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Volunteers

SEPTEMBER

This month's
BIBLICAL Theme

God is Unchanging.

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We will see how He calls a nation to Himself and, in His love, corrects, restores and rescues her. The confidence we have as Christians doesn't come from our perfect behavior but rather from

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THROUGHOUT THE MONTH WE WILL BE LEARNING...

WEEK
1

Jacob's Dream

(Genesis 27-28)

Brite Idea: God never changes.

WEEK
2

Joseph and His Brothers

(Genesis 37)

Brite Idea: God can be trusted.

WEEK
3

The Burning Bush

(Exodus 3)

Brite Idea: God will forever be God.

WEEK
4

The Wilderness

(Exodus 13-17:6)

Brite Idea: God provides for us.



MONTHLY Memory Verse

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

(HEBREWS 13:8)



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Preschool PERSPECTIVES

THIS MONTH'S LEADER TRAINING TOPIC IS: KEEPING KIDS SAFE AT CHURCH.

In preschool, safety is ministry. The most important thing we can do for kids is to ensure their safety. To care for them in their most vulnerable, needy season of life is incredible, valuable work. A secure, predictable space helps kids feel valued and cared for, reflecting the protection and love of our Savior. Kindness shows up in the small details. Clean tables, washed hands and organized classrooms communicate "You matter" to them. Here are some more ways you can think through safety as ministry.

SAFETY OF OUR SAVIOR

Preschoolers learn about God long before they can describe Him. They learn through how they're treated, the tone of the room and the way adults make them feel. By creating safe spaces, we're giving kids a small but powerful picture of our safe Savior.

1. **Safety Shows Love.** A clear hallway or a clean space might seem like small details, but they speak volumes. Each element of care tells kids, "You matter to us, just like you matter to Jesus."
2. **Predictability Builds Trust.** Consistent check-in, familiar routines, visual schedules and known faces help kids feel secure. When things feel safe, hearts can open up to being truly disciplined.
3. **Boundaries Create Freedom.** Don't think of boundaries as barriers. They're so much more! Instead, think of barriers as invitations for preschoolers to explore safely. Just as God's commandments protect and bless us, rules and structure help kids flourish.

KINDNESS THROUGH CLEANLINESS

Preschoolers notice everything, even the little things we might overlook! When we wipe down tables, wash hands and faces, and sanitize toys with a cleaning solution, we're doing more than keeping germs away. We're showing kids they are loved, valued and cared for!

1. **Small Actions Speak Loudly.** Washing hands, sanitizing surfaces and putting toys away might seem routine, but to a kid, it says, "You matter."
2. **Clean Spaces Invite Learning.** A tidy, organized space helps kids focus, explore and engage without distractions. Safety and order gives space for curiosity to flourish.
3. **Kindness is Practical.** Acts of care like disinfecting, wiping spills, cleaning faces or laundering blankets reflect God's heart for His own. Love is often shown through service, as well as words.
4. **Consistency Matters.** When cleaning is part of the everyday routine, kids feel secure and know what to expect—just like the predictable love of God.

Preschool PERSPECTIVES

ATTENTIVENESS IS CARE

Preschoolers are small, curious and full of joyful energy. They explore, climb and wander ... often faster than we notice! Keeping our eyes on the room shows kids that we serve a God who has His eyes on them.

1. **Vigilance Is Care.** When we stay attentive, kids feel safe and valued. Every eye contact, leading with clear instruction, and setting boundaries communicated you value them.
2. **Classroom Rules.** Setting clear expectations helps kids know what is to be expected of them in your space. Lead with care by setting classroom rules, such as listening to teachers, and keeping hands and feet to themselves.
3. **Intentional Observation.** Scan the room, notice small details and be aware of each kid's location and needs. Your awareness reflects God's watchful care over His own.

BE READY FOR WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

Even in the most carefully prepared rooms, accidents will still happen. A spill, a tumble or a frustrated outburst isn't a failure on your part (although it will probably feel like it!). Instead, it's an opportunity to show God's grace in real time.

1. **Calm Is Contagious:** Kids watch how adults respond, taking their cues from them. When we stay calm and gentle, they feel safe, understood and cared for.
2. **Honesty Builds Trust.** A simple explanation ("Oops! Let's clean up that spill together.") teaches accountability without shame. Kids can learn that mistakes don't break love or trust.
3. **Grace in Action:** Responding with patience, calmness, kindness, empathy and guidance points kids to Jesus, who meets us in our mistakes with forgiveness and gentle care.

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THIS MONTH'S UNIT THEME IS: *Rock Solid.*

Our theme this month reminds kids that God never changes. In rock climbing, you trust solid holds, strong anchors and a secure rope. In our everyday lives, God is that steady foundation. Even when situations shift or feel uncertain, God remains faithful, powerful and true. We can always rely on God, no matter what we face. God is unchanging—the Rock we can trust every step of the climb. Check out our Pinterest page for decorating ideas: <https://www.pinterest.com/britecurriculum/rock-solid/>

BRITE in Action

Invite families to participate in a guided prayer walk around the church or nearby neighborhood. Families will stop at designated locations to pray together for neighbors, schools, church leaders, first responders and people in need. As families walk and pray, remind them that climbers stay secure by relying on solid rock and trustworthy handholds—just as we rely on God, our Rock who never changes. This event helps families practice praying together and trusting God to be their steady foundation as they care for their community.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION:

Thank your team this month for being rock-solid volunteers! Print the attached cards and pair them with a small climbing-themed gift like heavy-duty carabiners, granola bars or CLIF bars! Take a moment to remind your volunteers how their steady faithfulness helps kids grow and keeps your ministry moving upward. A simple note and a small gift can encourage your team and show them how much their commitment means.