



BOZ, The Green Bear Next Door™

"A Lesson for the Teacher!"

Friends enjoy helping one another learn how to do new things.

The following lesson will help young children learn how to share what they know so they can help others learn to do things. You can use this lesson in Sunday school, Mommy and Me, daycare, children's church, or for whatever programming needs that you have. Parents can also easily adapt the lesson for easy use in home schooling or devotional time at home.

The lesson has been divided into several segments, with various activity options to choose from. Select the activity options that best fit your needs.

BOZ's fun stories help preschoolers discover God's world. The Bible helps preschoolers discover God's love. Thanks for your commitment to teaching God's children!

INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY: Driver on the Bus

You will need: Four paper plates

Before the children arrive, set up a bus or buses with as many rows of chairs as there are children. As they arrive, have the kids sit in the bus(es). Explain that children in the front rows are the drivers, and they are going to teach the riders what to do on the bus. The drivers will hold paper plates to use as steering wheels. The rest of the students sit in the seats behind the drivers. Lead the kids in singing the following verses from "The Wheels on the Bus." Throughout the first verse, the drivers motion backward by holding out one thumb and flinging it backward while their other hand holds the steering wheel. The riders move back one row every time they sing the words "move on back." The children in the back row run to the front passenger row. Switch the riders and the drivers the second time through. See two new verses and actions below, for additional fun.

The driver on the bus says, "Move on back,
Move on back, move on back."

The driver on the bus says, "Move on back,"
All through the town.

The driver on the bus says, "Let's all pray!"
(Kids put hands together each time.)

"Let's all pray! Let's all pray!"
The driver on the bus says, "Let's all pray!"
We thank you God!"

The driver on the bus says, "Shake a hand,
(Kids find partner to shake with each time.)
Shake a hand. Shake a hand."

The driver on the bus says, "Shake a hand.
Meet one another!"



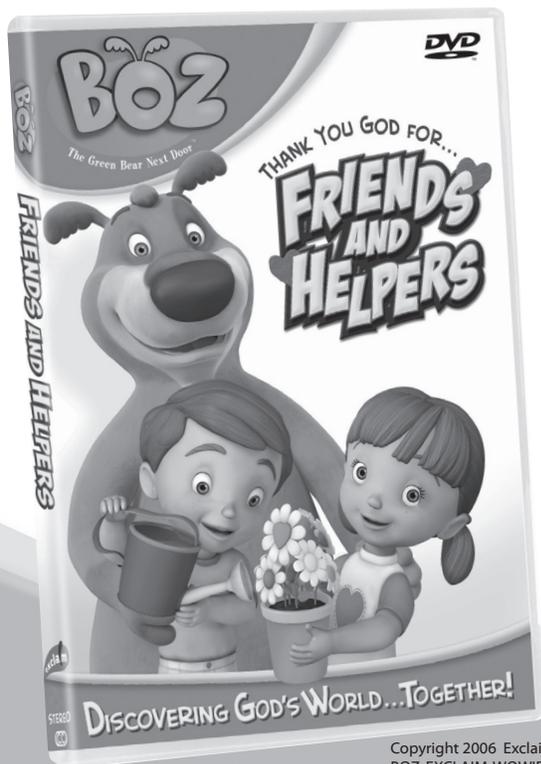
SHOW THE VIDEO

You will need: Thank You God For...Friends and Helpers DVD, television and DVD player.

Introduce kids to BOZ, The Green Bear Next Door! BOZ is a fun, green bear who enjoys helping kids learn how to do new things. BOZ lives in his tree house next door to a little boy and girl named Drew and Gracie. BOZ knows how important it is to teach and learn from each other so that everyone can learn and grow!

Show Episode 3 of the DVD: "A Lesson for the Teacher!" Stop the DVD after the episode and ask the following questions:

- What game did Gracie help her friend, Bria learn to play? (Hide and Seek)
- What are some of the fun ways that Gracie helped teach her friend to play the game? (Gracie helped Bria look for clues in finding the hiders; BOZ'S giggles; Drew's red hair; Marcus liked to hide behind a bush.)
- What game did BOZ lead the kids in playing? (Follow the Leader)
- What game did Gracie need help with? (Jumping rope)
- Who helped Gracie learn how to jump rope? (Bria)
- Is it okay to ask others for help in learning how to do something? (YES!)
- Who can help us to learn how to do things? (Teachers, parents, family members, coaches, friends, and GOD!)
- Who can you go to ask for help how to do things?
- What kinds of things can you help others to do?
- Who is always there to help you, no matter where you are, no matter what time of the day? (God)



BIBLE PRESENTATION: Luke 2:42-52

You will need: A Children's Bible written for preschoolers

Begin by opening a children's Bible with preschoolers. Read the story from Luke 2:42-52. Point out that the story is from the Bible, which is filled with stories about God's people and God's messages.

