

Melchizedek Blessed Abraham

Genesis 14; Hebrews 5; 7

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Melchizedek means “king of righteousness.” Jesus is a priest and king like Melchizedek was, but Jesus is better! Jesus came to bless us. He died on the cross and rose again so everyone who trusts in Him can have life with God forever.

Big Picture Question:

Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything.

Key Passage:

Psalm 135:6

Play “doggy, DoGGY, where’s your bone?”

Form a circle on the floor. Choose one child to be the *doggy* and sit in the middle with her eyes closed. Place a marker or other object to represent a bone behind her. Quietly tap one child to silently take the marker, return to his seat, and hide the marker behind him. Guide the group to sing, “Doggy, doggy, where’s your bone? Somebody took it from your home.” The child in the middle will then open her eyes and guess who took the *bone*. Choose another child to be *doggy*. Play as time allows.

Say [?] You had to guess who took the bone. In today’s Bible story, Abraham’s nephew Lot was taken as a prisoner! Abraham did not have to guess who took Lot because someone told him. Listen to the story to find out how Abraham rescued Lot.

Take ten then give one away

Set out a bin of colored pom-poms. Invite each preschooler to count out ten of a certain color. Ask each child to give you one of his or her ten items. Return all pom-poms to the bin, then continue playing choosing a different color.

Say [?] When you gave me one of your ten items, you gave me a tenth. In today’s Bible story, Abraham gave a gift to a king named Melchizedek. Can you say Melchizedek? Abraham gave the king a tenth of all he had. Listen to the story to hear more about this special king.

remember god’s blessings

Form a circle. Explain that a blessing is something good that God has given you. Give a child a toy crown. Guide children to pass the crown around the circle while music plays. Stop the music. Encourage whoever is holding the crown when the music stops to tell one way God has blessed her. Be prepared to offer suggestions.

Say [?] God blesses us every day, but sometimes we forget to thank Him. Let’s be people who are thankful for God’s blessings. The greatest blessing God gives us is His very own Son, Jesus. Jesus came to bless us with forgiveness of sins. He died on the cross and rose again so everyone who trusts in Him can have life with God forever.

play crown stop and go

Play this version of “Red Light, Green Light.” Use painter’s tape to make a starting line and finish line on opposite sides of the room. Form a line behind the starting line. Stand behind the finish line wearing a crown. Explain that when you are wearing the crown, preschoolers must stand still, but when you take off the crown, they may walk slowly toward you. Anyone who moves while you have the crown on your head must return to the starting line. Rotate between wearing the crown and taking it off. The first child to reach you will wear the crown and lead the next game. Be sure to sanitize the crown between uses.

Say ? We heard about lots of kings in today’s Bible story. Do you remember how many kings there were? Four kings fought a war against five kings. Do you remember who was captured by the four kings. Abraham’s nephew Lot was taken as a prisoner. He could probably not move at all, just like in our game. But God helped Abraham rescue Lot, and he could move again. God sent Jesus to rescue us from sin. Do you remember how Jesus did this? Jesus died on the cross so that everyone who trusts in Him can have life with God forever.

create a crown

Bend a paper plate in half and open it back up to create a crease. Use a utility knife or sharp scissors to make a slit in the center of the paper plate along the crease to about two inches from the edge of the paper plate. Be sure not to cut all the way to the edge. Prepare one slitted paper plate for each preschooler. Help children make more cuts from the center of the plate to two inches from the edge, creating eight triangles. Bend the triangles up to form points on the crown. Precut crowns for younger preschoolers. Invite preschoolers to color their crowns with markers and glue sequins and rhinestones to them.

Say ? Do you think King Melchizedek wore a crown like yours? Melchizedek was the king of Salem and a priest to God Most High. Melchizedek means “king of righteousness.” Jesus is a priest and king like Melchizedek was, but Jesus is better! Jesus came to bless us. He died on the cross and rose again so everyone who trusts in Him can have life with God forever.

play a game of war with cards

Remove the face cards from decks of playing cards. Form pairs. Give each pair a deck of cards to split evenly between them. Guide them to place their cards facedown in front of them. Direct them to turn over the top card. The one with the higher number card takes both cards. If the cards show the same number, each person keeps her cards. Encourage the family to continue playing as time allows or interest remains.

Say ? You played war with cards. The war between the four kings and five kings in our Bible story was not a game. It was real, and sadly, Abraham’s nephew Lot was taken as a prisoner. But God helped Abraham rescue Lot. In our game, there were times when you won, and you were able to take someone’s card. There were also times when you lost, and your card was taken. Remember that no matter if we win or lose, God is in control. God sent Jesus to rescue us from sin by dying on the cross. All who put their trust in Him can have life with God forever.