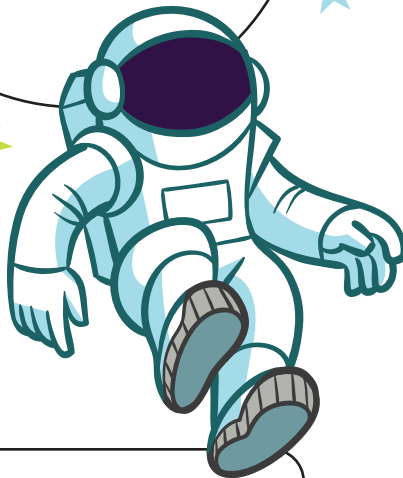


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Bible Story

Jesus Teaches at the Temple
(Luke 2:41-50)

Remember This

"Everyone who heard
him was amazed."
Luke 2:47, NIV

Say This

Who is amazing?
Jesus is amazing.

Activity

Crawl Then Walk

What You Need

No supplies needed.

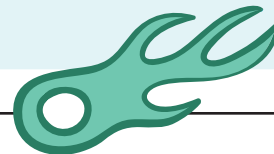
What You Do

Find a space in your home where your preschooler can move around. Talk with them about how when we are babies, we get to places by crawling. Then, tell your child to crawl like they did when they were a baby. Then explain how when we get bigger, we walk. Now, tell your kid to walk. Switch back and forth between crawling and walking. Feel free to join in the fun!

Say, "When we celebrated Christmas, we were celebrating that Jesus was born. He was a baby. How do babies move around? Yes, they crawl! Today, we heard a story about when Jesus had started to grow up. He was a big boy. Let's pretend to be Jesus as a baby and Jesus as a boy."

"Show me how you crawl. Now, show me how you walk around. Great! Let's crawl. (Pause.) Now walk. (Pause.) Crawl. (Repeat as long as desired.)"

"In our story today, we heard about the time when Jesus was a boy and went to the temple with Mary and Joseph for a big celebration for God. But Jesus got separated from Mary and Joseph and they couldn't find him in the crowd. Jesus was talking with some grown-ups about God. They were amazed at how much Jesus knew about God. Even as a child, Jesus was out-of-this-world amazing. Jesus is God's Son, and He is amazing. **Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing.**"



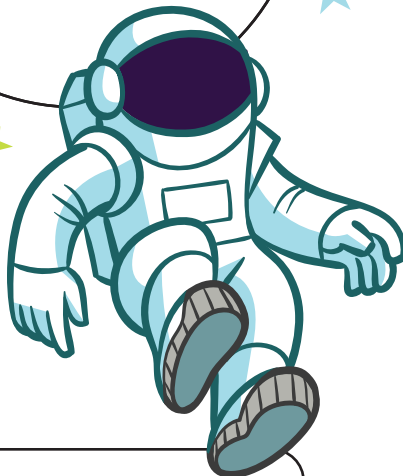
Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to do amazing things like teach us about YOU! Jesus is Your Son, so we can trust what He says about You. You are SO good, God! And we love You! In Jesus' name, amen."

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Bible Story

The Four Friends
(Mark 2:1-12)

Remember This

"Everyone who heard
him was amazed."
Luke 2:47, NIV

Say This

Who is amazing?
Jesus is amazing.

Activity

Carry Me

What You Need

Towel or blanket and a plush friend

What You Do

Lay the towel or blanket on the floor and place a stuffed friend in the middle of it. Invite your child to pick up an end/corner of the towel and help you carry the plush friend around the room.

Say, "Today in our Bible story, we heard about four friends who helped their friend who couldn't walk see Jesus! They carried him! WOW! What sweet friends they were! Let's pretend that we're in our Bible story. Let's carry our stuffed friends just like the four friends did! (*Do activity.*)"

"Great job. Remind me, how many friends carried the man in our story? Yes, four. That's right! And, they even went on the roof to get their friend to Jesus. Jesus helped the man walk again! The friends knew that Jesus could help him, and He did! Jesus is amazing! **Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!**"



Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that He loves us and wants to help us. We know Jesus has the power to heal us and make us better. We trust that Jesus will always help us do hard things. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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Bible Story

Calming the Storm
(Matthew 8:23-27)

Remember This

"Everyone who heard
him was amazed."
Luke 2:47, NIV

Say This

Who is amazing?
Jesus is amazing.

Activity

Be the Storm

What You Need

Crepe paper streamers, tissue paper, or a cloud cut out of computer paper with scissors

What You Do

Encourage your child to wave their streamers slow, then faster and faster to create a storm. When you say stop, your child should stop. Repeat as long as desired.

