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## Leader BIBLE STUDY

Jude, along with James, was a younger half-brother of Jesus. And like James, it wasn't until Jesus rose from the dead that Jude believed Jesus was the Son of God. Sometime between AD 65 and AD 80, Jude wrote a short letter to warn believers about false teachers. False teachers had secretly made their way into the church, and Jude urged his readers not to abandon their beliefs but to “contend for the faith” (Jude 3).

Jude warned the early Christians that some people would try to divide them by sinning and by teaching things that weren't true. Jude wanted them to not only defend the true teachings but also to actively share the gospel. He told his friends to show mercy to those who doubt, to lead others to Jesus, and to hate sin.

There are still false teachers today, and some of them still try to sneak into the church itself. God loves us, and He warns us through Scripture to be on guard. We can study His Word to know what is true, and we can rely on the Holy Spirit for wisdom and discernment.

Such a strong warning about false teachers might be reason for panic among believers, but Jude ended his letter reminding them of God's promise. Ultimately, Jesus is the One who protects His people from sin. Throughout history, God has been working out His plan to bring a people to Himself. God will keep us, and He calls us to not only remember His truth but to encourage other believers to defend the faith.

Because of Jesus, we will be able to stand before God with great joy. In the words of Jude, "to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority before all time, now and forever. Amen" (Jude 25).



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# The BIBLE STORY

## Bible Storytelling Tips

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*Jude 1:3-4,17-25*

### • Listen and

**Speak:** Instruct preschoolers to listen carefully for the name *Jesus* in the story. Every time they hear it, invite them to shout "God's truth!"

### • Draw it out:

Draw two groups of stick figures, with a slightly different stick figure standing between them. As you read the third paragraph of the story, erase or cross out the different stick figure, representing removing the one who is dividing them. This can also be done with felt board figures.

After Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph had other children. One of them, **Jude**, wrote a letter to his fellow **believers** because he wanted them to tell others the good news about Jesus.

**Jude wrote, "Dear friends, I have an important message for you. You should remember what is true about Jesus and be bold. Tell others what you believe."**

**Jude said that some people** do not follow Jesus. They make excuses for doing wrong things. They **ignore Jesus, and God will punish them.**

**Jude wrote, "Friends, Jesus' followers said** what would happen. They said that **people would make fun of believers and of Jesus. These people** live however they want. They sin against God. They **want to cause problems in the church. These people do not have the Holy Spirit.**

**"Friends, you should be strong as Jesus' followers. Teach what is right. Let the Holy Spirit help you when you pray. Remember God's truth. He loves you, and Jesus will come again. You will live with God forever."**

Jude told the believers to show kindness to others and tell them about Jesus. Jude told the believers to hate sin. **"God gives us power to stay away from sin. Thank You, God, for Jesus—our Savior and Lord—and for helping us live how You taught us. All praise goes to God!"**

*Christ Connection: Jude warned the early Christians to watch out for people who sin and say wrong things about Jesus. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life—the One who protects His people from sin. Because of Jesus, God will welcome us and give us joy forever.*

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## Welcome and worship with song

- "Children of the Kingdom" song
- "I Have Hope" song

Greet preschoolers with a smile. As preschoolers arrive, sing an action song such as "Children of the Kingdom" to engage them and help them feel welcomed. Begin worship by leading preschoolers in "I Have Hope."

## Watch or tell the Bible story

- Bible
- "Remember God's Truth" video (optional)
- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Main Point Poster
- Giant Timeline or Big Story Circle

Ask preschoolers to tell you why someone might tell you to "Watch out!"

**SAY** • In today's Bible story, Jude wrote a letter to other believers. He wanted them to tell others the good news about Jesus, but he also wanted to warn them to watch out for people who sin and say wrong things about Jesus.

Open your Bible to the Book of Jude. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bolded version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

## Practice the key passage and a Bible skill

- Bible
- Key Passage Poster
- Bible marker or ribbon
- "All Scripture" song

Place a Bible marker or ribbon at 2 Timothy 3:16. Invite a few volunteers to come up one at a time and open your Bible to the key passage.

**SAY** • Second Timothy 3:16 tells us all Scripture is inspired

by God. *Inspired* means that God told the writers what to write and words to say. God inspired Jude to write our Bible story today to remind us to always remember God’s truth, no matter what other people try to tell us.

Sing the key passage song “All Scripture” together.

## Learn the big picture question and answer

**SAY** • Let’s practice our big picture question. *How do we live while waiting for Jesus to come back? We follow Jesus and tell everyone about Him. Jude told believers to always remember God’s truth.* When we remember God’s true words about Jesus in the Bible, we can be strong as Jesus’ followers.

- Big Picture Question Poster
- Main Point Poster

## Respond through song and prayer

**SAY** • **Jude told believers to always remember God’s truth.** Jude warned the early Christians to watch out for people who sin and say wrong things about Jesus. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life—the One who protects His people from sin. Because of Jesus, God will welcome us and give us joy forever.

