



God Has a Plan for Me— Let's Live Like Jesus

Leader Guide • All Leaders

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Center Grove Kids Ministry



Bible Story: The Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-29)
Theme Verse: "Let your light shine before others." (Matthew 5:16a)

Pre-K & Kindergarten

1. Connect Time

💡 Leader Tip

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2. Mirror Me — Activity

5 minutes

Preschoolers will work together to complete a series of tasks led by the leader.

Big Goal: Encourage preschoolers to help other preschoolers belong.

Supplies

☐ No supplies needed 0 per child

Script

What To Do: Do you like to see yourself in a mirror? When you look in a mirror, you can see yourself and the movements you make. Let's play a game called "Mirror Me." What is the name of our game? (*Mirror Me!*) Great job, friends! I will play out a simple task, like brushing my hair. (*Begin to brush hair.*) I will move a little slower than I usually do to brush my hair. As you see me do the action, I want you to act like a mirror and do the exact same thing. I cannot talk, but you can talk to friends to help them know how to mirror me. When you think you know what I am doing, say it out loud, and then do the action too. Do you think we can do this? (*Allow responses.*) I know we can! Here is our first task.

Consider using some of the following tasks: brush hair, brush teeth, wash hands, wash face, eat food, and so on.



Keep It Going: Add additional simple tasks preschoolers could do such as peeling a banana, bouncing a ball, and so on.

Leader Tip

Take each movement slowly. The object of the activity is not to rush through the tasks but mirror the action and follow along.

Script

Connect It: Nice job, friends! You all worked together so well as we figured out each task. Just like you had to mirror me, today we will be learning about following the leader as we talk about how God has a plan for you and me.

3. Welcome Video

5 minutes

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Leader Tip

Live host greets preschoolers as they come to Large Group. Welcome preschoolers and connect with them by asking questions. Ask them about their summer so far—talk about if they have traveled to fun places, visited family, or played fun games with friends.



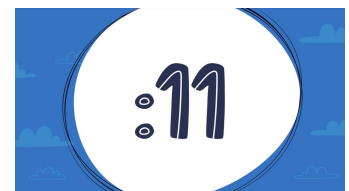
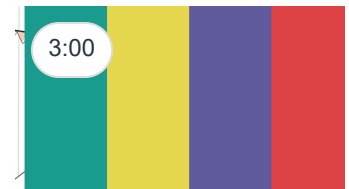
Presentation

Play Aug2026_S1_WelcomeVideo_Preschool



Presentation

Play Aug2026_Countdown_Preschool



4. Welcome Segment

2 minutes

Script

Host Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5-4-3-2-1! Hello, my friends! My name is ____, and I am so happy to see you. Let's get ready to have some fun. Before we begin, let's do some follow-the-leader face warm-ups. First, let's follow the leader and make the biggest smiles we have ever made—like really, really big! Let me see those teeth. *(Wait for preschoolers to smile and say encouraging words to them.)* Nice job! I see we are all happy to be here! Next, follow the leader and do what I do. Let's practice blinking our eyes. *(Encourage preschoolers to blink their eyes.)* And finally, follow the leader and do what I do. We have some amazing things to hear, learn, see, and do, but we must be excellent listeners. Let's take our hand and cup it around one ear to show we are ready to listen. *(Invite preschoolers to do the action.)* Great work, friends! Today we are learning about how we can follow the leader. Our leader is Jesus, and we are going to learn how God has a great plan for our lives. Part of that plan is learning to live, love, serve, and trust like Jesus. Let's get started!



5. Music Segment

5 minutes

Script

Host Script: It's time to sing! Everyone, stand up, and let's get ready to sing our Theme song together as we follow God and learn more about His plan for our lives.



Presentation

Play Aug2026_FollowTheLeader_ThemeSong_Preschool



6. Welcome — Introduce Super Clue

5 minutes

Supplies

☐ Super Box	1 per group	☐ "Super Clue: Color-by-Number Picture" printable	1 per group
☐ Color-by-Number Picture	1 per group (optional)	☐ Bible	1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Follow the Leader! (*Push right fist up.*)

God Has a Plan for Me! (*Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.*)

Script

Host Script: God has a plan for you, and He has a plan for me. That makes me think of our Big Deal. Our Big Deal teaches us something important about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Follow the Leader! God Has a Plan for Me!" Let's say that together. I'll say it first, and you say it after me. (*Do motions above as you say the Big Deal.*) Ready? Follow the Leader! (*Follow the Leader!*) God Has a Plan for Me! (*God Has a Plan for Me!*) That is super!



Presentation

Play Aug2026_SuperBox_Preschool



Script

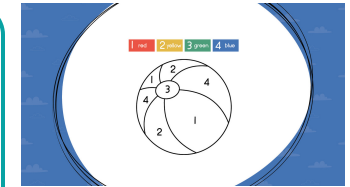
Host Script: Speaking of super—did you hear that sound? (*Allow responses.*) That sound means we have a Super Clue in our Super Box. The Super Clue will connect to our Big Deal, "Follow the Leader! God Has a Plan for Me!" I wonder what our Super Clue is? Let's open the Super Box and see! Ready?

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable. Display the Super Clue slide.)



Presentation

Play Aug2026_S1_SuperClue_Preschool



Script

Host Script: Oh wow! Look at this. It is a picture, but instead of colors, it has numbers inside of all the places where the colors go. It is called a color-by-number picture. Have you ever seen a color-by-number picture before? *(Allow responses.)* I wonder how a color-by-number picture connects to our Big Deal, "Follow the Leader! God Has a Plan for Me!" I think I have some friends who may be able to help us. We can send this to our friends, the Super Crew, in the Clubhouse. They will know how our Super Clue connects to the Big Deal.

(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

We can count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, "Go," I'll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! *(Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)*

Ready? 3-2-1 Go! *(Host presses the Super Box button. Start the Bible Story Video.)*

7. Bible Story Video

7 minutes



Presentation

Play Aug2026_S1_BibleStoryVideo_Preschool



Big Deal Motions:

Follow the Leader! *(Push right fist up.)*

God Has a Plan for Me! *(Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.)*

Script

Host Script: *(To screen)* That was awesome! Thank you, Super Crew!

(To preschoolers) In our Bible story, Jesus taught about wise and foolish builders. The wise builder built his house on rock, and the foolish builder built his house on sand. The house that was on the sand fell down, but the house on the rock was strong. Jesus' words help people be strong and live like Him, even when things are hard. God has a plan for us to have a friendship with Him. We can follow our leader, Jesus, and live like Him.

Our Super Clue today is a color-by-number picture. With a color-by-number picture, you can follow the directions to paint the right colors. And we can all follow Jesus and the plan God has for us! This reminds me of our Big Deal. Let's say our Big Deal together again. I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Follow the Leader! *(Follow the Leader!)* God Has a Plan for



Me! (God Has a Plan for Me!)

