

TEACHER GUIDE

How to Use the Tools Provided in This Lesson

Thank you for serving the children God has placed in your care. This lesson has been prayerfully designed to give you clear biblical truth, strong structure, and helpful tools—but **you** are an essential part of how God brings it to life.

HOW TO USE THE MAIN LESSON NARRATIVE

The **Main Lesson Narrative** is written so that you *can* read it **word for word** if needed. This ensures: - Biblical accuracy - Clear theology - A complete presentation of the lesson

However, lessons are often most effective when they sound like *you*.

Best Practice: - Use the lesson as your foundation - Feel free to paraphrase - Pause to explain in your own words - Add personal tone and warmth

God often uses your voice, personality, and life experience to help children understand His truth.

ADDING PERSONAL STORIES AND EXPERIENCES

Children learn best when truth connects to real life.

You are encouraged to: - Share a short personal story - Give an example from your own childhood - Talk about a time you trusted God - Point out how God prepared something for you before you needed it

Personal stories help children see that God's Word is not just true—it is *active* and *relevant*.

Example: "When I was your age, I didn't always understand what God was doing, but later I could see how He was preparing things for me—just like He prepared the world in creation."

USING THE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The discussion questions are provided with **answers and Scripture** so you can: - Guide conversation confidently - Keep answers rooted in God's Word - Gently correct misunderstandings

Tips: - Let children answer first - Affirm effort, not just correctness - Read the Scripture aloud together - Rephrase answers in child-friendly language if needed

Remember: questions are not quizzes—they are opportunities for growth.

USING THE APOLOGETICS SECTIONS

Some children already have big questions.

The apologetics sections are designed to: - Build confidence in the Bible - Teach children *why* we believe what we believe - Keep explanations calm, gentle, and Scripture-based

You do not need to debate or argue.

Simply: - State the truth - Show where it comes from in the Bible - Reassure children that God's Word can be trusted

USING THE HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

The activity is not just a craft—it reinforces learning.

As children work: - Review the lesson aloud - Ask questions about each day of creation - Emphasize key truths (God prepares, God plans, God loves)

Movement and creativity help children remember what they've learned.

MOST IMPORTANT: TEACH WITH JOY AND GRACE

You do not need to be perfect.

You do not need to know every answer.

What children remember most is: - How safe they felt - How loved they felt - How clearly they heard about Jesus

Trust the Holy Spirit to work through you as you teach.

“The Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.” — Luke 12:12

THE ROLE OF THE TEACHER

Teaching children is not a small role. It is a sacred calling.

As a children's teacher, you are not "less than" a pastor—you are **just as essential**. God has entrusted you with the most precious resource of our church: **our children**. The time you spend teaching, listening, praying, and caring is shaping hearts that will carry the faith into the next generation.

Pastors may preach to crowds, but teachers help form souls.

A CALL TO PRAYERFUL PREPARATION

Because this role matters so deeply, we approach it prayerfully.

Before each lesson, take time to: - Pray over the Scripture - Pray for the children by name, if possible - Ask God to help you teach with truth and love - Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your words and your tone

We are not simply sharing information—we are helping shape boys and girls into **men and women of God**.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." — Proverbs 22:6

BE THE EXAMPLE

Children learn as much from what they see as from what they hear.

As a teacher, you are called to: - Show kindness - Speak truth - Demonstrate patience - Admit when you don't know an answer - Live out the love of Jesus

Your example helps children see what following Jesus looks like in everyday life.

"Set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." — 1 Timothy 4:12

God has chosen **you** for this role.

Your faithfulness matters. Your preparation matters. Your love matters.

When you open God's Word with children, heaven pays attention.

Teach with humility. Teach with joy. Teach with confidence.

God will use your obedience to plant seeds that will last a lifetime.