



Do Not Worry

Lesson Aim: To know God takes care of everything.

THE WORSHIP

Who God Is: The King Who Teaches

THE WORD

Bible Story: Matthew 6:25-34

What He Has Done: Jesus taught that God takes care of the birds and the flowers.

THE WAY

Bible Memory Verse: "Guide me in Your truth and teach me." Psalm 25:5

| Unit 6: The King Who Teaches—Parables 2 | | | |
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| | Bible Story | What He Has Done | Lesson Aim |
| 28 | The Rich Fool, Luke 12:15-21 | Jesus taught about a rich man who stored up things for himself. | To know God wants us to share. |
| 29 | Let Your Light Shine, Matthew 5:14-16 | Jesus taught that we should not hide our light. | To be the light of the world. |
| 30 | Do Not Worry, Matthew 6:25-34 | Jesus taught that God takes care of the birds and the flowers. | To know God takes care of everything. |
| 31 | The Lost Son, Luke 15:11-24 | Jesus taught about a father who welcomed his lost son home. | To know God always welcomes us to Him. |
| 32 | The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:30-37 | Jesus taught about a man who was a good neighbor. | To show kindness to others. |

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read Philippians 4:5-7. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, for supplying all we need to teach Your children. Help us lead by example as we trust You to take care of everything. Amen.

TEACHER'S TIP

Do not worry! Twos and threes may not understand the concept of "worry" but they can understand that they can trust God to take care of everything. Talk with the children about times when they have been worried or afraid. Ask them who helped them feel safe and cared for. Remind them that God is always with them, He will always love them, and He will always take care of them.



**THE WORSHIP
THE WORD &
THE WAY**

| Segment | Minutes | Activity | Supplies |
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| THE WELCOME | Up to 15 | Welcome | Treasure chest, sticker of a flower |
| | | Coloring Center: God Takes Care of Everything | Coloring pages of flowers and birds, crayons or markers |
| | | Play-Dough Center: God Cares | Play-dough, cookie cutters, play-dough tools |
| | | Dramatic Play Center: Sharing a Meal | Dishes, cups, napkins, play food |
| | Game Center: "God Provides" Match Up | Two sets of 5 ½-inch x 8 ½-inch laminated pictures of water, food, clothing, homes, friends, family | |
| | Up to 5 | Prepare for Worship | None |
| THE WORSHIP | Up to 20 | Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org. Additional Song Suggestions: "This Little Light of Mine" | Praise music, optional: musical instruments Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Guide Me" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "A New Creation" "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" "Guide Me" "How Wide?" "Love One Another" "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" "Sing Praises" "We Love" |
| | | Offering | Baskets |
| | Worship Illustration | <i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 6, Lesson 30 | |
| THE WORD | Up to 10 | Watch the Word: Matthew 6:25-34 | Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Matthew 6:26 Visual: Picture of birds and flowers, cup or bottle of water |
| THE WAY | Up to 25 | Craft: Don't Worry Flower | Small paper plate or 5-inch round circle, sturdy colored paper, label or paper, craft stick, tape or glue, crayons or markers, optional: sturdy paper |
| | | Game: God Takes Care | Cup, small bag of birdseed, empty watering can, brown craft paper square |
| | | Game: Don't Worry | None |
| | Snack: God Cares for You | Animal crackers | |
| | Final 5 | Final Five | Ponder, Pray & Play for 2-3's: Unit 6, Lesson 30 |
| GOT TIME? | Up to 10 | Say & Do: Matthew 6:25-34 | None |
| | Up to 10 | Game: "Guide Me" Memory Hop | None |
| | Up to 10 | Game: Follow the Leader | Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "Guide Me" |
| | Up to 10 | Story Time | Any story about how God provides for the needs of His creation |

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Jesus as the King who teaches

THE WELCOME

WELCOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello _____. I'm glad you are here! Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a sticker of a flower. **Let this sticker of a flower remind you that God takes care of you just like He takes care of the flowers.**

*Families will be encouraged to keep each child's crafts and stickers for the next ten weeks (Lessons 23-32) in a "Kingdom Stories Treasure Box." See the Craft page and Ponder, Pray & Play card for details.

Teacher's Note: These activity centers are designed to reinforce the lesson through hands-on learning experiences either individually or in small groups with the guidance of the teacher. Choose the Bible Activity Centers that best suit the children in your class. Set up the activity centers around the room before children arrive. Allow children to move freely among them.

COLORING CENTER: GOD TAKES CARE OF EVERYTHING

SUPPLIES

Coloring pages of flowers and birds, crayons or markers

DO

Children color their picture as they talk about today's story.