Let's take a moment to pray as we talk and listen to God.

God, help us learn to live like Jesus by listening to and doing what the Bible says to do, even when things are hard. Thank You for having a plan for us to have a friendship with You. Amen.

8. Color Match It

5 minutes

Preschoolers will play a relay game and color in the right spot on a color-by-number page.

Big Goal: Remember what is super about the Super Clue.

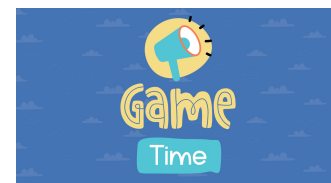
Leader Prep: Cut two large sheets of butcher paper. Draw three large circles on each piece of butcher paper. With a red marker, draw a circle and write a red number one above it. With a blue marker, draw another circle and write the number two above it. With a green marker, draw a circle and write the number three above it. Hang the papers on a wall at a preschooler's eye level.

Supplies

☐ Red, blue, and green crayons	Several	☐ Painter's tape	1 per group
☐ Butcher paper	1 per group	☐ Adult scissors	1 per group
☐ Red, blue, and green markers	Several		

Script

What To Do: Our Super Clue today is a color-by-number picture. What is it? (*A color-by-number picture!*) With a color-by-number picture, you can follow the directions to paint the right colors. A color-by-number picture can remind us that we can all follow Jesus and the plan God has for us. Our game is called "Color Match It!" What is it called? (*Color Match It!*) Good! We will form two teams to play a relay game. When you are the first person in line, you will take all three crayons and go to the big banner on the wall in front of your team. You will color a little bit in each circle, but you need to make sure you use the correct color. The red goes in the circle with the number one, the blue goes in the circle with the number two, and the green goes in the circle with the number three. After you match the colors to the numbers and color a little part, you will come back to the line, hand the crayons to the next person, and sit down in the back of the line. Then the next person will go. We will see which team finishes first! Ready to play?



Script

Loud And Clear: Everyone did such a good job playing "Color Match It!" Our Super Clue today is a color-by-number picture. When we follow the directions or plan of the color by number and put the right color in the right spot, we make a beautiful picture. God has a plan for us too! We can all follow Jesus and the plan God has for us. Part of that plan is to live and love like Jesus. That includes listening to and doing what the Bible tells us to do.

9. Video-Led Theme Verse

5 minutes

💡 Leader Tip

Theme Verse Motions:

Let your light (*Spread arms out in a circle in front of your body.*)
shine before others. (*Push hands out and wiggle fingers.*)
Matthew 5:16a (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

💬 Script

Host Script: We learn about God’s special plan for our lives in the Bible. The Bible is God’s Book. The Bible is true, and it’s for you! I am going to open my Bible and read our Theme verse. Today’s Theme verse is Matthew 5:16a. (*Open the Bible to Matthew 5:16. Turn the Bible for preschoolers to see and point to the verse.*) Our Theme verse says, “Let your light shine before others.” (Matthew 5:16a) Now let’s watch a video to help us learn our Theme verse together.



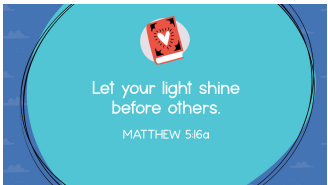
Presentation

Play Aug2026_ThemeVerseVideo_Preschool



💬 Script

Host Script: That was great! Don’t forget, our Theme verse reminds us that when we follow God, we are like a light that other people can see. God’s plan for us is to follow Him. We can share this truth with others and point people to Jesus as we follow Him. **Let’s live like Jesus!**



10. Remember The Rock

4 minutes

Preschoolers will decorate rocks to remember the Bible story.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Print “Remember The Rock” printables, one per child, if desired.

Supplies

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|---------------------------------------|-------------|--|------------------------|
| ☐ Smooth rocks | 1 per child | ☐ Markers | Several |
| ☐ Stickers | Several | ☐ “Remember The Rock” printable | 1 per child (optional) |



"Remember The Rock Instructions & Example" printable

1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print "Remember The Rock" printables, one per child, if desired.
2. Provide a rock and supplies or a "Remember the Rock" picture to each preschooler.
3. Encourage preschoolers to color and decorate their rocks.

Script

What To Do: Let's make a craft together. This craft is called "Remember the Rock." What is it called? (*Remember the Rock!*) Great job! In our Bible story today, we learned that Jesus taught about wise and foolish builders. Everyone will get a rock to remind you of the wise man who built his house on the rock. You can use markers and stickers to decorate your rocks. Are you ready to get started? Let's decorate!



Leader Tip

If rocks are not available, use the "Remember The Rock" printable instead.

Script

Loud And Clear: We all had such a fun time decorating our rocks. These rocks can remind us of Jesus. Jesus said that the person who follows Him is like a builder who builds his house on a rock. Even when big storms come, the house stands strong. We can follow Jesus too!

11. Pickup Time

Leader Tip

Currently, you're welcome to keep a few key items out for children to play with while they wait for their parents to arrive. Our goal in building this into our Sunday morning routine/schedule is to ensure that our classrooms are refreshed and ready either for the next service or to close out our Sunday morning. We want to encourage and teach our little ones how to take care of the church and instill that value in their lives. This will also help our weekday volunteers in preparing the rooms for the next Sunday.

During this time, children may play with toys that are not already put away in and around the room until their parents arrive to pick them up. Once all children have left, please make sure to collect and put back any of the items that are left out in the respective places. The photographs around the room will help make sure we leave these spaces the way we found them. We are so appreciative of all you do!





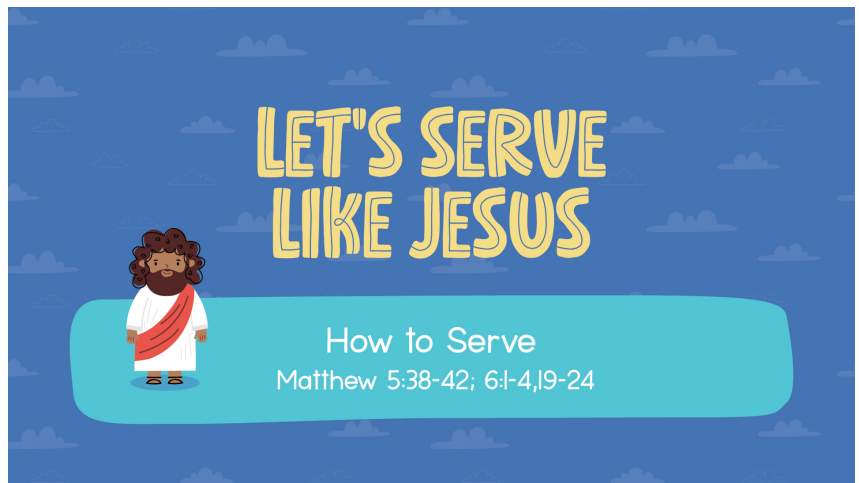


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2. Draw What I Draw — Activity

5 minutes

Preschoolers will take turns drawing on a banner to match the leader.

