



MONEY IN A FISH



Matthew 17:24-27

It was time to pay the temple tax. This money was used to fix up the temple.

One day, some tax collectors said to Peter, "Jesus does not pay the temple tax, does He?" Peter replied, "Of course He does."

Before Peter could ask Jesus what to do, Jesus told him, "Even though I am the Son of God, I will pay the tax. Go fishing. Take the first fish you catch. Look in its mouth and you will find a coin. Take it and give it to the tax collectors. It will pay my tax and yours."

Peter caught a fish. He opened its mouth and found a coin inside! It was exactly enough to pay the tax collectors.



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet & crayons - - - **TABLE #2** - play-dough - - - **Floor** - cars & trucks



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Have preschoolers tidy up the room and join you in the large group area. ROLL AND PLAY --- Lead preschoolers through a quick game of charades. You may choose to use the colored cube or just have them take turns drawing a card from the pile.

Jesus always knows what we need. From the simplest chore to food we need, He is able to provide what we need at the just the right time. Let's listen to how He provided for Peter today.



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Today's story is found in the Beginner's Bible page 375 - 378; or you may watch the video on the ROKU TV in the August 2026 folder from the thumb drive.

God loves me.

God gives me what I need at just the right time.



SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the August 2026 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers.

**Nothing will separate us from God's love
Romans 8:39a**



ACTIVITIES

COUNTING COINS

- Allow interested preschoolers to you count the coins in the basket. Then distract them while an assistant hides one or two coins in the room. Then count the coins again.
- **One coin is missing! I wonder where it could be?** Allow preschoolers to search the room. Once the coin is found, recount the coins again to be sure all of them are in the basket.
- **Thank you for helping to find the missing coin.**

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FISHING

- Allow interested preschoolers to use the magnets to 'fish.' Spread the fish out so several preschoolers are able to try at one time. Encourage them to share the stringed magnet with others who want a turn.
- **Let's practice our Bible verse while we fish.** With each fish caught, add a word from the verse. **What will separate us from God's love? Nothing. If you are happy? If you are sad? If you are scared? If you make a mistake? No, none of these! God will always love you.**



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.