 14-  
March 20, 2021

Pre-K  
Message

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 13:1-9

**THEME:** False Security is Crushed By Faithful Presence

**SONG:** CW21 395 - What Grace Is This st. 1 and 2

**VISUAL:** Invite a group of students to the front

### OBJECT LESSON

Depending on the size of group you may have to just use one class or select kids. Ask kids to line up according to size. Ask them to line up according to age. Ask them to them line up from the worst (sinners) to the best kids. Give them time to look around and think about it and then ask why it would be dangerous (and wrong) to ask such a thing.

### BIBLE TRUTH

Some people think that bad things only happen to bad people. This is dangerous thinking because then we might start believing we are better than others and that we deserve God's love and blessings. Jesus ends this thinking by pointing to two tragic events - people who were killed as they offered sacrifices, and 18 people who had a tower fall on them. Jesus asks: "Were these people worse sinners than all the others?" The answer Jesus gives is no.

We are all the same because we all deserve death because of sin. We are all the same because God loves us all by giving us Jesus. Only Jesus is without sin. Only Jesus can take our sin away and He did by giving His life on a cross. Only Jesus can save us from death and from perishing forever and Jesus did by rising again from his tomb.

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

When might we be tempted to think we are better than other kids? Explain repentance (as God working through his Word to turn us from sin to our Savior).

Explain the parable of the fig tree - how God in love gives all people a time of grace and wants all to repent.

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, teach us to see ourselves, not as being better than others, but as sinners who so desperately need you to be our savior. Thank you for being the savior we need. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to work in us repentant hearts. Help us use the time you give us to grow in faith and serve others in love. Amen.



**HEART  
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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
in Lent  
March 21-  
March 27, 2021

Pre-K  
Message

**SCRIPTURE:** Romans 8:1-10

**THEME:** Our Condemnation is Crushed by God's Grace

**SONG:** CW21 576 / CW93 739- Amazing Grace st. 1  
or CW21 395 - What Grace Is This st. 1 and 2

**VISUAL:** Circle on the ground

### OBJECT LESSON

Make a big circle that the kids or selected kids are able to stand in and explain how the children are only safe in that circle. Tell them you know for certain that everyone who is outside the circle will be destroyed. Ask them if they knew this to be true how many of them would want to leave that circle. This is also what it is to be in Christ Jesus. This is what it is like to stand in God's grace. Only there are we safe and secure.

### BIBLE TRUTH

When God says there is no condemnation that means God will not punish us for our sins. This is not because we pleased God with our lives. This is not because we are good children and God should love us because of all we do. This is true only because we belong to Jesus. Think of the big circle again.

When you were baptized God brought you into that circle, into God's family. In that circle you have every blessing - forgiveness, life, peace, prayer, joy, and heaven. These are all blessings Jesus won for us by obeying all of God's Word and giving his perfect life on a cross for us. When Jesus rose from the dead God made it clear to all that there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. What comforting words!

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Explain again how God brings people into the circle of being in God's grace through faith in Christ Jesus. Explain how the devil, the world, and even our own sinful nature is always trying to knock us out of this circle.

Knowing that we are only safe and secure in Jesus where will we always want to stay and what will we always want to do?

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, because you took the punishment we deserved, because you crushed the devil's head when you paid for our sins on the cross, now we know for us there is no condemnation. Thank you for bringing us into your family through the gift of baptism and through your saving Word. Remind us daily that we are your children who are safe in your love and care. Amen.



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