Lesson for Preschool Kids (3 ½ - 5)

Lesson: Recognition of the Letter **LI**; How it Sounds and How to Write It.

Approach: Teaching Bible Truth Blended with Basic Learning

(Alphabet and Phonics; Numbers; Shapes and Colors)

Bible Truth: Jesus loves us.

Bible Connect: Jesus loved His friend, LAZARUS.

Bible Story: John 11:1-6,11-27,32-44

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:7 (NIV)

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God..."

Lesson Objectives: The students must be able to:

- 1. Recognize the Letter **LI** and and the name of Jesus' friend which begins with the said letter of the alphabet;
- 2. Tell that Jesus loves us;
- 3. Recite the memory verse with actions;
- 4. Say a praise or prayer of thanks for God's love for us;
- 5. Participate in craft-making and work on the activities given.

Teaching Aid: Pictures of the following:

- 1. Letter LI
- 2. Jesus
- 3. Lazarus
- 4. Mary and Martha

Suggestion:

Letter L - Lazarus (Visual Aid)

Class Proper:

- Opening Prayer / Roll Call
- Circle Time
- Review of past lesson: Letter K for King (<u>Jesus is the KING of kings</u>).
 The teacher may say to the children,

Kids, can you still remember what letter this is? (Show a picture of the letter K and wait for their response) This is the letter K! We studied the letter K for King. Look, the letter K has a crown on top of it! Kids, we must remember that there is One King who is more powerful than any other king in the whole world. His name is JESUS, and He is the KING OF KINGS! Let's recite our memory verse together, Luke 19:38 "JESUS is our King."

Introduction of the Bible Story:

Song: Jesus Loves Me (Animated, With Lyrics) - Best Christian Songs f...

The teacher may say to the children,

We have a new song today, kids! This song is about the love of Jesus. Kids, do you believe that Jesus loves us? Yes, it's true that Jesus loves us! Let's stand up and sing along to the song.

Presentation of the Bible Story:

Today, we're going to learn about a story in the Bible where Jesus showed how He loved His friend, named <u>Lazarus</u>. One day, when Jesus was in Jerusalem, someone told Jesus that His friend, Lazarus, was sick. So, Jesus went to see him, but Martha, Lazarus' sister, told Jesus that Lazarus had died. Still, Martha believed Jesus could heal Lazarus. So, Jesus said to Martha, "Lazarus will live."

Jesus stayed with Martha, her sister, Mary, and their brother, Lazarus. But kids, did you know that Jesus cried? He really did! Why do you think Jesus cried? He cried because He <u>loved</u> Lazarus and because Lazarus was His friend.

So they went to the place where Lazarus was buried. Jesus called Lazarus, saying, "Lazarus come out!" Jesus is truly powerful because when He called for Lazarus, Lazarus appeared, which means Lazarus was alive! Many people who had seen Jesus' miracle believed that He was the true Son of God!

Life Application:

Jesus teaches us to love as He loves! Our Bible story showed how genuinely Jesus loved His friend, Lazarus. Jesus showed His emotions by how He cried. Jesus cried even though He was certain that Lazarus would live because He loved His friend. Kids, we must remember that Jesus loves us!

- **Evaluation:** Ask questions based on the objectives given.
 - 1. Jesus had a friend named Lazarus!
 - 2. The name, Lazarus, begins with what letter? Letter L!
 - 3. Jesus cried because He loved His friend Lazarus. Do you believe that Jesus loves us, too? *Yes, Jesus loves us too!*
 - 4. Our memory verse today is, 1 John 4:7

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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:

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