Ask all the kids to stand up, and then lead them in this fun action rhyme. Lead the children in the actions as go through the story.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus walked to town one day,
(Walk in place.)

Skipping, and hopping, but Jesus hoped - He'd have time to play.
(Skip, hop and jump.)

He had fun, but then it was time to go to the temple and pray.
(Walk a couple steps in place; then kneel and fold hands.)

He asked some things, but then He shared, all about God's way;
(Stand back up; point to heaven.)

He wanted to teach about God's Word to all those who would hear.
(Open hands in book form, as if reading Bible; put hand to ear.)

And so He did. He taught God's Word, so God's message was clear.
(Open hands in book form, as if reading Bible.)

When the sun set, Mary and Joseph headed out of town.
(Hands in circle above head and trickle hands down to sides; walk in place.)

They didn't know that Jesus was not anywhere around!
(Shake head no; put hand over eyes—searching.)

Part way home, they asked each other, "Where did Jesus go?"
(Hands on hips facing one way; hands on hips, facing other way.)

"Is He with you? Where did He go?" "I don't really know!"
(Point to others; shake head no.)



They looked and looked, everywhere! Where did Jesus flee?
(Hand over eyes—searching; shrug shoulders.)

Then they ran back, back to the town, worried as they could be!
(Run in place; hands on cheeks—shaking head no.)

They looked and looked, and there He was, teaching to those who would hear
(Hand over eyes—searching; hands beside mouth as if talking.)

Wanting to share all He knew, to bring folks to God so near.
(Cross arms in front of chest; point to heaven.)

Mary and Joseph said, "Please don't leave. We missed you along the way."
(Walk in place)

Jesus agreed. He knew they were right. They had worried about Him all day.
(Cross arms over chest in loving manner.)

But the priests were pleased and thanked him much, as they all went on their way.
(Point to smiling face; walk in place.)

They waved goodbye, and Jesus said that he'd come back one day.
(Wave goodbye; hands beside mouth as if talking.)

Questions for Review

- When Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem, where did Jesus go and what did he do?
(He went to the temple to pray and teach those would listen about God.)
- What happened when Mary and Joseph were on their way home? (They couldn't find Jesus, because he was still at the temple, teaching.)
- What did Jesus tell his parents? (He was teaching about God.)
- Who can we teach and tell about God? What can we teach them?



LEARNING EXPLORATION

Choose from a variety of the activities below.

Snack:

Teach kids how to make a simple snack such as: cookie cutter sandwiches; decorate your own cookie; and so on. Ask each child to make their snack unique, and then have them teach the rest of the class how they made it before it is eaten.

Crafts:

1. Teacher Chalkboards

You will need: Small chalkboards (from craft stores with very small wood frames), chalk, foam sponges, star stickers

Before the children arrive, cut the foam sponges into miniature erasers for each child. Distribute a small chalkboard, homemade eraser, stickers, and chalk to each child. Allow the children to decorate the outer edges of their chalkboards with the star stickers. When they're finished, remind the children that today's lesson is all about helping others to do things. Ask each of the children to draw a shape, number, letter, or small picture on the chalkboard. Ask each child to share his or her drawing with the group.

Point out that teaching others is all about sharing what we know or know how to do with others! If you have more time, let the children draw two or three things to share with a partner or the group. Encourage children to use their chalkboard to teach and learn new things in the future too!

NOTE: If you can't find chalkboards or don't have them in your budget, you might consider dividing small pads of sticky notes to give to each child for this activity; or cutting up copy paper and stapling stacks of them together.



Games:

1. Clap, Clap, Stomp!

You will need: BOZ song on DVD and DVD player

It's fun to learn to clap, stomp, snap, and even dance to different song rhythms. Play a simple BOZ song from the DVD and teach the children a simple rhythm action to go along with it, such as clap, clap, stomp! Allow the children to make up rhythms of their own to share and teach the group, too!

2. What Animal Am I?

Kids enjoy learning about, and acting like, various animals. Play a fun game of animal charades. Choose one child to come forward and whisper an animal in his or her ear. That child should teach the class how that animal acts and sounds until they can guess what it is. Allow everyone to take a turn.

Some good examples are: dog, cat, snake, frog, lion, bird, fish, kangaroo, turtle, bear, elephant, and rabbit.

3. Growing Up to Help Others

You will need: Hats, props, or magazine pictures that represent different occupations; BOZ clip art; green paper; BOZ music from DVD and DVD player

Before the children arrive, reproduce a picture of BOZ on green paper. You will need one fewer BOZ picture than the number of children in your class. Tape the BOZ pictures in a circle on the floor. Include one plain green paper in the circle. Place the occupational items in the center of the circle.

Remind the children that you are learning about how to help each other learn different things. As we grow, we learn how to do special jobs. Today you'll play a game to see what some of those jobs are that we can learn to do, and what those people do to help others!

