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| DAY 1 **K-2**  **Be Found in His Mercy** | **Relevant Bible Scripture to Read** |
| John 8:1-11  Romans 5:8; 8:38-39  Titus 3:4-7 |
| **Teaching Point** | **Equipment** |
| There is nothing we can do to stop God from loving us | Dice  Story Cards  Debt/Gift Cards & Instructions  Bible  Workbooks  Pens/Pencils |
| **\* Game - Get to know you Dice game** |
| Pass the dice around the circle, each child rolls the dice, says their name and then answers the question based on the number they rolled. 1=Favourite colour; 2=Favourite thing to do; 3=If they could be a Circus character what would they be; 4=Something they have done over the school holidays; 5=Favourite movie/tv show; 6=Favourite food |
| **Teaching Spot** | **\* Memory Verse** |
| **🡪 MAKING CONNECTIONS**  **\* ASK**: *a*. *Who did Taryn meet at the circus today?*  *b. Why did the clown run away to the circus?*  *c. How did the clown feel about doing the wrong thing?*  Taryn told a story about a woman who had sinned or done the wrong thing.  **\*ACTIVITY**: Using the story images provided get the children to put the events of the story in order.  **EXPLAIN:** The men wanted the woman to be punished for doing the wrong thing. But Jesus showed her mercy and forgave her. Mercy is not getting what we deserve. When you do the wrong thing at school you deserve to get a timeout or lunch detention. If your teacher doesn’t give you those things, they have shown you mercy because you didn’t get what you deserved.  **🡪 SO WHAT?**  **ASK:** *a.* *What kind of things do we do wrong? (speak generally)*  *b. Do we deserve to be punished when we do the wrong thing?*  **EXPLAIN:** We can do some bad things that hurt others or ourselves. This is called sin. We all sin because we are in a broken world. The bible (show bible), is God’s word, and tells us that the punishment for sin is death. That is why the men wanted to punish the woman who had sinned. We all deserve death, because we have all sinned. BUT God showed us mercy because He doesn’t want us to get what we deserve. He loves us too much! God loves us so much that He sent his son Jesus to die for EVERYONE’s sin. Jesus took our punishment of death instead.  **WORKBOOK** **PAGE** - Debt/Gift Card. Instructions included with cards  **🡪 BE FOUND**  **EXPLAIN***:* God forgives us for all the wrong things we do or have done, no matter what it is. There is nothing we can do that is too big for God to forgive, because Jesus paid the price.  **ASK***: a. Do you think God would forgive you if you told a lie?*  *b. Do you think God would forgive you if you stole something?*  *c. Do you think God forgives people if they do something really bad, like kill someone?*  **EXPLAIN:** God does and has forgiven us for all these things. He knows that when we choose the wrong way and do the wrong thing it hurts us and others, so He helps us to remember to choose the right way. When we choose the right way, which is God’s way, it’s the best way for us and others!  **ASK**: *What do you think is the best thing about being forgiven?*  **EXPLAIN:** Because we are forgiven God is not angry at us, He is always in a good mood. He loves us and wants us to be close with Him, talking with Him, listening to Him and asking Him for help.  He wants us to be in His family and now we can because His son Jesus died FOR us.  **FINAL STATEMENT:** Because of Jesus, the woman in the story was forgiven. Jesus showed her mercy because he didn’t give her what she deserved. Jesus died to take the punishment for all the things we do wrong so we are forgiven. There is nothing we can do that can stop God from loving us.  **WORKBOOK PAGE-** Children choose how they feel about God’s gift of mercy & forgiveness. | *‘Nothing can separate us from God’s love that is revealed in Christ Jesus’*  **Romans 8:39**  Make up your own actions to the memory verse with your small group e.g. move hands apart for ‘separate’ |
| **Prayer** |
| **EXPLAIN:** Prayer is when we spend time talking with and listening to God. We can pray anywhere we want and we can pray whenever we want! We don’t need fancy words to talk with God, we can talk with Him like we talk with our friends. He loves us to share our thoughts with him and he loves to share His thoughts with us.  **Ask** the children who would like to accept God’s gift of forgiveness and love today. This could be for the first time or again as a reminder to ourselves. Children can repeat the below prayer out loud or in their head.  **Dear God,**  **I accept your gift of mercy and forgiveness through Jesus. Thank you that nothing I can do can stop you from loving me.**  **Amen** |
| **Teaching Tips** | |
| * If a child asks you what adultery is you could say, ‘Adultery is when a person does not keep their marriage promises’ or ‘Adultery is when a person pretends that someone else is the husband/wife when they are not.’ * Take the time, perhaps at the beginning of your lesson to work through the get to know you page. This is a good way to see where your children are at with their relationship with God. * Set some group expectations e.g. listening; kindness; respect for others/groups. * Please read verses from your bible to model the importance of God’s word and where the verses come from. Children can read from visuals. | |

