Preschool–Grade 6

Melchizedek Blesses Abram

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

Main point: Everything belongs to God.
Bible passage: Genesis 14. Read Genesis 14:12–24 yourself before class.
Memory verse: "the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth" *Genesis 14:19 (KJV)*. **Possessor** means owner.
You need: a Bible, ten blocks, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: put a bookmark in your Bible at Genesis 14.

1. Opening game: Up High, Down Low (5 minutes)

Name things God made. If it is up in the sky (the sun, the moon, a star, a cloud), the kids reach up high. If it is down on the earth (a tree, a dog, a flower, a rock), they touch the floor. Say: "God made it all! Today we will hear a true story about a king who said God owns heaven and earth."

2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Genesis 14. 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.

Abram's nephew Lot was taken far away (Genesis 14:12). *(Make a sad face.)*

Abram went and brought Lot back home (14:16). *(Walk in place, then hug yourself.)*

A king named Melchizedek brought bread and wine (14:18). *(Hold out your hands with a gift.)*

He was the priest of the most high God (14:18). *(Point up high.)*

He blessed Abram (14:19). *(Fold your hands.)*

He said God owns heaven and earth (14:19). *(Point up, then point down.)*

Say it with me: "God owns it all!"

Abram gave him one out of every ten (14:20). *(Hold up ten fingers, then one.)*

Say it with me: "I can give to God!"

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3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. Who did Abram bring back home? *(Lot, Genesis 14:16)*
2. What did Melchizedek bring? *(Bread and wine, 14:18)*
3. Who owns heaven and earth? *(God, 14:19)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "Melchizedek said God is 'possessor of heaven and earth.' Possessor means owner. God owns everything!" Teach the motion: point up high on "heaven," then touch the floor on "earth." Say the verse with the motion three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "Genesis 14:19" 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: Ten Blocks (5–10 minutes)

Count ten blocks together. Let each child push one block forward: "One for God!" Then give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw the sky and the ground, and things God made in each. While they color, ask: "Who owns heaven and earth?"

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:
"Thank You, God, for everything You made.
It all belongs to You.
Help me give to You. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: keep the up-high, down-low motions going whenever the kids get wiggly. Send the take-home sheet home so parents can tell the story again this week.

If a child asks why Lot was taken: say simply that some kings took him away, and Abram went to bring him home (Genesis 14:12–16).

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