Big Goal: Break down barriers to belonging.

Leader Prep: Cut a piece of butcher paper. Place it on the floor or tabletop.

Supplies

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| ☐ Butcher paper | 1 per group | ☐ Markers or crayons | Several |
| ☐ Adult scissors | 1 per group | | |

Script

What To Do: Hello, friends! I am so excited to see each of you today. I have a big piece of paper here, and we are going to play a follow-the-leader game called “Draw What I Draw.” What is it called? (*Draw What I Draw!*) Good job! I will draw a line or some kind of shape, and you will use your marker or crayon to draw what I draw. If you are sitting in a spot that may be hard to see, I will also say what I am drawing out loud so you can hear. After everyone draws, I will choose someone else to be the leader to draw something simple like a line or a shape. We will draw what they draw on our banner. We will play until everyone has a turn to be the leader. Remember, our drawings will all look a little different, but they will be terrific because we are working together as a team.



Script

Connect It: Wow! You did great leading our game and following the leader. Way to go! Our Theme is *Follow the Leader*. A leader is someone who you follow and obey. Jesus is our leader, and we can follow Him. Today we will talk about how God has a special plan for our lives and part of that plan is to live like Jesus.

3. Welcome Video

5 minutes

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💡 Leader Tip

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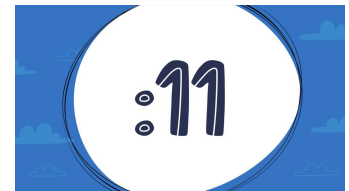
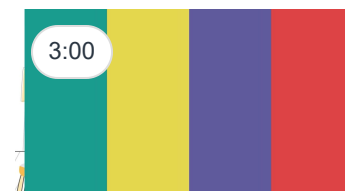
Presentation

Play Aug2026_S2_WelcomeVideo_Preschool



Presentation

Play Aug2026_Countdown_Preschool



4. Welcome Segment

2 minutes

💬 Script

Host Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5-4-3-2-1! Wow! We have so many wonderful friends here today! My name is _____. I am so excited to see you, and I am ready to have some fun today? *(Yes!)* Before we get started, I need your help. Everyone, stand up. We are going to play a game to warm up our bodies and get them moving. For this game we will stay in our spots. You can move in place right where you are. Follow me and do exactly what I do. First, we are going to walk in place. We must start off our warm-up slowly. *(Walk in place.)* Then we are going to pick up the pace just a bit and start a light jog. *(Jog in place.)* Nothing too much—just a light little jog to get our heart rate up a bit. Then we are going to really pick up some speed. *(Run in place.)* It is time to go at super speed while staying in your spot. This is the most extreme speed you have ever felt, seen, or imagined. *(Run in place while waving your arms in the air very silly.)* OK, let's take it down a notch, and return to a simple run to get us back on track. *(Run in place.)* Let's take it down to a jog now to get our hearts to cool down. *(Jog in place.)* And now let's do a nice simple walk to end our warm-up. *(Walk in place.)* And we are done! *(Stop moving.)* Nice job, friends! I think we are all warmed up and ready to begin! Today we are learning about how we can follow our leader Jesus. Who is our leader? *(Jesus!)* Yes! That is right. God has a plan for our lives and we can follow our leader, Jesus, and obey Him to live out the good plan that God has for us.



5. Music Segment

5 minutes

Script

Host Script: Let's keep standing as we sing our Theme song. Our Theme song will help us remember that God has a plan for us. Let's sing together.



Presentation

Play Aug2026_FollowTheLeader_ThemeSong_Preschool



6. Welcome — Introduce Super Clue

5 minutes

Supplies

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| ☐ Super Box | 1 per group | ☐ "Super Clue: Kitchen Playset" printable | 1 per group |
| ☐ Kitchen Playset | 1 per group (optional) | ☐ Bible | 1 per group |

Big Deal Motions:

Follow the Leader! (*Push right fist up.*)

God Has a Plan for Me! (*Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.*)

Script

Host Script: We have many fun things planned today. Making plans makes me think about our Big Deal. Our Big Deal helps us learn more about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Follow the Leader! God Has a Plan for Me!" Let's say that together. I'll say it first, and you say it after me. (*Do the motions above as you say the Big Deal.*) Ready? Follow the Leader! (*Follow the Leader!*) God Has a Plan for Me! (*God Has a Plan for Me!*) Great job! We get to learn about God and the super awesome plans He has for us. If you think that's super, say, "That's super!" (*That's super!*)



Presentation

Play Aug2026_SuperBox_Preschool



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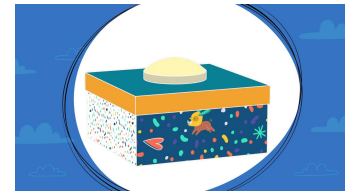
Host Script: Did you hear that sound? I know what that sound means. It means we have a Super Clue in the Super Box. The Super Box always has something inside that points to our Big Deal. Today's Big Deal is, "Follow the Leader! God Has a Plan for Me!" (*Do the motions above as you say the Big Deal.*) What could be in the Super Box? Let's open it and find out!

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable. Display the Super Clue slide.)



Presentation

Play Aug2026_S2_SuperClue_Preschool



Script

Host Script: Look at our Super Clue! It is a kitchen playset. It has so many fun things to play with. Have you ever played with a kitchen playset? *(Allow responses.)* I wonder how a kitchen playset connects to our Big Deal, “Follow the Leader! God Has a Plan for Me!” *(Do the motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* You know what? I have some friends who may be able to help us today. Let’s send this to our friends, the Super Crew, in the Clubhouse. They will know what to do and give us the answer we are looking for.

(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

We can count down and press the “Go” button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, “Go,” I’ll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! *(Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)*

Ready? 3-2-1 Go! *(Host presses the Super Box button. Start the Bible Story Video.)*

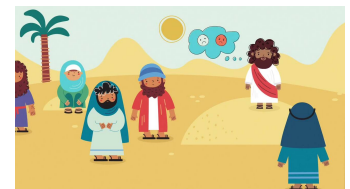
7. Bible Story Video

7 minutes



Presentation

Play Aug2026_S2_BibleStoryVideo_Preschool



Big Deal Motions:

Follow the Leader! *(Push right fist up.)*

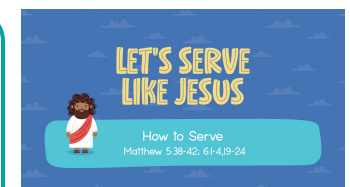
God Has a Plan for Me! *(Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.)*

Script

Host Script: *(To screen)* Thank you, Super Crew! That was so exciting.