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| DAY 2 **K-2**  **Be Found in His Grace** | **Relevant Bible Scripture to Read** |
| Matthew 20:1-16  Ephesians 2:8-9  Romans 11:6 |
| **Teaching Point** | **Equipment** |
| There is nothing we can do to make God love us more, He already loves us 100% | Paper for Game  Pass the Parcel package  Bible  Workbooks  Pens/Pencils |
| **\* Game - Blind drawing** |
| Each child has a piece of paper. Children have to close their eyes. Say we’re going to draw a cat, but you have to draw the cat with your eyes closed and you can’t lift your pencil off the paper. First we are going to draw the head. Then whiskers. Now 2 ears. Now the eyes. Draw the cats body. Give the cat 4 legs and a tail. The kids will get a laugh when they look at each others’ pictures at the end. |
| **Teaching Spot** | **\* Memory Verse** |
| **🡪 \* MAKING CONNECTIONS**  **ASK**: *a.* *Who did Taryn meet at the circus today?*  *b. Why was Strongman Samson angry at Jake?*  **EXPLAIN**: Strongman Samson felt that because he was stronger than Jake he deserved to be paid more. This made Jake feel weak and unimportant. Taryn told a story about some people who felt that they deserved to be paid more because they worked longer than the others.  **ASK:** *How did the workers feel when they all got paid the same?*  **🡪 SO WHAT?**  **EXPLAIN:** God loves EVERYONE the same, no matter who they are, what they look like or what they do. He loves Jake just as much as He loves Strongman Samson. It doesn’t matter to God how strong we are or how long we work. God loves us ALL 100% and thinks we are ALL as important as each other. He has a good plan for all of us!  **EXPLAIN:** This can be hard for us to understand because sometimes that isn’t how life is.  **ASK:** *Have you ever been given something special for being good or doing really well at something?*  **EXPLAIN:** It’s nice to receive special awards at school or get something special from Mum or Dad for being good. But that’s not how God works. We don’t have to do something special or be the best at something to receive God’s love. There is nothing we have done, nor can ever do to earn God’s love and mercy. When God gives us all His love and goodness, no matter what we do it’s called grace and God gives all of us His gift of grace. Yesterday we learnt that because Jesus took all the punishment we deserve, there is nothing we can do to make God love us less. Well there is also nothing we can do to make God love us more. He loves us all the same, no matter what we do and He loves us with all of His love, just like He loves Jesus.  **\*WORKBOOK PAGE** - In the blank hearts, children draw pictures or write the names of people they know God loves, including themselves  **🡪 BE FOUND**  **ASK**: *a.**Would God love you more if you got 20 /20 in your spelling test?*  *b. Would God love you more if you won a gold medal in the Olympics?*  *c. Would God love you more if you came to church and prayed every day?*  **FINAL STATEMENT**: No. We don’t do these things to make God love us because He already does. We don’t need to be the best at everything, we don’t need to work harder like Strongman, or do better or be perfect *in order* for God to love us. His gift of Grace is for all of us. He loves us just as we are and He loves us all the same. There is nothing we can do to make Him love us more because he already loves us 100%. | *‘Nothing can separate us from God’s love that is revealed in Christ Jesus’*  **Romans 8:39**  Pass the parcel: in each layer there will be a section of the memory verse. Organise the verse and read it out loud as a group using the actions from yesterday. For younger children, you could read the verse to them while they do the actions. |
| **\* Prayer** |
| **Dear God,**  **Thank you that you love us just the way we are. Your gift of Grace and love is amazing. Thank you that there is nothing we can do to make you love us more, because you already love all of us 100%.**  **Amen**  **WORKBOOK PAGE** – Day 2 Pg 2 - The children can draw or write prayers of thanks to God for the gifts He gives us. They could draw pictures or words thanking God for how God sees them. They could draw pictures or write words thanking God for His love and grace. They could draw pictures or write the good things God has given them. |
| **Teaching Tips** | |
| * It’s great for children to share about their achievements (referring to Question 3 in the material) - try & keep discussion on track. * Have you sent the children in your group a postcard? They feel so special when they receive these messages of encouragement at the end of the day. Parents also love to read the messages you send to their children! | |

