Preschool–Grade 6

Enoch Walked with God

Sunday School Lesson for Kindergarten to 2nd Grade, 45 minutes

Main point: Enoch walked with God and pleased God, and we can walk with God every day too.
Bible passage: Genesis 5:21–24 and Hebrews 11:5. Read them before class.
Memory verse: "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." *Genesis 5:24 (KJV)*
You need: a Bible, 4 paper footprints (trace a shoe on paper and cut it out), a marker, tape, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: write the memory verse on the 4 paper footprints (see part 4). Put bookmarks in your Bible at Genesis 5:24 and Hebrews 11:5.

1. Opening game: Walk with Me (5 minutes)

Kids line up behind you. Walk around the room, and they follow right behind you, doing just what you do: big steps, tiny steps, tiptoe steps, slow steps, a turn to the left, a turn to the right. Stop, and everyone stops. Then ask: *To walk with me, did you have to stay close? Did you have to go the same way I went?* Say: "Today we will meet a man the Bible says walked with God."

2. Bible story: Enoch Walked with God (10 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Genesis 5, so the kids can see the story comes from God's Word. Tell it in your own words:

A long, long time ago, there lived a man named **Enoch**. He was "the seventh from Adam" (Jude 14). His father's name was Jared (Genesis 5:18). When Enoch was 65 years old, God gave him a baby boy. Enoch named his son **Methuselah** (5:21). That is a big name! Say it with me: Me-THOO-seh-lah.

Then the Bible says something special about Enoch: "Enoch walked with God" (5:22). To **walk with God** means to stay close to God and go God's way, every day. Enoch walked with God for 300 years (5:22)! He had more sons and daughters too (5:22). Enoch lived 365 years in all (5:23). That is one year for every day in a whole year!

Then something amazing happened. **Read Genesis 5:24 from your Bible:** "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Say: "**He was not** means Enoch was not here anymore. God took him."

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The story continues: Another part of the Bible tells us more about Enoch. **Read Hebrews 11:5 from your Bible.** It says Enoch "was translated that he should not see death." Say: "**Translated** means God took him away from the earth. Enoch did not die! He 'was not found' (Hebrews 11:5), because God had taken him."

And before God took him, everyone knew this about Enoch: "he pleased God" (Hebrews 11:5). Enoch walked with God by **faith**, which means he believed God and trusted Him (Hebrews 11:5). And God was pleased with him.

3. Questions to ask (5 minutes)

1. What was the name of Enoch's son? *(Methuselah, Genesis 5:21)*
2. What does the Bible say Enoch did for 300 years? *(He walked with God, 5:22)*
3. How many years did Enoch live in all? *(365 years, 5:23)*
4. What happened to Enoch? *(God took him, and he did not die, 5:24; Hebrews 11:5)*
5. What did everyone know about Enoch? *(He pleased God, Hebrews 11:5)*

4. Memory verse: Footstep Verse (5 minutes)

Tape the 4 paper footprints on the floor in a row, one step apart: *And Enoch walked with God: / and he was not; / for God took him. / Genesis 5:24.* Explain the old words: **he was not** means he was not here anymore; **God took him** means God took Enoch to Himself, and Enoch did not die (Hebrews 11:5). Read the verse together. Then each child walks the footprints, saying one part on each step. Turn one footprint over and walk it again. Keep turning them over, one each time, until the kids can say the whole verse by themselves.

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5. What this means for us (5 minutes)

Say: "Enoch walked with God and pleased God. God wants you to walk with Him too. God loves you very much. But everyone has done wrong things. The Bible calls that sin: 'For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23, KJV). That means none of us is as good as God. Jesus is God who came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins, He was buried, and He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us how to obey the gospel, the good news about Jesus: 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.' (Acts 2:38, KJV) To **repent** means we are sorry for our sin and we turn away from it. We are **baptized**, buried all the way under the water, in Jesus' name, so our sins are washed away (Romans 6:4; Acts 22:16). **Remission** means God takes our sins away. And God fills us with the **Holy Ghost**, His own Spirit, and we speak in other tongues, words God gives us, just like the believers did in the Bible (Acts 2:4)."
Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.
This week: walk with God every day. When you wake up, say, "Good morning, God! I want to walk with You today." Then do one thing that pleases God.

6. Activity (10–15 minutes)

Choose one: the **Enoch word search** (vbshq.com/puzzles/enoch-word-search), crossword, maze or worksheet, the craft (vbshq.com/crafts/enoch-craft), or **Footprint Path:** tape 6 to 8 paper footprints across the room in a path. A child steps on the first footprint and answers a question from part 3. If they answer, they take the next step. When a child reaches the end, everyone says, "Enoch walked with God!"

7. Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for walking with Enoch. Help us stay close to You and go Your way every day, and help us please You. Thank You for loving us and coming to save us in Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen."

If a child asks where God took Enoch, or how: the Bible says only "God took him" (Genesis 5:24) and that he "should not see death" (Hebrews 11:5). It does not tell us how. Say: "The Bible doesn't tell us, so we don't guess. We know God took him, and Enoch did not die."

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