(To preschoolers) In our Bible story, we learned that Jesus taught that to live as part of God’s family means to serve others, to choose kindness, and to love God more than everything else. Jesus taught the people around Him how to serve others.

Our Super Clue today is a kitchen playset. With a kitchen playset we can serve our friends and family a drink and snacks. God wants us to serve others just like Jesus served others. When we see a kitchen playset, we can know that God has a plan for us, and we can serve others like Jesus. How wonderful! Let’s say our Big Deal together again. I’ll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Follow the Leader! *(Follow the Leader!)* God Has a Plan for Me! *(God Has a Plan for Me!)* **Let’s serve like Jesus!**



Let's take a moment to talk and listen to God. That is called *prayer*. Let's pray and thank God for Jesus.

God, thank You for Jesus and all the ways we can live like Him. Please help us serve others, choose kindness, and love You more than everything else. Amen.

8. Choose Kindness

5 minutes

Preschoolers will be challenged to choose kindness when presented with different scenarios.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Print "Choose Kindness" printable, one per group.

Supplies

☐ "Choose Kindness" printable 1 per group

Script

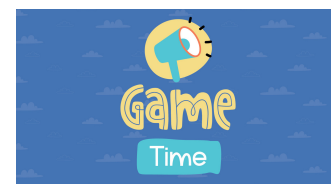
What To Do: Each day we have opportunities to choose kindness. Our next activity is called "Choose Kindness." What is it called? (*Choose Kindness!*) Nicely done. I will show you a picture and tell you about what is happening. We will work together as a group to decide what to do next to help or serve the person in the picture.

Picture 1: One of our friends gets hurt on the playground. What should we do next? Go get help or ignore them and walk away? (*Go get help.*)

Picture 2: We are playing on the playground and see our friend who is sad. What should we do next? Go offer to play with them or take a toy from them? (*Offer to play with them.*)

Picture 3: A friend comes over to play, and there is only one cookie left to eat. What should we do next? Eat the whole cookie or offer to share? (*Offer to share the cookie.*)

Picture 4: We find a lost toy. What should we do next? Take it home or look for the owner. (*Look for the owner.*)



Leader Tip

If preschoolers are trying to say the wrong answer to be silly, question why they chose the answer. Remind them that they are making the choice God would want them to make when they are choosing kindness.

Script

Loud And Clear: Our activity today reminds us that we should always choose kindness, just like Jesus chose kindness. Jesus taught that to live as part of God's family means to help others, to choose kindness, and to love God more than everything else. Jesus taught the people around Him how to serve others. Let's always try to choose to be kind. That is part of God's plan for us. He wants us to serve others and to love Him more than everything else.

9. Video-Led Theme Verse

5 minutes

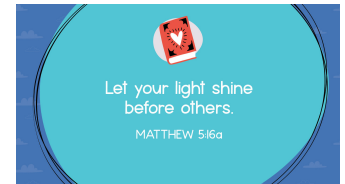
💡 Leader Tip

Theme Verse Motions:

Let your light (*Spread arms out in a circle in front of your body.*)
shine before others. (*Push hands out and wiggle fingers.*)
Matthew 5:16a (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

💬 Script

Host Script: We follow our leader, Jesus, by learning more about Him in the Bible. The Bible is God's Book. The Bible is true, and it's for you! This is my Bible, and I am going to read our Theme verse. It comes from Matthew 5:16a. (*Open the Bible to Matthew 5:16a. Turn the Bible for preschoolers to see and point to the verse.*) Our Theme verse says, "Let your light shine before others." (Matthew 5:16a) Let's watch a video to learn our Theme verse from the Bible.



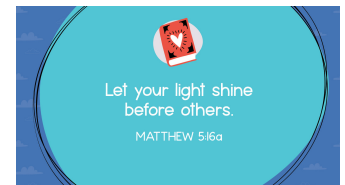
Presentation

Play Aug2026_ThemeVerseVideo_Preschool



💬 Script

Host Script: Nicely done, friends. We all did a great job saying our Theme verse, Matthew 5:16a. This Bible verse reminds us that when we choose to follow God, we can share the good news about God with others. God's plan for us is to follow Him.



10. Helping Hand

4 minutes

Preschoolers will trace their hands and draw pictures of family and friends they can serve like Jesus.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Supplies

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| ☐ Copy paper | 1 per child | ☐ Crayons | Several |
| ☐ "Helping Hand Instructions & Example" printable | 1 per group | | |

Craft Instructions:

1. Give each child a sheet of paper and crayons.
2. Assist preschoolers in tracing their hands.

3. Encourage preschoolers to draw pictures or write the name of a friend or family member on their traced hands that they can help this week.

Script

What To Do: I don't know about you, but I love giving a helping hand to a person in my family or friend when they need it. For our craft today, we will trace our hand on a piece of paper. What will we trace? (*Our hand!*) Great job! Don't worry! If you need help, a leader will be ready to help you trace your hand. Once you get your hand traced, I want you to draw a picture of a friend or family member you can help this week. Maybe you can draw a picture of you helping your mom clean up the living room or write *Mom*. You could write *Dad* or draw a picture of you helping your dad clean up after dinner. You could even draw a picture of you picking up your toys.



Script

Loud And Clear: I see a lot of helping hands out there. Way to go, everyone! Would anyone like to share how they will offer a helping hand to someone who lives with you this week? (*Allow a few preschoolers to share their craft.*) In our Bible story, Jesus warned people not to let things take first place in their lives. Jesus taught that to live as part of God's family means to serve others, to choose kindness, and to love God more than everything else. This week I hope our helping hands will remind us to live like Jesus as we help others.

11. Pickup Time

Leader Tip

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Bible Story: Do Not Worry (Matthew 6:25-34)

Theme Verse: "Let your light shine before others." (Matthew 5:16a)

Pre-K & Kindergarten

1. Connect Time

💡 Leader Tip

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2. Let's Fly — Activity

3 minutes

Preschoolers will play with paper airplanes and celebrate the plane that flies the farthest, highest, closest, and funniest.

Big Goal: Celebrate every child.

Leader Prep: Pre-fold airplanes for each child.

Supplies

☐ Copy paper 1 per child

Script

What To Do: Have you ever seen a plane in the sky? (*Allow responses.*) Me too! Today we are going to fly paper airplanes and see who can send them off in different ways. We will celebrate planes that fly close by, planes that fly far away, and planes that fly in all directions. I can't wait to see what we come up with! Let's fly our planes together.



