

Lesson for Preschool Kids (3 ½ - 5)

- Lesson:** Recognition of the Letter **Jj** and Numbers **2** and **10**.
Approach: Teaching Bible Truth Blended with Basic Learning
(*Alphabet & Phonics; Numbers; Shapes and Colors*)
- Bible Truth:** God does not want us to complain.
Bible Connect: Joshua and his friend (Caleb).
Bible Story: Numbers 13; Numbers 14:1-38
Memory Verse: [Philippians 2:14](#)
"Do everything without complaining and arguing."

Lesson Objectives: The students must be able to:

1. Recognize the Letter Jj and numbers 2 and 10;
2. Tell that God is pleased when we trust and obey Him;
3. Recite the memory verse with actions;
4. Say a praise or prayer of thanks for God's protection;
5. Participate in craft-making and work on the activities given.

Teaching Aid: Pictures of the following:

1. Letter Jj
2. Numbers 2 and 10
3. God
4. Moses
5. Israelites
6. Joshua and Caleb
7. 12 spies
8. Canaan
9. Giants

Suggestion:

[Joshua and Caleb - Bible Story](#)


Class Proper:

- Opening Prayer / Roll Call
- **Circle Time**
- Review of past lesson: **J** is for **Jeremiah**.

The teacher may say to the children:

"Our lesson last Sunday was about a prophet named JEREMIAH. Say it with me, kids, JEH / RUH / MAI / UH. Jeremiah was still a young boy, but God had already known that he would become a prophet (God's messenger), so God called Jeremiah to share God's word with other people. Jeremiah obeyed God, and so God was with him always. Let's recite our memory verse: Jeremiah 1:5 "Before you were born, I knew you already!"

- **Introduction of the Bible Story:**

Song:  [Walking with Jesus | Christian Songs For Kids](#)

- Have the children stand, march and sing along to the song.
- After the song, let the children sit down in their proper seats.

Suggested teaching technique: Dramatization

→ Teachers and assistants can wear costumes to act out the characters of Joshua, Caleb, and one of the Israelites.

- **Presentation of the Bible Story:**

*“Kids, did you know that God’s people once walked to a place called “Canaan” (God’s Promised Land)? But they complained and doubted God when things started to get hard as they were walking. However, there was a man named **JOSHUA** who did not complain, because he was always full of faith in God.*

*One night, before they went to Canaan, Moses chose 12 strong and brave men to go to Canaan, **2** of which were Joshua and his friend, **Caleb**. As they went to Canaan, they saw that the place was beautiful! It had plenty of food! So they took lots of food, including a bunch of grapes! It was truly such a wonderful place!*

*But then, they saw that there were bad people living there! These bad people were bigger and taller than them! And because they saw the people were bigger than them, fear made them see their enemies like “giants”! The **10** men that went with Joshua and Caleb were so scared. So after they saw their enemies, the 12 of them went back to Moses to let them know what they saw in Canaan. As God’s people heard that their enemies were bigger and taller than them in Canaan, they started to complain and doubt God again. Oh no, even the 10 men that went with Joshua and Caleb started to complain, too! But there were only 2 men who did not complain and these were Joshua and Caleb. Joshua told God’s people to not be afraid for God will help them. Joshua held unto his faith and never doubted God’s Word.”*

- **Life Application:**

God does not want us to complain. Instead, God wants us to trust Him and obey His Word, just as Joshua and Caleb did. God is pleased when we are obedient and faithful to Him.

- **Evaluation:** Ask questions based on the objectives given.

1. His name begins with the letter J. He was a strong and faithful man who never complained and instead trusted God. Who is he? **Joshua!**
2. How many men that went with Joshua and Caleb to Canaan complained and doubted God? **10!**
3. Out of the 12 strong and brave men who went to Canaan, how many men did not complain and only trusted God? **2!**
4. Let’s recite our memory verse: **Philippians 2:14**

“Do everything without complaining and arguing.”

Enrichment Activity:

Suggestions for Beginner’s Class:

It is encouraged that the assistant will create/suggest the craft/activity to be used in class.

Suggestions for Preschool Class:

 **J - Joshua (Activities).pdf**