TALK ABOUT

In our story today, Jesus talks to the people about birds and flowers. Can you show me the flowers in the picture? Children point to the flowers. **What color do you think the flowers should be?** (Children respond.) Encourage the children to color the flowers. **Can you show me the birds in the picture?** Children point to the birds. **What color do you think the birds should be?** (Children respond.) Encourage the children to color the birds. **Jesus told the people that God cares for the flowers and the birds and God takes care of us!**

PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: GOD CARES

SUPPLIES

Play-dough, cookie cutters, play-dough tools

DO

Children play with the play-dough while talking about how God takes care of us. Encourage children to make some of the things God cares for with the play-dough.

TALK ABOUT

Tell me some of the things God made. Use the cookie cutters to help the children think of things God made such as animals, plants, people, etc. **Do you think God cares for the things He made?** (Children respond.) **Does God care for you?** (Yes.) **Let's make some of the things God cares for with the play-dough.**

THE WELCOME *continued...*

DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER: SHARING A MEAL

SUPPLIES

Dishes, cups, napkins, play food

DO

Children take care of each other.

TALK ABOUT

In our story today, Jesus tells us God takes care of everything. Sometimes God uses the people we know to give us what we need. Who gives you the food you eat? (Children respond.) Let's make a meal that we can share with each other.

GAME CENTER: "GOD PROVIDES" MATCH UP

SUPPLIES

Two sets of 5 ½-inch x 8 ½-inch laminated pictures of water, food, clothing, homes, friends, family

DO

Children match pictures of some of the things God gives us.

TALK ABOUT

God always gives us what we need. Let's see if we can match pictures of some of the things God gives us. Lay the pictures on the table face down on the table. Children take turns turning over two pictures at a time. When a match is made, ask the children what is in the picture (water, food, clothing, homes, friends, family).

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

It's time for Praise Time. Let's sing a "Clean Up Song" as we put things away. Praise children as they help clean.

**Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SIGN LANGUAGE

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com)

**"Guide me
in Your truth
and teach**

(guide) Grab fingertips of left hand with right hand. Pull left hand forward.

(truth) The forefinger starts at the chin and moves out and down.

(teach) For both hands, hold fingers and thumb together. Place them near the head and move them outward two times.

me."

The index finger points to yourself.

Psalm 25:5a

Hold hands open, as if holding a Bible.

Adding sign language or motions to the Bible Memory Verse helps children recall what they are learning.



Jesus as the King who teaches

THE WORSHIP

Supplies: Praise music, optional: musical instruments

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" as children move to that designated area.



It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to Jesus who takes care of everything. Jesus is our friend and our helper. He is always with us. Before we sing, let's pray. Have children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear Jesus, thank You for always taking care of us. Help us to remember we don't need to be sad or afraid because we know You are always with us. Amen.**



It is wonderful to live in God's kingdom. We can be full of joy every day! Sing: "Guide Me" or "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God."

God cares for you. As we give our offering, let's sing a song about how we can trust God to take care of our needs. Sing: "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" while collecting the offering.



Today, Jesus' words from the Bible will teach us not to worry. Let's see if Ranger Ryan can tell us a story about not worrying. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 6, Lesson 30.



God helps us not to worry. He teaches us and guides us all day long. That reminds me of our Bible Memory Verse. "Guide me in Your truth and teach me." Psalm 25:5a. Can you say it with me? Now let's try it with the motions. Practice it a few times together. Be sure to praise them for doing a good job.

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God is so good to us. Let's sing our Bible Memory Verse Song. Sing Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Guide Me."



Don't worry

THE WORD

Supplies: Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Matthew 6:26, picture of birds and flowers, cup or bottle of water

Prepare: Before Bible Time, ask a helper or volunteer to have a cup or bottle of water ready for you. Let them know when they should bring it out.

Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our Classroom Promise with the motions.

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| With my eyes on my teacher; | Point to eyes. |
| My mouth quiet as can be, | Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign. |
| I will listen to hear, | Cup hand around ear. |
| How God loves you and me. | Hug self, point to others, and then self. |

Let's reach deep in our pockets and pull out our listening ears. Reach in your pocket and cup your hands behind your ears as if listening.

I am so glad you are here today. Before I start our story, I'm very thirsty. Do any of you have some water? (Children respond.) **No? Well, what do you think I should do? I really need some water.** (Children respond.) Have your helper give you a cup or bottle of water. **Thank you name of helper! I didn't need to worry about being thirsty, did I? In our story today, Jesus tells us we never need to worry about anything. Let's find out what He said.** Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Matthew 6:26.