Script

Connect It: It was so fun to see everyone's planes take off! (*Note three or four specific preschoolers by name and celebrate a plane that flew the farthest, highest, closest, funniest, and so on.*) Each of you did an incredible job flying your own plane. I especially liked it when you all followed my lead as I gave you directions. Today we will be talking about what it means to follow the leader. I can't wait to learn more together.

Large Group

3. Welcome Video

5 minutes

The Welcome Video is meant to be played as preschoolers enter Large Group. Encourage Team Time leaders to follow along on the screen and prompt preschoolers to participate in the Welcome Video activities. This interaction is designed to keep preschoolers engaged until you are ready to begin. Once everyone has arrived and it is time to start Large Group, play the 20-second Countdown Video and encourage preschoolers to count down with you!



Leader Tip

Welcome preschoolers and connect with them by asking questions. Talk to them about books they enjoy reading.



Presentation

Play Aug2026_S3_WelcomeVideo_Preschool



Presentation

Play Aug2026_Countdown_Preschool



4. Welcome Segment

2 minutes

Script

Host Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5-4-3-2-1! Welcome, friends! My name is ____, and I am so glad you are here today. We have a very fun time planned, but before we begin, we are going to play a game called “Follow Where I Point.” I will point one direction, and we will all lean the way I point. Sometimes I will point this way. *(Lead preschoolers to lean to the left as you point left.)* Other times I will point this way. *(Lead preschoolers to lean to the right as you point right.)* OK! Now that we all know what to do, let’s play! *(Point several times, mixing up the directions of how you point.)* Great job, everyone! You followed closely and did an amazing job following directions. Today we are learning that God has a special plan for us. We can learn to follow and trust our leader, Jesus, as we grow and play. Who is our leader? *(Allow responses.)* Yes! Jesus is our leader. Let’s say that together. Who is our leader? *(Jesus!)* You are right!



5. Music Segment

5 minutes

Script

Host Script: It is time to sing our Theme song. Let’s get ready to sing together.



Presentation

Play Aug2026_FollowTheLeader_ThemeSong_Preschool



6. Welcome — Introduce Super Clue

5 minutes

Supplies

☐ Super Box	1 per group	☐ "Super Clue: Raincoat" printable	1 per group
☐ Raincoat	1 per group (optional)	☐ Bible	1 per group

Leader Tip

Each week includes a Super Clue you can print out and place inside the Super Box. You can also place an actual physical object inside the Super Box instead.

Create your own Super Box by using the wallpaper provided in Advance Planning. Contact your church administrator or staff leader for more information.

Big Deal Motions:

Follow the Leader! (*Push right fist up.*)

God Has a Plan for Me! (*Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.*)

Script

Host Script: I am so glad we are all here today. Did you know God has a plan for each of us? (*Allow responses.*) That's right! God is amazing, and we can learn so many wonderful things about Him. Today our Big Deal is going to teach us something amazing about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Follow the Leader! God Has a Plan for Me!" Let's say that together. I will say it first, and you can say it after me. (*Do the motions above as you say the Big Deal.*) Follow the Leader! (*Follow the Leader!*) God Has a Plan for Me! (*God Has a Plan for Me!*) That's super!



Presentation

Play Aug2026_SuperBox_Preschool



Script

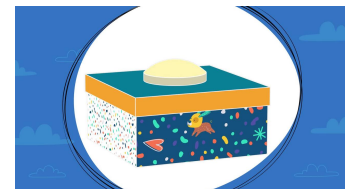
Host Script: That sound can only mean one thing. The Super Box! Our Super Box has a Super Clue inside that connects to our Big Deal, "Follow the Leader! God Has a Plan for Me!" Let's open the Super Box and see what our Super Clue is!

(*Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable. Display the Super Clue slide.*)



Presentation

Play Aug2026_S3_SuperClue_Preschool



Script

Host Script: How cool is this? Our Super Clue is a raincoat. When it is raining outside, I put on a raincoat. A raincoat is great at keeping you dry when it is raining outside. Have you ever worn a raincoat before? (*Allow responses.*) I wonder how a raincoat connects to our Big Deal, "Follow the Leader! God Has a Plan for Me!" I think our friends, the Super Crew, might be able to help us! Let's send our Super Clue to our friends at the Clubhouse!



(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

We can count down and press the “Go” button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, “Go,” I’ll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! *(Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)*

Ready? 3-2-1 Go! *(Host presses the Super Box button. Start the Bible Story Video.)*

7. Bible Story Video

7 minutes



Presentation

Play Aug2026_S3_BibleStoryVideo_Preschool



Big Deal Motions:

Follow the Leader! *(Push right fist up.)*

God Has a Plan for Me! *(Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.)*

Script

Host Script: *(To screen)* Nicely done, Super Crew. Thank you for your help today.

(To preschoolers) In our Bible story, Jesus told the people, “Don’t worry! God knows everything you need.” We can trust Jesus and know God has a plan for us. We can follow our leader, Jesus, and trust Him. *Trust* means to believe in or put your hope in someone or something. We can trust God will always take care of us and do what He says He will do!

Our Super Clue today is a raincoat. A raincoat protects us from getting wet when it rains. We can trust that the raincoat will keep us dry. And we can trust Jesus even more! God’s plan is for us to follow Him and trust in Jesus. Let’s say the Big Deal together again. I will say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Do the motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Follow the Leader! *(Follow the Leader!)* God Has a Plan for Me! *(God Has a Plan for Me!)*

Let’s talk and listen to God as we pray and thank Him for His plan.

God, Your plans are good. Thank You for the good plans You have for each of us. We are thankful we can put our trust in You always! Amen.



8. Parachute Bounce

5 minutes

Preschoolers will bounce balls on a parachute and say the Main Idea when they fall off.

Big Goal: Remember the Main Idea: **Let’s trust like Jesus.**

Supplies

☐ Ball pit balls

Several ☐ Parachute

1 per group

☐ Sheet or towel

1 per group; optional

Script

What To Do: Today we are learning that we can trust like Jesus. Our game is called “Parachute Bounce.” What is it called? (*Parachute Bounce!*) Great job! We are all going to hold a handle on our parachute and bounce ball pit balls up and down on the parachute. Whenever one of them falls off the parachute, we will pause and say, “**Let’s trust like Jesus.**” Let’s say that together. I will say it first, and you say it after me. **Let’s trust like Jesus. (*Let’s trust like Jesus!*)** Good job! After we pause and say, “**Let’s trust like Jesus,**” we will start playing again.



Leader Tip

Pause before you say the Main Idea to ensure everyone is listening and paying attention.