Sing “I Have Hope” and “John 14:6” as preschoolers move with the music. Prepare for prayer by singing “One.” You may also collect an offering.

**SAY** • Thank You, God, for giving us the Bible so that we can learn from it and remember Your truth. Help us to always remember to follow Your teachings and Jesus our Savior. Amen.

- Main Point Poster
- “I Have Hope” song
- “John 14:6” song
- “One” song
- offering basket

## Transition to experience the story

- countdown video (optional)

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## Follow and repeat

Line up children single file. Show the first child in line a simple series of two hand motions (clap–shake). That child will turn and show the child behind her, who will turn and show the child behind him. Continue until the hand motion goes all the way to the end. Rotate the first child to the back of the line and play again as time allows.

**SAY** • Good job following the hand motions and telling a friend! ***How do we live while waiting for Jesus to come back?*** [Invite children to respond.] ***We follow Jesus and tell everyone about Him.*** God's Word tells us what Jesus wants us to do while we wait for Him.

## Can you remember?

Prepare a tray with a variety of items. Give preschoolers a minute to look at and handle the items on the tray. Cover the items with a blanket and invite children to tell you the items they remember. For older preschoolers, consider covering the tray, removing an item, uncovering the tray, and inviting preschoolers to tell you what is missing.

**SAY** • Good job remembering! **Jude told believers to always remember God's truth.** As believers, we should remember what Jesus taught in the Bible.

- tray
- various items
- blanket

## Create a silly animal

Provide paper and crayons. Instruct children to draw a silly animal. After a few minutes, invite preschoolers to show their silly animal to the rest of the class and tell about it.

**SAY** • While these not true drawings are pretty silly, Jude warned believers that people who tell false things about Jesus are not silly at all. Jude told them not to believe those people. **Jude told believers to always remember God's truth.**

- paper
- crayons

## Make encouragement cards

Make cards for your church's missions team or missionary partners. Gather information about missionaries your church sends out or partners with before class and tell the children about them. Make arrangements to deliver the cards.

**SAY** • *How do we live while waiting for Jesus to come back? We follow Jesus and tell everyone about Him.*

Our church has many wonderful people who travel around the world to tell others about Jesus. We can encourage these people, and we can pray for them.

- paper
- crayons and markers
- stickers

## Write truths on a scroll

Before class create a large scroll by attaching two empty paper towel rolls to the ends of a long piece of white paper. Tape or glue in place. Invite preschoolers to draw true things the Bible tells them about Jesus. Assist with writing as if a preschooler requests it.

**SAY** • Jude wrote a letter to believers. He may have written on a scroll that looks something like this. **Jude told believers to always remember God's truth.**

- long sheet of paper
- empty paper towel tubes, 2
- tape or glue
- crayons or markers

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## Review

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- Giant Timeline or Big Story Circle
- Main Point Poster
- Big Picture Question Poster
- Key Passage Poster
- "I Have Hope" song
- "All Scripture" song

Point to the giant timeline or big story circle as you review today's Bible story. Ask the following review questions:

1. Who wrote the letter we read about today? (*Jude*)
2. What did Jude want believers to always remember? (**Jesus told believers to always remember God's truth.**)
3. Whom did Jude warn the believers to watch out for? (*people who sin and say wrong things about Jesus*)
4. What did Jude say these people would do? (*try to cause problems in the church*)
5. ***How do we live while waiting for Jesus to come back? We follow Jesus and tell everyone about Him.***

**SAY** • Jude warned the early Christians to watch out for people who sin and say wrong things about Jesus. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life—the One who protects His people from sin. Because of Jesus, God will welcome us and give us joy forever.

Sing the unit theme song or key passage song.

## Pray

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have.

**SAY** • Father, we thank You for Jude’s reminder to us to always remember Your truth. Protect our church and our families from people who say wrong things about You and try to cause problems in our church. We love You, Lord. Amen.

## Missions story

If your preschool ministry is planning a missions activity, discuss the activity, the reasons for it, and your group’s progress. If you are not participating in a missions activity, talk about sharing the true gospel with everyone we meet. You may also show the “Proclaim the Name” video.

**SAY** • Let’s pray for the missionaries in our video. God, we thank You for Jesus. We want everyone to know about Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for our many brothers and sisters in Christ who go around the world to tell people about You. Please help protect and lead them in their travels and their work. May many people come to know You. Amen.

- “Proclaim the Name” video
- “Missions Prayer Cards” printable, 1 per child

## Stand up for what is true

Make a series of clearly true or wildly false statements. Invite preschoolers to stand up when they hear a true statement and sit down when they hear an untrue statement.

**SAY** • **Jude told believers to always remember God’s truth.** He warned them that people would try to tell them things that were not true.