Preschool–Grade 6

King Manasseh

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

Main point: God hears me when I say sorry and pray.
Bible passage: 2 Chronicles 33:1–20. Read it yourself before class.
Memory verse: "Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God." *2 Chronicles 33:13 (KJV)*. The old words mean: **the LORD he was God** means the LORD is the real God.
You need: a Bible, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: put a bookmark in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 33.

1. Opening game: Turn Around (5 minutes)

Everyone stands up and marches in place, then marches slowly across the room. When you say, "Turn around!", everyone turns and marches back the other way. Play a few times, fast and slow. Say: "Good turning! Today we will hear a true story about a king who was going the wrong way, away from God. Then he turned around and came back to God."

2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to 2 Chronicles 33. Say: "This story is true. It is in God's Word." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

Manasseh became king when he was twelve (2 Chronicles 33:1). *(Stand up tall like a king.)*
But he did not obey God (33:2). *(Shake your head no.)*
He put a false god in God's house (33:7). *(Frown and cross your arms.)*
God spoke to him. He would not listen (33:10). *(Cover your ears.)*
Soldiers came and took him far away (33:11). *(Walk in place.)*
They put chains on him (33:11). *(Hold your wrists together.)*
Manasseh was in big trouble. He humbled himself before God (33:12). *(Bow your head.)*
He prayed (33:13). *(Fold your hands.)*
Say it with me: "God, I am sorry!"
God heard him! God brought him home (33:13). *(Open your hands and walk in place.)*
Then Manasseh knew the LORD is God (33:13). *(Point up.)*
He threw the false gods out (33:15). *(Pretend to toss them away.)*
Say it with me: "God hears me!"

Free to print & copy for church, classroom & home · Please don't resell or re-post

3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. Who was the king in our story? *(Manasseh, 2 Chronicles 33:1)*
2. What did Manasseh do when he was in chains? *(He humbled himself and prayed, 33:12–13)*
3. Did God hear him? *(Yes! God brought him home, 33:13)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "The Bible says, 'Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God.' That means Manasseh knew the LORD is the real God." Teach the motion: tap your head on "knew," then point up on "the LORD he was God." Say the verse with the motions three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "2 Chronicles 33:13" and clap three times.

5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "God loves you! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (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.

6. Activity: Manasseh Prays (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw Manasseh praying with his hands folded. While they color, ask: "What did Manasseh say to God? Did God hear him?" Kids who finish early can play Turn Around again.

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:
"Dear God, I am sorry for the wrong things I do.
Thank You for hearing me. Help me obey You. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: keep it simple. The lesson says only that Manasseh "did not obey God" and put a false god in God's house; it leaves out the darker parts of 2 Chronicles 33. The chains are only a quick hand motion. Spend the most time on "He prayed" and "God heard him!" Send the take-home sheet home so parents can tell the story again this week.

Free to print & copy for church, classroom & home · Please don't resell or re-post