Script

Loud And Clear: We learned today that we can trust like Jesus. *Trust* means to believe in or put your hope in someone or something. We can trust God will always take care of us and do what He says He will do! We can trust like Jesus taught us to and know God has a plan for us. We can follow our leader, Jesus, and live like Him. Who is our leader? (*Jesus!*) Yes! Great job! This week let’s share this truth with others as we remember God’s plan for us.

9. Video-Led Theme Verse

5 minutes

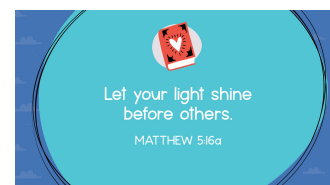
Leader Tip

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Script

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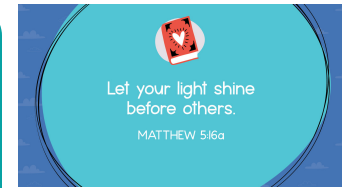
Presentation

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Script

Host Script: This Bible verse reminds us that when we follow God, we are like a light that other people can see. God's plan for us is to follow Him. Just like we talked about in our Bible story today, Jesus taught that we can trust God because He knows what we need. God gives the birds everything they need, and He cares for us even more! We can trust Him with everything! When God says He will do something, we can know He will do it. We can trust God because we can depend on Him to take care of our needs and help us. When we say our Theme verse, we can be reminded of God's good plan for us.



10. Paper Flowers

4 minutes

Preschoolers will create paper flowers.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Print and cut out "Paper Flowers" printables, one per child. Make a sample craft.

Supplies

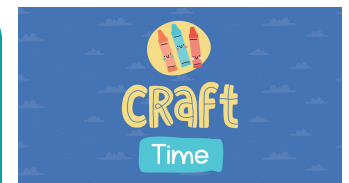
☐ "Paper Flowers" printable	1 per child	☐ Construction paper	1 per child
☐ Adult scissors	1 per group	☐ Glue sticks	1 per child
☐ Markers or crayons	Several	☐ "Paper Flowers Instructions & Example" printable	1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print and cut out "Paper Flowers" printables, one per child. Make a sample craft.
2. Give each child a sheet of construction paper, a glue stick, and flower petals, leaves, and stem cutouts.
3. Demonstrate how to glue the parts of the flower to the paper.
4. Invite preschoolers to make their own paper flower pictures.
5. Give each preschooler markers or crayons to decorate their flowers.

Script

What To Do: God made flowers, and they are so beautiful. Today we are going to make paper flowers to remind us of the real flowers God made. What are we making? (*Paper flowers!*) Good job! Each friend will get a piece of paper. We have some petals, leaves, and stems that we will glue to a piece of paper. You can glue as many stems, leaves, and petals on your page to make as many flowers as you would like. Once we are done, we will have a beautiful group of flowers, or what we call a *bouquet*.



Keep It Going: Provide more flowers, stems, and leaves to make more flowers per page.

Script

Loud And Clear: Everyone made such beautiful flowers. These flowers remind me of our Bible story. Jesus told the people, “Don’t worry! God knows everything you need.” God provides for the flowers outside. He takes care of everything the flowers need, like food, water, and where to grow. Jesus told the people not to worry because God knows everything that they need. God knows everything that we need too. He has a plan for us, and we can follow Him.

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Bible Story: Love Your Enemies (Matthew 5:43-48)

Theme Verse: "Let your light shine before others." (Matthew 5:16a)

Pre-K & Kindergarten

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Live host greets preschoolers as they come to Large Group. Welcome preschoolers and connect with them by asking questions. Talk with them about their clothes, pets, or whatever is fun and engaging!



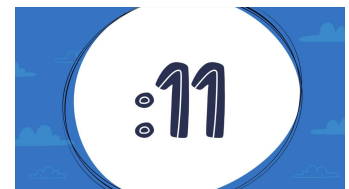
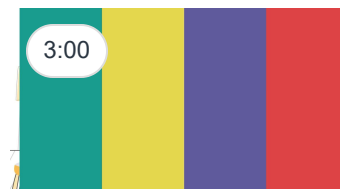
Presentation

Play Aug2026_S4_WelcomeVideo_Preschool



Presentation

Play Aug2026_Countdown_Preschool



3. Welcome Segment

2 minutes

💬 Script

Host Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5-4-3-2-1! Hello, everyone! My name is ____, and I am so excited you are here today. We have so many fun things planned, but before we begin, we have a follow-the-leader sound game to make sure we are listening and ready to get started. Follow along and make the sounds I make. *(Overenunciate the words as if you are saying a tongue twister or doing a vocal warm-up.)* Pop (*pop*), buttercup (*buttercup*), pickle (*pickle*), mama mama moonfish (*mama mama moonfish*), puffy pizza (*puffy pizza*), slimy snakes! (*slimy snakes!*) Nicely done, my friends. You all paid very close attention and completed all of our silly sounds! You were great at following the leader and making the sounds the leader made. Today we are learning that God has a plan for our lives. We can follow our leader, Jesus, and learn to love like Him. This means we can pay attention to what Jesus taught us in the Bible and do what He says to do!



4. Music Segment

5 minutes

Script

Host Script: It is time for a song. Let's stand up as we sing our Theme song. Our Theme song reminds us that God has a plan for our lives. Let's sing!



Presentation

Play Aug2026_FollowTheLeader_ThemeSong_Preschool



5. Welcome — Introduce Super Clue

5 minutes

Supplies

☐ Super Box	1 per group	☐ "Super Clue: Tape Measure" printable	1 per group
☐ Tape Measure	1 per group (optional)	☐ Bible	1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Follow the Leader! (*Push right fist up.*)

God Has a Plan for Me! (*Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.*)

Script

Host Script: We are going to have such a wonderful time together today! Did you know that God has a plan for each of our lives? (*Allow responses.*) He does! That reminds me of our Big Deal. Our Big Deal teaches us something wonderful about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Follow the Leader! God Has a Plan for Me!" Let's say that together. I will say it first, and you can say it after me. (*Do the motions above as you say the Big Deal.*) Follow the Leader! (*Follow the Leader!*) God Has a Plan for Me! (*God Has a Plan for Me!*) That's super!



Presentation

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Script

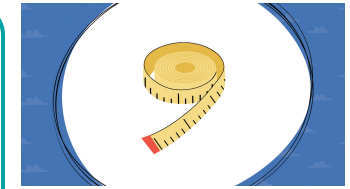
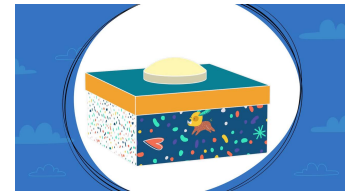
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(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable. Display the Super Clue slide.)



