



Diocese of Athabasca

Sunday School Lesson Plan - Sunday, September 28, 2025

16th Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 26 (Year C) – Readings: Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15; Ps 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Lk 16:19-31

Here's a **Sunday School Lesson Plan** tailored for **young children (ages 4–8)** using the **Revised Common Lectionary** readings for **September 28, 2025 – Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 26 (Year C)**:

Theme:

"Trusting God and Sharing with Others"

Bible Readings Summary:

1. **Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15** – Jeremiah buys a field to show hope in God's future promises, even when times are hard.
 2. **Psalms 91:1–6, 14–16** – God protects and cares for those who trust Him.
 3. **1 Timothy 6:6–19** – Be content and share what you have. Loving money leads us away from God.
 4. **Luke 16:19–31** – The parable of the rich man and Lazarus teaches us to care for others now, not wait.
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Main Idea for Children:

God wants us to **trust Him** and to be **kind and generous**, especially to those in need.

Lesson Plan Overview

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

- Gather children in a circle.

- Short prayer:
“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together. Help us to learn how to trust you and how to share your love with others. Amen.”
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2. Story Time: Bible Story Retelling (10–12 minutes)

Focus Story: Luke 16:19–31 – The Rich Man and Lazarus

Tell the story using simple language and props or visual aids (stuffed animals, puppets, or felt board figures).

Key points for young children:

- There was a rich man with lots of fancy clothes and food.
- Outside his gate was a poor man named Lazarus who was very hungry.
- The rich man didn’t help Lazarus.
- After they both died, Lazarus went to be with God. The rich man was sad and wished he had been kind when he had the chance.

Ask simple questions:

- What did the rich man have?
 - What did Lazarus need?
 - What do you think Jesus wants us to do?
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3. Object Lesson (5–7 minutes)

"The Sharing Basket"

Bring a basket of play food or pretend coins.

Say: “If we have a lot, what can we do to help others?”

Have children practice sharing from the basket with a doll or puppet representing someone in need.

4. Activity / Craft (10–15 minutes)

Craft: “Helping Hands”

Supplies: Paper, crayons, scissors, glue sticks

Instructions:

- Trace each child's hand on paper.
 - Inside the hand, write or draw one way they can help someone (e.g., “share toys,” “bring food,” “pray for someone”).
 - Decorate and cut out the hand.
 - Tape all the hands on a poster titled “Our Helping Hands for Jesus.”
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5. Psalm Focus (3–5 minutes)

Read **Psalm 91:1–2, 14–16** slowly and gently.

Then say:

“God says He will take care of us because we love Him. We don’t need to be afraid.”

Simple motion rhyme:

(children repeat and do actions)

"God is my shelter (make a roof with hands)

God is my safe place (hug self)

I will trust Him (point to heart)

Every day, every place!" (spread arms wide)

6. Closing Time (5 minutes)

Song:

Sing a simple song like “*This Little Light of Mine*” or “*Jesus Loves Me*.”

Prayer:

“Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us. Help us to be kind and to share with others like you taught us. Amen.”

Take-home idea:

Give each child a “Helping Heart” sticker or card with the words:

“I can help someone this week by...”

Let them fill in or draw something they will do.

Optional Snack Time:

Serve a simple snack and use the moment to reinforce sharing (pass the snack, thank each other).