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| DAY 3 **K-2**  **Be Found in His Strength** | **Relevant Bible Scripture to Read** |
| Matthew 6:25-34  Psalm 91  Psalm 27  Romans 8:31-32  Luke 12:6-7 |
| **Teaching Point** | **Equipment** |
| With God, nothing can stand against us! | Memory Verse Cards  Matthew 6:26 visual  Bookmark materials  Bible  Workbooks  Pens and Pencils |
| **\* Game - 1-2-3 - Look** |
| Everyone closes their eyes and lowers their head, Leader says “1-2-3-Look!” As the leader calls "look," the children look up at one specific person. If that person is looking back at him/her, both players are out. If that person is looking at a different person, the children put their heads back down and wait for the next call of "1-2-3 Look." Continue the game and eventually you'll be left with two people and the game is over. |
| **Teaching Spot** | **\* Memory Verse** |
| **🡪 MAKING CONNECTIONS**  **\*ASK***: a.**Who did Taryn meet at the circus today?*  *b. What was wrong with Miss Felicity Flyhigh?*  We heard another story about some people who were afraid and worried.  **\*WORKBOOK PAGE** - Using the story images ask the children what each person was worried about – relate each picture to something relevant to the children.  **🡪 \* SO WHAT?**  **ASK:** *What kinds of things do you worry about or what makes you afraid?*  **READ: Matthew 6:26** (please read verse from your bible, use visual for children)  **ASK**: *a. How does God look after the birds?*  *b. If God looks after the birds do you think he looks after us too?*  *c. Does God want us to worry?*  **EXPLAIN:** No, God doesn’t want us to worry. Sometimes we do worry and that’s because we have forgotten that we can trust God.  **ASK:** *But how do we know we can trust God?*  **READ: Romans 8:31-32**  **ASK*:***  *What does it mean when it says if God is for us who can be against us?*  **EXPLAIN:** On Monday we learnt that God sent Jesus to die for us so we can be forgiven. If He gave us Jesus, then He is powerful and strong enough to give us anything else we need too. We don’t need to worry, God will always give us what we need and He always has good things planned for us. We can trust in Him because He loves us and wants to look after us!  **🡪 BE FOUND**  **\* STORY**: Have a leader give apersonal testimony of a situation when they chose to trust God and how God helped them through that situation.  **ASK:**  *Does anyone remember how Miss Felicity Fly High felt after Taryn told her that God was with her and on her side?*  **FINAL STATEMENT:** Just like Felicity, we can feel brave too. The bible tells us that when we become God’s children, we are given his Holy Spirit. When we start to worry the Holy Spirit reminds us that God loves us and we can trust Him. We can do this by praying with Him, reading about His promises in the bible and getting together like we are now and reminding each other. God is always with us and He has good things planned for us. With God, nothing can stand against us!  **PRAYER ACTIVITY –** See Prayer box to the right.  **\* WORKBOOK PAGE** – Read through the 3 verses with the children. Children choose which verse helps them the most. Use verse to decorate bookmark. | *‘Nothing can separate us from God’s love that is revealed in Christ Jesus’*  **Romans 8:39**  Lay out the memory verse cards in order. Have the group read the verse out loud doing the actions from Monday. Each time they read it take away 2 or 3 cards (you can get a group member to choose which ones) until eventually there is none left. |
| **Prayer** |
| Lead the children in a prayer time of talking & listening to God by using the hands down, hands up exercise.  Starting with hands facing down (to symbolise them giving things over to God) get the children to tell God what they are worried about.  Then with their hands now facing up (to symbolise that they are ready to receive from God), get the children to ask God, ‘God what do you want to tell me?’ They can sit and dwell on what was taught today, they might get a picture from God, or words or just feel peaceful in his presence.  We encourage you to let Holy Spirit lead you and to give you prompts for things the children might be afraid of, or what God wants to tell His precious children. |
| **Teaching tips** | |
| * A child may share times when they have asked God for help but God “didn’t help them”. Tell the children that God is good and he knows what we need. Even though we may not understand it, God does, and he always has good things planned for us. * Consider leading the children through the Prayer activity before starting the Bookmark activity. The bookmarks need to be put in the   envelope provided. They will be laminated during the day so that they are ready to give your children during sign out time. | |