Presentation

Play Aug2026_S4_SuperClue_Preschool



Script

Host Script: Our Super Clue is a tape measure. I have seen one of these before. Look at this. I can pull this ruler out *(start to pull out the ruler part if using an actual tape measure)*, and it has numbers and lines on it. This part looks like a ruler you might use to measure things. *(Measure your hand.)* My hand is about ____ inches. I wonder how a tape measure connects to our Big Deal, “Follow the Leader! God Has a Plan for Me!” I know what we can do. Let’s send this Super Clue to our friends in the Clubhouse, the Super Crew, to help us out. They will know what to do and give us the answer we are looking for.

(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

We can count down and press the “Go” button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, “Go,” I’ll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! *(Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)*

Ready? 3-2-1 Go! *(Host presses the Super Box button. Start the Bible Story Video.)*

6. Bible Story Video

7 minutes



Presentation

Play Aug2026_S4_BibleStoryVideo_Preschool



Big Deal Motions:

Follow the Leader! *(Push right fist up.)*

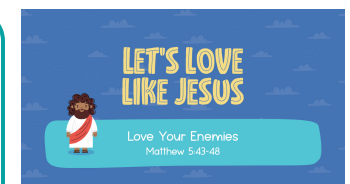
God Has a Plan for Me! *(Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.)*

Script

Host Script: *(To screen)* Wow! Thank you, Super Crew!

(To preschoolers) In our Bible story today, Jesus wanted everyone to know that loving others, even when it is hard, makes us more like God. When we love everyone, people can see God’s love shining through us. We can love like Jesus and know God has a plan for us. We can follow our leader, Jesus, and love like Him.

Our Super Clue is a tape measure. When we see a tape measure, we can remember that God’s love is so big it cannot be measured. Let’s say our Big Deal together. I will say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Do the motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Follow the Leader! *(Follow the Leader!)* God Has a Plan for Me! *(God Has a Plan for Me!)*



Let's talk and listen to God. This is called *prayer*. We can thank God for His wonderful plans for us.

God, thank You for Your wonderful plans for us. Help us share Your plans with others. Amen.

7. High Five Heart

5 minutes

Preschoolers will listen to the Bible story. When they hear the word *love*, preschoolers will find a heart cutout on the wall and give it a high five.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Cut large heart shapes from construction paper, 10 per group. Tape the hearts on walls throughout your room at preschooler's eye level.

Supplies

☐ Construction paper

10 per group

☐ Adult scissors

1 per group

☐ Painter's tape

1 per group



Script

What To Do: Let's all play "High Five Heart." What is our game called? (*High Five Heart!*) Great job! I am going to read a part of today's Bible story. When you hear the word *love*, you are going to get up, move to a heart cutout on the wall, and give it a gentle high five. As I keep reading the Bible story you will hear *love* a few times. You need to find a new heart to high five each time I say the word *love* in our Bible story. Are you ready? Okay, let's listen in and get ready to move!

Bible story: One day Jesus was teaching a big group of people on a mountain. Jesus said, "You have probably heard people say, '**Love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) your friends and don't like your enemies.' But I am telling you something new. **Love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) your enemies too! Pray for the people who aren't kind to you or who make fun of you because you **love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) and follow God."

The crowd must have been surprised. **Love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) people who aren't nice? That sounded hard! But Jesus explained why it is important.

"When you **love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) people who are hard to **love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*), you show everyone that you are part of God's family," Jesus said. "God is just to everyone—even people who make wrong choices or don't follow God. If God **loves** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) everyone, we should try to **love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) everyone too—even people who are not always kind to us!"

Jesus wanted everyone to know that **loving** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) others, even when it is hard, makes us more like God. When we Pray for the people who aren't kind to you or who make fun of you because you **love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) everyone, people can see God's love shining through us!

Script

Loud And Clear: That was such a fun game to play together. Our game is over so if you hear the word *love* you do not get up anymore. Everyone did such a good job listening and following directions. Jesus taught that when we follow Him, we can love everyone—our family, our friends, and even the people who aren't always nice to us. We can follow Jesus and love like Him!

8. Video-Led Theme Verse

5 minutes

Leader Tip

Theme Verse Motions:

Let your light (*Spread arms out in a circle in front of your body.*) shine before others. (*Push hands out and wiggle fingers.*)

Matthew 5:16a (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

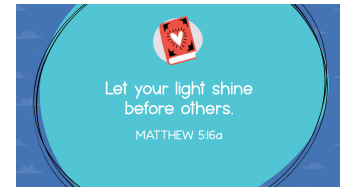
Script

Host Script: God has a plan for us all, and we can learn more about that plan by reading the Bible. The Bible is God's Book. The Bible is true, and it's for you! This is my Bible. I am going to open the Bible to Matthew 5:16a and read our Theme verse. (*Open the Bible to Matthew 5:16a. Turn the Bible for preschoolers to see and point to the verse.*) Our Theme verse says, "Let your light shine before others." (Matthew 5:16a) Let's watch a video to learn our Theme verse from the Bible.



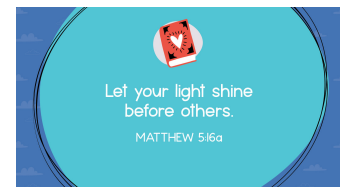
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Script

Host Script: Great job, everyone! God has a plan for each of us. When we follow His plan, we are like a light pointing others to God. Just like in our Bible story today, Jesus wanted everyone to know that loving others, even when it is hard, makes us more like God. When we love everyone, people can see God's love shining through us. We can share this verse with friends and family as we remember that God has a plan for us.



9. Tape Measure

4 minutes

Preschoolers will make their own paper tape measure so they can measure items around the room.

Big Goal: Remember what is super about the Super Clue.

Leader Prep: Print "Tape Measure" printables on cardstock, one per child. Cut out the tape measures.

Supplies

☐ "Tape Measure" printable	1 per child	☐ Cardstock	1 per child
☐ Markers or crayons	Several	☐ Adult scissors	1 per group
☐ "Tape Measure Instructions & Example" printable	1 per group		

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print "Tape Measure" printables on cardstock, one per child. Cut out the tape measures.

2. Invite preschoolers to color their tape measures.

Script

What To Do: Our Super Clue today is a tape measure. What is our Super Clue? (*A tape measure!*) You are correct! Today we get to make our own paper tape measure. You each will get a tape measure that looks like our Super Clue, and you can make your own colorful version. After we color our tape measures, let's find items in the room to measure.



Keep It Going: After coloring, give time to measure items in the room.

Script

Loud And Clear: Everyone did a great job with their tape measures. When you want to know how big something is, you can use a tape measure. I saw a few friends measuring some items in the room. Does anyone want to share what they measured? (*Allow responses.*) When we see a tape measure, we can remember that God's love is so big it cannot be measured. We can show big love like Jesus.