Say "In our story, we heard about a big storm. Let's be that storm with these streamers. Let's start by waving our streamers slowly. It just started to rain. *(Pause.)* Nice. The rain is picking up. Wave them a little faster. *(Pause.)* Now, it's really raining. Wave them as fast as you can. *(Pause.)* Stop! Freeze your streamers. *(Pause.)* Good job! Let's do it again." *(Repeat as long as desired.)*

"In today's story, Jesus and the disciples were in a boat on the water. It started raining and storming then it got louder and stronger. It scared the disciples. They woke Jesus up and asked Him to help. Jesus stood up and told the storm to stop. And, it did! The disciples were amazed that Jesus had the power to stop a storm. **Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing.**"

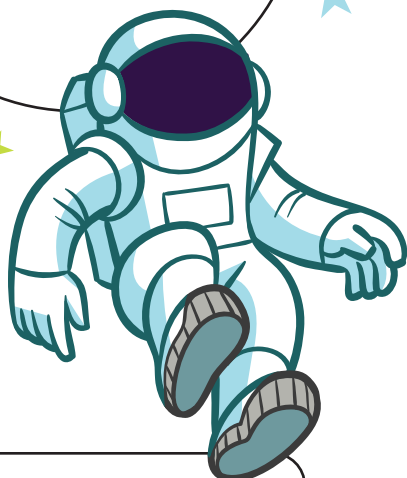
Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to help us when we're afraid. Help [child's name] remember that Jesus is with [him/her] when [he/she] is afraid. Jesus is amazing, because He has the power to do anything! You are the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name, amen."

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Bible Story

Catching Fish
(Luke 5:1-10)

Remember This

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him was amazed."
Luke 2:47, NIV

Say This

Who is amazing?
Jesus is amazing.

Activity

Full or Empty

What You Need

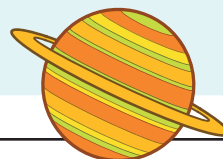
Bowl, rice or beans or water, and plastic cups
Alternately, this activity can be done in the bathtub.

What You Do

Fill the bowl with about two inches of beans, rice, or water. Gather around the bowl and fill up a cup with rice or beans. Ask your child if the cup is full or empty. Dump out the contents of the cup and ask again if it's full or empty. Encourage your child to fill and empty cups and identifying if they are full or empty.

Say, "Let's play Full or Empty! (*Fill the cup and hold it up.*) Is this full or empty? (*Pause.*) That's right, it's full. (*Pour out the rice/beans.*) What about now, full or empty? (*Pause.*) Yes, it's empty! Let's practice making our cups full or empty.

"In our Bible story today, a fisherman named Peter had been out fishing all night. Were his nets full or empty? That's right, they were empty. Then, Jesus told him to put out his nets again. What happened? Were the nets full or empty? Yes, they were full! They caught so many fish that their nets started breaking! They even had to get another boat. They had two boats full of fish. Everyone was amazed. No one but the out-of-this-world amazing Jesus could do that! **Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing.**"



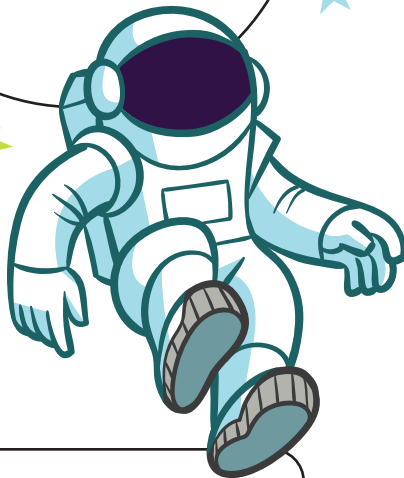
Prayer

"Dear God, Jesus really is amazing! He did so many amazing things while He was on Earth, so we know that He is Your Son. And, the thought that Jesus is alive today and wants to be our friend forever is the best news ever! Thank You, God! In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Bible Story

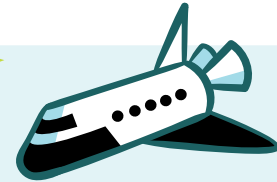
Healing the Blind Man
(John 9:1-12)

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him was amazed."
Luke 2:47, NIV

Say This

Who is amazing?
Jesus is amazing.



Activity

Lead

What You Need

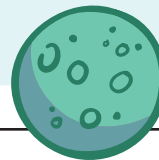
No supplies needed.

What You Do

Ask your child to close his/her eyes and gently lead them to another section of the room. Ask them to guess where they are and open their eyes. Repeat the activity several times. Then, let your child lead you around the room. (*You might want to peek a little for safety.*)

Say, "When we walk around our room, we can see where we're going. Let's play a game and close our eyes to see if we can guess where we are. I will lead you to a place in our room. Try to keep your eyes closed! (*Do activity.*) Okay, do you know where we are? Open your eyes. Great job!"

"In today's story, Jesus met a man. He couldn't see. When Jesus saw him, He spit in the dirt and mixed it until it became mud. Jesus rubbed it over the man's eyes then told him to wash it off. When the man did, he could see. Jesus made his eyes to see! Jesus is God's Son, and He can do amazing things. **Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!**"



Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for giving us the best friend we could ever have! Thank You that Jesus is alive today and He wants to be our friend forever. I pray we will never ever forget how amazing Jesus is. You're the best, God, and we love You, very much. In Jesus' name, amen."