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| DAY 4 **K-2**  **Be Found in His Family** | **Relevant Bible Scripture to Read** |
| Luke 15:11-32  1 John 3:1  Ephesians 1:3-8 |
| **Teaching Point** | **Equipment** |
| Nothing can separate us from the love of our Heavenly Father | Bible  Workbooks  Pens and Pencils |
| **\* Game - Circus Charades** |
| Choose one child to stand up. They must silently act out their favourite circus character or animal and have the group guess. The person that correctly guesses is now in. |
| **Teaching Spot** | **\* Memory Verse** |
| **🡪 \* MAKING CONNECTIONS**  **WORKBOOK** **PAGE-** Get the kids to recap on what they learnt each day from each character in the drama – match the picture with the lesson learnt  **ASK:**  *a*. *Why did Taryn decide to go back home to her Dad?*  *b. Why did the lost son in our story decide to go back home to his Dad?*  *c. What did his Dad do when he went back home?*  *d. How do you think the son felt when his Dad welcomed him back home?*  **🡪 SO WHAT?**  **EXPLAIN:** Jesus told people the story of the lost son to help us understand the kind of Father God is. He’s different from our normal Dad; He is our Father in Heaven, our Heavenly Father. Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that even when we do the wrong thing, He has already forgiven us because he sent His son Jesus to take the punishment we deserve. There is nothing we can do to make our Heavenly Father love us more because he already loves all of us 100%. He’s such a wonderful Father that we don’t have to worry or be afraid, He is always with us, so nothing can stand against us. Just like Taryn and the son were welcomed home to their families, our Heavenly Father has His arms stretched out wide to welcome us into His family. He wants all of us to be part of His wonderful family.  **INVITATION:** When we join God’s family, we become His children. Anyone can be part of God’s family! All we have to do is accept God’s wonderful gifts of mercy and grace! Accepting His gift is saying you know Jesus died for you because he loves you and you want to live the rest of your life in God’s family.  **ASK:** *Who believes God loves you so much that he sent Jesus to die for you and you want to be part of God’s family forever?*  **PRAYER :** This would be a great time to pray with the children – see Prayer section  **WORKBOOK PAGE-** Get the children to close their eyes and remember what God said to them or what it looked like just before God hugged them and welcomed them into His family. They can draw or write their experience.  **🡪BE FOUND**  **ASK:**  *What are some things you do when you spend time with your family?*  **EXPLAIN:** When we decide to be part of God’s family**,** God wants us to spend time with Him and His family. We can do this by meeting together at Church or Kids Games to learn more about God and make friends with other people in God’s family. We can talk with and listen to God when we pray. We can read the bible to help us learn more about our Heavenly Father and the good things He has planned for us. We learnt yesterday that when we become God’s children we are given His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives inside us so we are never alone. Being a part of God’s family lasts forever and forever. Even when we die, God promises us we will be with Him forever in heaven. God loves you so much! Isn’t it amazing we get to be part of His family! | *Nothing can separate us from God’s love that is revealed in Christ Jesus’*  **Romans 8:39**  See if any of your kids know the memory verse off by heart!  Circus whispers: Whisper the memory verse around the circle. The last person says it aloud. |
| **Prayer** |
| Dear Heavenly Father,  Thank you that you loved us so much, you sent Jesus to take the punishment we deserved. He died for us so we could be part of your family. Thank you that this is a gift for everyone and all we have to do is accept it, and now we can be part of your family! Please help us to remember that you love us and want the best for us.  Amen.  *If kids accept Jesus, have them repeat this:*  **Dear Heavenly Father,**  **Thank you that you sent Jesus to die for me so I can be part of your family. I ask you to come into my heart.**  **Amen.** |
| **Teaching Tips** | |
| * Make sure you pray individually with the children who accept God’s gift. Don’t push it. Some children will not be ready, and that’s okay! Make sure another leader is supervising the rest of the group while individual children are being prayed for. * Personally invite your group of children to church and explain the importance of growing in our relationship with God. * The kids (and their parents) will love the messages you write in their workbooks – please take the time to do this! | |

