



Have fun learning and playing
with your preschooler!

First, watch
this week's
video!

Bible Story

In the Garden
(Genesis 1:31, 2:8-3:24)

Remember This

"God's way is perfect."
2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

Say This

Whose way is perfect?
God's way is perfect.

Activity

Which Way?

What You Need

Paper, marker, toy cars, and/or Little People® figures

What You Do

Draw simple arrows on multiple pieces of paper. Place the arrows on a table or the floor, all pointing in the same direction to create a one-way path.

Encourage the children to play with the cars and people and move them in the direction of the arrows. Allow your child to play for a few minutes, then switch the direction of the arrows. Next, challenge your child to move the cars and people in the new direction. Repeat as desired.

Say, "Look at these arrows. The arrows all point this way (*point*) so we can move all of the cars and people that way. (*Do activity.*) Way to go! Let's change the direction! (*Pick up and move arrows.*) Now let's move the cars and people in this new direction. (*Continue as long as there is interest.*)

"Awesome job! In our story today, Adam and Eve did not go God's way, even though God's way is perfect. It was very sad. But we can JUMP, JUMP, and go God's way! **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect!**"



Prayer

Dear God, thank You for making this amazing world and everything in it. We especially want to thank You for making us. Please help us trust that Your way is perfect and to go Your way. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.

May 2021, Week 1 Preschool and Kindergarten Online Activities

Today's Bible Story: God's way is perfect.

In the Garden • *Genesis 1:31, 2:8–3:24*

Memory Verse: "God's way is perfect." 2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

Key Question: Whose way is perfect?

Bottom Line: God's way is perfect.

Basic Truth: God made me.

Journal and Prayer

What You Need: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Samuel 22:31, journal, and fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "Our Bible story, today, was about how God made the world and everything in it. He even made a special garden where Adam and Eve lived. It was perfect, because **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect.** In fact, that is what the new Bible verse we will learn says. Listen to this. (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*)

"God's way is perfect.' 2 Samuel 22:31. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)

"Did you hear that? **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect! Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect.** Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together with these motions I'll teach you. Just say what I say and do what I do."

CHILDREN and SGL:

"God's way (*point up*) is perfect,' (*two thumbs up*) 2 Samuel 22:31." (*Open hands like a book.*)

(*Repeat the verse with motions a few times.*)

SGL: "And you sound pretty perfect saying that verse! (*Give two thumbs up.*) We can always trust what God tells us to do because **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect.** That's why, when I ask, '**Whose way is perfect?**', I want you to say, **[Bottom Line] 'God's way is perfect.'** Here we go! **Whose way is perfect?"**

CHILDREN and SGL: **[Bottom Line] "God's way is perfect!"**

SGL: "Whose way is perfect?"

CHILDREN and SGL: **[Bottom Line] "God's way is perfect!"**

SGL: "Now, let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

“Today, we’ll make a list of our favorite foods that God made. Then we can use our list to thank God for making food that tastes perfectly yummy. So, when I say your name, tell me your favorite food that God made, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name! *(Say each child’s name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*”

“Ooo, this is a list of yummy foods! Let’s pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

Prayer

SGL: “Dear God, thank You for making this amazing world and everything in it. We especially want to thank You for all of the yummy foods You made. [Child’s name] wants to thank You for making [food they named]. *(Continue with each child’s name and the food listed.)* Please help us trust that Your way is perfect and to go Your way. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Activity 1: Simon Says: Jump, Jump!

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather your family to spread out in your activity area.

During the Activity: Lead them in a game of “Simon Says.” Remind them that you will call out different movements for them to complete. Make sure they listen for the words “Simon Says” first, before they copy you. If they don’t hear “Simon Says,” don’t have them sit out, just remind them to listen carefully and keep playing.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Everyone put your arms out to your sides like this so you can spread out. *(Demonstrate.)* Make sure you can’t touch another each other when your arms are spread out wide. *(Pause.)* Great job! You can put your arms down.”

During the Activity: “Today, we’ll play a game called ‘Simon Says.’ Raise your hand if you’ve ever played it. *(Pause.)* Great. You can put your hands down. I will lead us in a series of movements. I want you to do what I do but ONLY if I say, ‘Simon Says’ first. Ready? Okay, Simon says Jog in place. Great. Simon says Stop! Now, march. *(Pause.)* Uh-oh! Simon didn’t say to march. Let’s try that again. Simon says March!”

MOVEMENT IDEAS:

Jog in place

March

Circle your arms

Stomp your feet

Touch your toes
Pat your shoulders, head, tummy etc.
Clap your hands
Spin in a circle two times
Say, "Hello" as you wave to a friend
Play air guitar (you will need to demonstrate this)

After the Activity: "That was so fun! You did an awesome job of listening! In our Bible story today, we learned that **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect!** That's why it's super important that we listen to God and go God's way. Tell me, **whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect!**"

Activity 2: Happy Garden

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

During the Activity: Tell each child to pretend to be one part of the garden: blooming flowers, tall swaying trees, and lots of different animals. As the children pretend to be their part, review the Bible story.

After the Activity: Talk about how God made a perfect garden, but Adam and Eve chose to do things their own way instead of going God's way.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We heard a story about how God made the world. Let's tell the story together!"

During the Activity: "In our Bible story, God made the world and a very special garden.

"God made flowers. You (*point to a child or children*) can pretend to be the flowers. Ball up then stretch high to the ceiling like you are blooming. (*Demonstrate.*)

"God made trees. You (*point to a child or children*) can pretend to be tall trees. Stand with your arms spread out and move side-to-side like your branches are blowing in the wind. (*Demonstrate.*)

"God made lots of animals. You (*point to a child or children*) can pretend to be animals. You can act like any animal you want because God made all of the animals.

"God saved the best for last—people! And the first people were named Adam and Eve. Now the garden was perfect. Show me your happy face because **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect.** (*Look around.*) I see the flowers are smiling; and the trees are smiling; and the animals are smiling. It was a very happy garden.

"God told Adam and Eve that they could eat all of the food that grew in the garden except the food on one special tree. Adam and Eve had a choice. Do they go their way

or JUMP, JUMP, and go God's way? What did Adam and Eve do? *(Pause.)* You're right. They went their way instead of God's way. Show me your sad face because Adam and Eve did not go God's way. *(Look around.)* I see the flowers are sad; and the trees are sad; and the animals are sad. Now it's a very sad garden."

After the Activity: "Adam and Eve did not go God's way, even though **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect.** It was very sad. But we can still JUMP, JUMP, and go God's way! So, when I ask you, '**Whose way is perfect?**', I want you to say, **[Bottom Line] 'God's way is perfect.'** Ready? **Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect!**"

Activity 3: Memory Verse with Motions

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Say the memory verse with the following motions in front of the children.

"God's way *(point up)* is perfect," *(two thumbs up)* 2 Samuel 22:31. *(Open hands like a book.)*

During the Activity: Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I'm going to say our new memory verse. Everyone, watch me! 'God's way *(point up)* is perfect,' *(two thumbs up)* 2 Samuel 22:31." *(Open hands like a book.)*

During the Activity: "Now, let's do it together! Are you ready? 'God's way *(point up)* is perfect,' *(two thumbs up)* 2 Samuel 22:31." *(Open hands like a book.)*

After the Activity: "Our memory verse tells us that God's way is perfect! **Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect!**"