Bible Lesson Outline for Preschool Children - Jesus Loves the Little Children

Theme: Jesus welcomes and loves all children, no matter how young or small.

Bible Passage: Mark 10:13-16

Materials:

- Large picture of Jesus
- Colorful scarves or ribbons
- Playdough or clay
- Markers or crayons
- Optional: Finger puppets of Jesus and children

Introduction (3-5 minutes):

- Greet the children warmly and welcome them to your lesson.
- Sing a short, upbeat song about Jesus' love, like "Jesus Loves Me" or "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."
- Introduce the theme of the lesson: Jesus loves all children, even the smallest ones.

Story Time (5 minutes):

- Use simple language and animated voice to tell the story of Jesus and the little children from Mark 10:13-16.

- Emphasize how the disciples tried to stop the children from coming to Jesus, but Jesus told them to let them come.
- Show the picture of Jesus and explain how he welcomed the children, put his hands on them, and blessed them.

Activity Time (10 minutes):

- Scarf/Ribbon Play: Play a "Come to Jesus" game. Give each child a scarf or ribbon. Tell them they are children coming to see Jesus. When you say "Come to Jesus," they can wave their scarves and walk towards the picture of Jesus. When you say "Stop," they freeze. Do this a few times,emphasizing how Jesus always welcomes them.
- Playdough Fun: Give each child some playdough or clay and ask them to make something that reminds them of Jesus' love for children. It could be a heart, a flower, a sun, or even a little person. Encourage them to share their creations and explain their meaning.
- Finger Puppets (Optional): If you have finger puppets, use them to act out the story of Jesus and the children. This can help younger children visualize the story and make it more interactive.

Wrap-up (2-3 minutes):

- Recap the main lesson: Jesus loves all children, and we should show love and kindness to one another, just like Jesus.
- Sing a closing song, like "Friends of Jesus" or "One Big Family."
- Remind the children that they can always talk to Jesus and ask for his love and help.

Additional Tips:

- Keep the lesson short and engaging, with plenty of songs, movement, and activities.
- Use simple language and avoid complicated theological concepts.
- Encourage participation from all children.
- Be mindful of the children's attention spans and adjust the activities accordingly.
- Most importantly, have fun and share the joy of Jesus' love with the children!

I hope this outline helps you create a fun and meaningful lesson for your preschoolers!