

PRESCHOOL Sunday School

J-O-Y Curriculum

- Unit Text: Matthew 22:36-40

JOY Lesson: LOVE YOURSELF TOO!

BIBLE STORY: THE LOST SON

LESSON SCRIPTURES: LUKE 15:11-31; PSALM 139:14

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES: At the end of the lesson, the pupils must be able to:

1. Recite the given memory verse
2. Cite ways to show how to love oneself/yourself as discussed after the Bible story was explained
3. Point out to when the verse Matthew 22-39 is referring to in loving others.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 22:39

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

PRESESSION ACTIVITIES

A. Circle Time: Greetings/Welcoming

***Welcome song: Welcome Song/Binbin Kids Song (see on youtube) or *see Beginners Bible: The Prodigal Son song**

B. Short Game/fun time: Play Hide & Seek (Be sure to prepare some places to hide)

INTRODUCTION

Ask: Can you remember the 3-letter word that we are trying to complete and understand? So, the first letter was J which stands for JESUS. We learned from our past lessons that it is very important to love

Jesus, our God first. Last Sunday, we learned that the letter O for others. After the first command to us to love Jesus first, we need to love and serve others too. O is for loving other. (Show letters J,O,then Y.) These are the letters J,and O and today we will have the letter Y which stands for YOURSELF.(When translated in Tagalog, it means *ikaw* or *sarili mo*.)

BIBLE STORY

The Parable of the Lost Son for kids

There once was a father and two sons. One day, the youngest son asked his father for his share of the brothers' inheritance. The father was unsure but decided to give both brothers their inheritance money.

At first, the youngest son was delighted. For the first time in his life, he had plenty of money, and he could spend it however he pleased!



Not long after, though, the youngest son ran out of money, having squandered it all. With no money and no home, the youngest son's only choice was to find a job. But the only one he could find was feeding pigs, which he didn't like at all.



So, in desperation, he decided to go home and ask his father for a job as a servant. When the son returned, his father hugged and kissed him, and welcomed him back into the family home. The youngest son was surprised, having expected his father to be angry and reproachful. Instead, the father gave his son the finest robes, sandals, and even a ring to wear. He also decided to throw a big party to celebrate his son's safe return.

Short Discussion

Kids, this Bible story showed us that when the younger son thought first of himself rather than his father -the younger son ended up sad and poor, almost about to eat a pigs' food. The younger son did not love his father first but loved himself first. You see, JOY means to be glad and rejoicing. If you think of yourself first you will end up sad and miserably hungry and poor. But our story tells us that we need to go back to what is the right thing to do.

LIFE APPLICATION

Loving yourself means—not wasting what you have (*like wasting food*). Learning early to help and do chores at home shows that you love others as yourself. The Bible said that The younger son in our Bible story did not

want to work in his father's field. All he wanted was to get his share but he wasted it all. That is why he ended up together with the pigs!

God will feed those who help or work with others. God said do not give food to the lazy. God does not want us to get hungry and so poor like the lost son.

***Memory verse Review & Recitation**

EVALUATION: Ask these questions (in Tagalog)

1. Who can recite our memory verse for today?
2. From our Bible story, what ways have you learned to show your love for others as yourself?
3. How are we to love others? Is it the same way as we love ourselves?

ENRICHMENT