Line the children up on the circle. As the music plays, the children should march around the circle. When the music stops, the child that isn't standing on BOZ has the job of choosing one of the occupational items. That child names what occupation that item represents and what they do to help others.

Some examples are: firemen put out fires; policemen make sure people obey the law; librarians help people find books; teachers teach kids all sorts of things; construction workers build things; moms and dads take care of the house and children; pastors/priests teach about God; doctors and nurses take care of people who are sick; waitresses/waiters serve people food; chefs cook people food; grocery clerks help people to pay for their groceries; custodians keep buildings clean; actors and singers entertain people; writers write interesting or informative books or newspapers; photographers take pictures; artists create beautiful things for us to enjoy; and so on.





REMEMBERING AND APPLYING

Help children review what they learned and apply it to their lives.

1. Follow the Leader

Teach the children the song from the BOZ DVD:

It's okay to ask for help from someone that you know who cares.
It's okay to ask for help. That's how we like to learn and share!

Sing the song as everyone learns to do whatever the leader does in a game of Follow the Leader. Allow the children to take turns being the leader. Lead the children around the room in various ways — hopping, skipping, jumping, crawling, going over and under various things, doing different actions and exercises, and so on. It's fun to help others learn to do new things!

2. Closing Prayer

Use the BOZ game circle from *Growing Up to Help Others*. Invite children to crawl or walk behind you on the circle. Start praying and when you stop, ask the children to sit up or stop, and name one way they will promise God to help teach others this week. Begin with something like this:

"Thank you God for helping us learn so much that we can help others learn things too. Thank you for minds that can learn new things. Thank you for showing us that when we help teach someone else, we are helping Jesus too! We promise to do our best to help another person learn this week. Here's what we will try to do:"

(Encourage the kids to share at this time. Then continue crawling for a moment, then stop and let a few more children share.)

"Thank you for teaching us so much every day! Amen."

FAMILY TAKE-HOME

Distribute the Family Take-Home page (front and back) for each child to take home. This will allow the children to share what they learned with their families and continue to practice sharing what they know with others.





Dear Mom and Dad,

It was a great day today! We learned all about how God likes it when we teach our friends about things that we know.

In our Bible story, Jesus taught His friends about God when He was young. We heard the story from Luke 2:42-52 where Jesus went to Jerusalem with His parents and ended up going to the temple and teaching everyone about God!

We also watched a fun episode of BOZ called "A Lesson for the Teacher!" from the BOZ DVD **Thank You God For...Friends and Helpers**. BOZ reminds his friends that they can learn fun and important things from one another. It's a good lesson to remember.

Here are some great activities we can do at home so that we can keep practicing what we learned today and help teach others all that we know about God!

Sharing What We've Learned

Take turns tossing or rolling a ball back and forth to one another. Each time someone catches the ball, they should name something they have learned from their mom or dad, or another caring adult. (Adults should share, too!)

Switching Places

Today we read a story in the Bible from Luke 2:42-52. We learned that Jesus taught others about God when he was just a boy.

Take some time to switch places and allow your children to teach you something that they know how to do! Let your child choose whatever he or she wants to teach, and listen carefully, following everything your child says. Children can teach you how to play catch, play with a doll, set the table, make a bed, pick up toys, build something with blocks, sing a song, and so on.

Teaching By Design

Everyone likes to make designs! Take turns creating patterns with blocks, beads, cereal, or coloring crayons. Teach one another your patterns, such as:

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After you've taught one another some patterns, think of something creative to do with them. Make a bracelet or necklace and give to a friend or family member. Make a placemat, a picture frame, or a collage!



Hide and Seek

In today's story with BOZ the Bear, Gracie taught her friend Bria how to play Hide and Seek. Play the game of Hide and Seek at home together. But first, learn the fun rhyme that BOZ, Drew, and Gracie said when they played Hide and Seek:

One, two, three. You can't hide from me!
Four, five six. I know all your tricks!
Seven, eight, nine. You're running out of time!
Here comes ten. You'll be caught again!

Helping Hands

Ask your child if he or she can draw a hand. It's pretty hard to do! Explain that you are going to teach your child how to do it. Take your child's hand and ask him or her to spread it out onto a piece of plain paper. Use a dark pen to trace the hand. Lift, and reveal the great picture! Allow your child to then trace your hand on a piece of paper. Now your child knows how to draw something rather hard to draw! Remind your child that it's okay to ask for help from others to learn how to do something. And never forget to take time out to ask help from God everyday!

Learn this song from BOZ's "A Lesson for the Teacher":

We had a lot of fun today.
Our friends learned it's okay to say,
"Could you help me? Would you please?"
That's the way we learn with ease.
And when we pray for help from God,
He will always smile and nod.
"Let me teach you," he will say,
Because he loves us every day!