WATCH THE WORD: MATTHEW 6:25-34

Read the story below or retell the passage in your own words. To illustrate the story, show a picture of birds and flowers from a children's Bible, the coloring page, or other source.

- **Jesus said, "Do not worry,**
- **About what you will eat or drink;**
- **For just as God feeds the birds of the air,**
- **God will take care of your needs.**

- **"Don't worry about what you will wear;**
- **Flowers don't worry about clothes.**
- **The beautiful petals God gives them to wear**
- **Are better than King Solomon's robes.**

- **"Don't worry about what you will eat or wear;**
- **For God always knows what you need.**
- **Put God first in all you do;**
- **And He will take care of you and me."**

Who feeds the birds? (God.) Who gives the flowers beautiful petals to wear? (God.) Who will give you what you need? (God.)



God takes care of you

THE WAY

Teacher Tip: Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

Kingdom Stories Treasure Box: Encourage families to use the instructions on the Ponder, Pray & Play card to make a Kingdom Stories Treasure Box to store children's Kingdom Stories Treasures for the next ten weeks (Lessons 23-32). Children should place their Treasure Chest Sticker on the outside of the box and their parable story crafts inside. Create a Kingdom Stories Treasure Box for the classroom to review the stories each week.

CRAFT: DON'T WORRY FLOWER

Purpose: To remind the children not to worry. God will take care of them.

Supplies: Small paper plate or 5-inch round circle, sturdy colored paper, label or slip of paper, craft stick, tape or glue, crayons or markers, optional: sturdy paper

Prepare: Cut four large flower petals or triangle shapes from sturdy colored paper. On a label or slip of paper, print:

**"Do not worry."
Matthew 6:25-34**

Optional: Cut out and attach green leaves to the craft stick. Print and cut out the outline of a bird for children to color. Have children attach the bird to the flower.

Adaptation for Ages 2-3: This craft has been adapted from the curriculum for ages 4-5. You may choose to cut out a flower shape with the petals already attached. In class, children can color the flower, attach green leaves, and/or add stickers of birds and flowers.

Directions:

1. Draw a happy face on one side of the flower center (small paper plate or 5-inch round circle).
2. Tape or glue four petals to the flower center.
3. Color the flower.
4. Tape or glue the craft stick to the back of the plate or circle for a stem.
5. Attach the label to the center of the flower.

Craft Discussion:

- **Who takes care of the flowers?** (God.)
- **What does God give to thirsty flowers?** (Water.) **God makes the rain to water the thirsty flowers.**
- **Who gives light to help the flowers grow?** (God.) **God makes the sun to shine.**
- **Who gives you food to eat?** (Children respond.) **God gives you special people to take care of you. God will help children who don't have clothes to wear or enough food to eat. He will help them not to worry.**
- **God takes care of everyone. Do you need to worry?** (No.)

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: GOD TAKES CARE

Purpose: Children will see how God takes care of the flowers, birds, and children.

Supplies: Cup, small bag of birdseed, empty watering can, small square of brown craft paper

Directions:

1. Choose a child to pretend to be a bird.
2. **This bird is thirsty. What does God give this bird to drink?** (Water.)
3. Choose a child to give a cup of water to the "bird."
4. **This bird is hungry. What does God give this bird to eat?** (Birdseed.)
5. Choose a child to give the bag of birdseed to the "bird."
6. **God takes care of this bird. Does this bird need to worry?** (No!)
7. Choose a child to pretend to be a flower.
8. **This flower is thirsty. What does God give this flower to drink?** (Water.)
9. Choose a child to pretend to water the "flower" with the watering can.
10. **This flower needs a place to grow. Where does God put this flower?** (In the ground.)
11. Choose a child to move the "flower" to stand on the garden soil (brown craft paper square).
12. Repeat game until each child has a turn as a bird, flower, or gardener.

GAME: DON'T WORRY!

Purpose: Children will tell each other not to worry.

Supplies: None

Our story today teaches us not to worry because God takes care of everything. Let's play a game where we remind each other not to worry.

Directions:

1. Children stand in a circle.
2. **Let's pretend we lost our dog. Can you show me your sad face? What would Jesus say?**
3. Children shout, "**Don't worry!**"
4. **What if it was dark in your bedroom and you were scared. Can you show me your scared face? What would Jesus say?**
5. Children shout, "**Don't worry!**"
6. **Let's pretend you were playing with your favorite toy and it broke. Can you show me your sad face? What would Jesus say?**
7. Children shout, "**Don't worry!**"
8. **What if there was a big storm outside with lots of thunder and lightning and you were scared. Can you show me your scared face? What would Jesus say?**
9. Children shout, "**Don't worry!**"

We don't have to be afraid or sad because we know Jesus is always with us. What does Jesus say? ("Don't worry!")