**Workbook Activities K-2**

**Day 1**

**Page 1 –** Text at top of page: There is nothing we can do to stop God from loving us!

Under Text: Blank area

**Page 2** **–** Text at left top of page: Draw how you think the woman felt when Jesus forgave her.

Picture at right top of page (next to text): Picture of blank woman’s face

Text: Circle how you feel about God giving you His mercy and forgiveness.

Under text: Expression faces (with expression word underneath): Happy; Sad; Confused; Excited; Worried; Surprised

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**Day 2**

**Page 1 – Text at top of page:** There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. He loves us all the same, no matter

what we do and He loves us with all of His love! In the hearts, draw or write the names of people you know God loves. Don’t forget yourself!

**Under text:** 8 Blank hearts

**Page 2 – Text at top of page:** Dear God,

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**Day 3**

**Page 1 – Text at top of page:** What was each person in the story worried about?

**Under Text** : Images from Bob the Bird Story, (specifically pictures of the people who were

worried – Farmer, Butcher, Woman)

**Page 2 – Text at top of page:** With God, Nothing can Stand Against Us!

**Under Text:** 3 verses printed on the page:

Psalm 16:8 NLT - I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

Philipians 4:13 CEV - Christ gives me the strength to face anything.

1 Peter 5:7 NLT - Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

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**Day 4**

**Page 1 – Text at top of page:** What did we learn about God from Taryn and her friends this week?

**Under top text down Left hand side:** Pictures of the drama characters (Clown, Jake, Felicity, Taryn) with their names printed underneath

**Under top text down right hand side:** Picture and text of lessons learned, but not in the order of the characters (children need to match the characters with the lessons)

1. Cross - There is nothing we can do to stop God from loving us!
2. Strongman arm - There is nothing we can do to make God love us more, He already loves us 100%!
3. Bird - With God, nothing can stand against us!
4. Arms stretched out - Nothing can separate us from the Love of our Heavenly Father!

**Page 2 – Text at top of page:** “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.” Luke 15:20

**Under Text (position will depend on the picture):** Picture/silhouette of outstretched arms