More Than A Story



Each week in our preschool classrooms you have the opportunity to teach the greatest story ever told.

You get the honor to sing songs that are catchy and fun.

You are blessed to have the chance to play, color, cut out, smile, give hugs and high fives.

ALL of those things are incredibly important in making an everlasting impact on the heart of a preschooler.

BUT, don't let it just be a story. A song. An activity. A craft. A game. A hug or a high five.

Please don't forget that a preschooler has the ability to apply and learn like never before. They need to know how this incredible story, the words to the songs, and how the fun, fits into their little life.

A preschoolers big thing might not be your big thing, but that doesn't mean it isn't big to them. And they need to hear that just as David was able to defeat Goliath, it was because God helped him and God can help them do big things too...like making their bed, or cleaning up their toys, or making sure to brush their teeth every day.

They need to know that God can help them do ALL things...like riding a bike, or tying their shoe, or even drawing a picture of their favorite dog.

They need to know that they can talk to God when they are afraid... like when it is thundering and lightning, or when the lights go out, when they go to a new class, or when they are going to the doctor to get a shot.

They need to know that there is a God that loves them no matter what... like when they accidently spill their juice, or break their mommy's favorite picture, or when they aren't very nice to their brother.

Small group leader, you have the opportunity to not only tell incredible stories and lead great songs, give hugs and high fives, but you have the chance to sit with a preschooler and help them apply God's word to their heart.

And when we do this, we are helping build a foundation in their little hearts and minds that will hopefully never leave them.

If we fail to apply God's story to the little hearts and minds of a preschooler, then all we are doing is teaching stories and songs, we are not teaching the gospel of Jesus and we are not teaching for life change.

It's more than a story. It's more than a song. It's about making a lasting impression on the heart of a preschooler, with the God who loves them, made them, and wants to be their friend forever.

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