THE WAY *continued...*

SNACK: GOD CARES FOR YOU

Purpose: Children will enjoy a snack that reminds them God cares for everything.

Snack Suggestion: Animal crackers

God gives us people to feed and care for us. Through them, God gives us food, clothing, and a place to sleep. Before we eat our snack, let's pray for any children who do not have these things yet. Let's pray they do not worry and let's ask God to send people to care for their needs. Pray briefly for God to take care of the needs of children everywhere.

Directions:

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.
God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.
Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **Who takes care of the birds?** (God.) **Who takes care of the flowers?** (God.) **Who takes care of you?** (God.) **God takes care of everything, doesn't He?**
 - **God gave you someone special to take care of you. Who cares for you?** (Mommy, daddy, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other parental figure.)



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

Gather children in a circle sitting or standing and practice the words and motions.

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| me." | The index finger points to yourself. |
| Psalm 25:5a | Hold hands open, as if holding a Bible. |

PRAY

Let's pray together. Say a closing prayer with the children.

PLAY

Allow children to play with selected toys or centers or choose a book to read to them.

DISMISSAL

Have children take home their coloring page, craft, and a copy of the Ponder, Pray & Play for 2-3's.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: MATTHEW 6:25-34

Purpose: This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the Bible Story details.

Supplies: None

Directions: With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **Jesus said, "Do not worry,** (Shake head no.)
- **About what you will eat or drink;** (Pretend to drink.)
- **For just as God feeds the birds of the air,** (Flap arms.)
- **God will take care of your needs.** (Point to heaven.)

- **"Don't worry about what you will wear;** (Shake head no.)
- **Flowers don't worry about clothes.** (Point to clothes.)
- **The beautiful petals God gives them to wear,** (Pretend to pick a flower.)
- **Are better than King Solomon's robes.** (Make fists with thumbs up as "Great!")

- **"Don't worry about what you will eat or wear;** (Shake head no.)
- **For God always knows what you need.** (Point to heaven.)
- **Put God first in all you do;** (Raise index finger as a number one.)
- **He'll take care of you and me."** (Point to self and others.)



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

"Guide me in Your truth and teach me." Psalm 25:5

GAME: "GUIDE ME" MEMORY HOP

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: None

Let's learn our new Bible Memory Verse! With each word I say, I want you to repeat it and take one hop toward me. When you get close enough to touch the Bible I'm holding, you may sit.

Directions:

1. Children stand shoulder to shoulder at one end of the room. If you have a large class, divide them into groups and have the groups take turns playing.
2. Teacher stands at the opposite end of the room, holding an open Bible.
3. Teacher says each word of the Bible Memory Verse. As the children repeat each word, they take one hop toward the teacher.
4. When each child is close enough, they touch the Bible and then sit down.
5. Teacher repeats the Bible Memory Verse until each child has touched the Bible and is seated.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: FOLLOW THE LEADER

Purpose: Children will play "Follow the Leader" to understand God is their leader who guides them in understanding His truth.

Supplies: Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "Guide Me"

Directions:

1. **Let's play "Follow the Leader." Follow me and I will show you what to do.**
2. Line the children up behind you.
3. Play the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song, "Guide Me."
4. As you walk around the room, act out various actions for the children to imitate as they follow you. Actions may include hopping, skipping, patting your head, turning in circles, dancing, etc.
5. Play for a few minutes.
6. **You did a good job of following me. I was guiding you to know where to go. God guides us and teaches us in His Word, the Bible. Let's say our Bible Memory Verse together.** Children say the Bible Memory Verse with the motions.
7. If time remains, let children take turns being the leader.



STORY TIME

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible Story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about how God provides for the needs of His creation.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

Unit 6, Lesson 30: Do Not Worry

PONDER! Jesus told a story about birds, flowers, and us, (Matthew 6:25-34). Who takes care of the birds and the flowers? (God.) Does God take care of us? (Yes!)

PRAY! Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, thank You for taking care of us. Thank You for making sure we have everything we need. Help us not to worry. Amen."

PLAY! Open your Kingdom Stories Treasure Box (any decorated box). Put today's craft inside. Put your Treasure Box Sticker on the outside. During the week, take out your craft treasures to remind your family of Jesus' stories.

UNIT 6 BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

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