



Elementary

Week 2:

Turning God's Blessings into a Witness

Lesson Overview:

Scripture: Psalm 126:1-6

Key Passage to Memorize: "The Lord had done great things for us;
we were joyful." Psalm 126:3

Main Point: We can use our lives to tell others about Jesus!

Who has done great things? God. God has done great things!

Who can we tell about Jesus? Everyone. We can tell everyone about Jesus!

Lesson time: 45 Minutes

Ice Breaker: 10 minutes while students arrive.

Introduction: 5 minutes to get students attention and to introduce topic.

Bible Reading: 5 minutes to read verses from the Bible and explain how to find them.

Application Activity: 10 minutes

Review and Pray: 10 minutes

Closing Activity: 5 minutes

Items Needed:

Ice Breaker: Ice breaker activity sheet (B&W front and back) and crayons.

Application Activity: No supplies needed.

Review and Pray: *Praying for My Family* activity sheet and crayons.

Closing Activity: Closing activity verse cards. Cut them apart and put them on the floor.

Ice Breaker: 10 minutes *Designed to get kids ready to learn, to get their attention, and to focus them in while others are arriving.*

Before children arrive, put out an ice breaker activity sheet at each seat along with some crayons in the center of each table.

As children arrive, greet them and tell them: **God had done great things! Let's tell everyone about Him. Color your coloring page as our friends arrive.** Have them choose a place to sit and have them begin coloring their coloring page.

After about 5-6 minutes of coloring say: **Psalm 126:3** tells us, **"The Lord had done great things for us; we were joyful."** What great things have you seen the Lord do? What great things does the Bible talk about God doing? Go around the room and let several children tell about something great God did in the Bible. Then direct them to draw it on their paper. If time allows have a few children show what they drew and talk about it.

Say: **You all did a great job working! Let's get ready to learn.**

Introduction: 5 minutes *The introduction is designed to lay the foundation for what you will be teaching and where you will be in Scripture.*

Say: **Today we are learning about how God has done great things! We talked about some of the amazing things God has done already. You even drew some things. God has done so many great things that we need to go and tell others about Him!**

Say: **Think about a time you saw God's grace and mercy in action. Did it change you? Did it change how you felt about God? Did it change how you lived your life? Did it make you want to share about Him to others?** Allow kids to share. **Today we are learning about God's people, the Israelites, and how they were remembering and rejoicing all the amazing things God had done. Let's get out our Bibles.**

Bible Reading: 5 minutes

Hold your Bible and say: **This is God's special book, the Bible. When we read from it we get to hear what God is saying to us. Today we are reading from Psalm 126:1-6. The Bible is divided up into two parts. The Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament has 39 books and the New Testament has 27 books. The Bible is made up of 66 books that tell one big story about how Jesus came to save people. The book of Psalms is in the Old Testament. It is fun to find in your Bible because it is in the very middle.**

Find Psalms in your Bible and explain how 126 is the chapter. It is the big number. After you find the big 126, read the verse. The verse is after the little 1. Explain that we will read the whole chapter today. Read Psalm 126:1-6.

Say: **This chapter is such a fun chapter to read because we get to celebrate while we read it.** Get a volunteer to read it again. Have the class listen closely. Every time the reader says JOY have the reader pause and the class say, “Woo-Hoo!” If they do well with that do it a second time with a new reader.

Say: **This chapter tells us about how God did something great for His people, the people of Israel. The people were so glad they rejoiced! God is so incredible. He wants us to tell everyone about Him and the great things he has done. The greatest thing He has done is sending Jesus to die for us!**

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Application Activity: 10 minutes *Designed to get your kids moving and to drive the main point home.*

This game is called *Go and Tell!* This is a freeze game. When you say, “Go and Tell,” kids can run around the room telling each other, “God has done great things.” When you say, “freeze,” they must sit cross legged on the floor and wait for you to say, “Go and Tell,” again. If they don’t sit down right away and freeze, they are out. Repeat this leaving some short times to sit and wait and some long times to sit and wait. Vary the times they run around as well. When there is a winner, play again with everyone who was out rejoining the game.

Play as long as time allows. Feel free to play music while you are playing.

Review and Pray: 10 Minutes

Say: **Today we learned how God has done great things! We talked about some of the amazing things God has done already. You even drew some things. God has done so many great things that we need to go and tell others about Him!**

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Who has done great things? God. God has done great things!
Who can we tell about Jesus? Everyone. We can tell everyone about Jesus!**

Who can you tell about Jesus? Let's think about our families. Who in your family can you tell about Jesus?

I am giving you an activity sheet. I want you to take it and get some crayons and think about who in your family you can tell about Jesus and the great things God has done. Write their name and draw them on the paper. Then I want you to write ways you can show them God loves them. When you finish, take a few minutes to pray over the people you wrote down. After you finish, quietly rejoin the group so we can pray together.

Dear God, thank You for all the great things You have done! Thank You that Jesus loves everyone. Thank You for (name each child.) Help us to tell others about You, Jesus. Please help us to tell Your good news to our family. In Jesus' name, amen.

Closing Activity: 5 minutes

As children are preparing to be picked up, have them stand in a line for a memory verse game. Take the memory verse cards and spread them out on the floor. Have each kid hop from card to card and help them to say the memory verse. Let each child have a turn. Encourage them and have their friends cheer them on. Once they finish you can have them walk backwards from card to card saying the verse. You also can spread them out really far and have them jump.

Copy the front and back of the take home page and give to each child. Point out the memory verse to their parents.