10. Pickup Time

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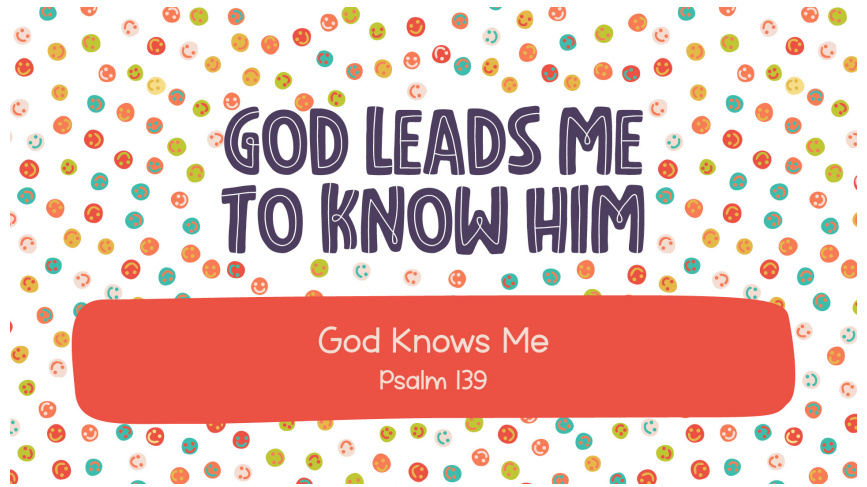


God Has a Plan for Me— God Leads Me to Know Him

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Center Grove Kids Ministry



Bible Story: God Knows Me (Psalm 139)

Theme Verse: "Search me, God, and know my heart." Psalm 139:23a

Pre-K & Kindergarten

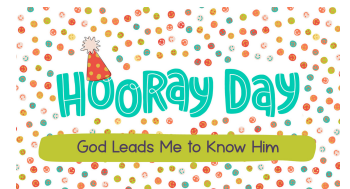
1. Connect Time

💡 Leader Tip

Snack Time This can be done at any point during the hour except for within the last fifteen minutes in the classrooms to ensure that everything is able to be cleaned up and put away prior to parent pick up. Use your discretion as the classroom leader in choosing when to distribute snack to children.

Previews of all videos listed below can be found on the Teacher Resource Page in the corresponding digital media folder.

Use this time to welcome children as they arrive! Introduce yourself, learn names, and help children learn their friends' names. Connect Time is an easy way to help a child feel included and part of the team right from the beginning. The purpose is to help kids meet other kids, connect with their leaders, and feel a part of the team. These "stations" are already found all around each preschool classroom. Building blocks, cars, baby dolls, or any of the other toys and manipulatives in the classrooms for kids to play with. Please feel free to pull out blank paper and writing/drawing materials as well as playdough and cookie cutters. All of these are available to you for use during this time. If you need any other items, please feel free to let Katie Grace or your hallway coordinator for the week know and they will work on next steps to secure those items for your room.



Using the Treehouse TVs select the **Preschool Worship or Kid's Worship Sing & Dance Along** playlist to play 3 songs for worship time. Pray to open your time in the treehouse and then after the final song send kiddos back to their classrooms to do Super Clue and Bible Story.

Please note: **THE PUPPET STAGE DOOR SHOULD BE CLOSED AT ALL TIMES FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY.** Both the door to the treehouse storage closet and the door to the back of the treehouse must remain closed during programming as both pose a safety and security risk for children.

2. Join In — Activity

2 minutes

Preschoolers will join in and learn the Hooray Day cheer together.

Big Goal: Encourage preschoolers to help other preschoolers belong.

Supplies

☐ No supplies needed 0 per child

Script

What To Do: Welcome, everyone! My name is ____, and I am so glad you are here! Today is a very special day. It's Hooray Day! On Hooray Days, we celebrate, so let's do an activity called "Join In!" What is it called? (*Join In!*) Yeah! We will all join in and learn our Hooray Day cheer. Let's start by sitting in a circle. As we sit in our circle and get ready to learn the Hooray Day cheer, we can scoot back and make more room for new friends as they come in. Our Hooray Day cheer is so much fun. If you are ready to learn it, say, "Hip, hip, hooray!" Ready? (*Hip, hip, hooray!*) Good! Our Hooray Day cheer goes like this. (*Model the motions listed below as you say the Hooray Day cheer.*) I will say it first, and you say it after me.

Hip, hip, hooray! (*Hip, hip, hooray!*)
God leads the way! (*God leads the way!*)
God knows me and you, (*God knows me and you,*)
And we can know Him too! (*And we can know Him too!*)

Great job, everyone!

Let's say the cheer one more time, but this time, let's stand up and say it. (*Stand up and lead the cheer again.*) Yeah! Let's sit down and say it one last time in our whisper voices. (*Sit down and say it one more time using whisper voices.*)



Hooray Day Cheer:

Hip, hip, hooray! (*Pump your fist into the air.*)
God leads the way! (*Bring both hands down with palms facing in making a road.*)
God knows me and you, (*Extend arms up with hands open.*)
And we can know Him too! (*Point with thumbs to chest three times.*)

Keep It Going: If your preschoolers are really enjoying the Hooray Day cheer and time allows, you can say it another time in slow motion or form two groups and have the first say it, then the second.

Script

Connect It: Way to go! Hooray Day is such a special day where we can celebrate God! I am so glad you are here!

3. Welcome Video

5 minutes

The Welcome Video is meant to be played as preschoolers enter Large Group. Encourage Team Time leaders to follow along on the screen and prompt preschoolers to participate in the Welcome Video activities. This interaction is designed to keep preschoolers engaged until you are ready to begin. Once everyone has arrived and it is time to start Large Group, play the 20-second Countdown Video and encourage preschoolers to count down with you!



Leader Tip

Live host greets preschoolers as they come to Large Group. Welcome preschoolers and connect with them by asking questions. Talk with them about something they like to do outside.



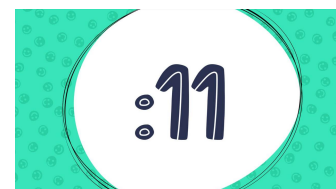
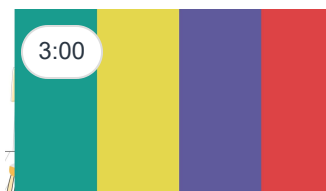
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Play Aug2026_HoorayDay_WelcomeVideo_Preschool



Presentation

Play Aug2026_Countdown_20_Preschool



4. Welcome Segment

2 minutes

Script

Host Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5, 4, 3, 2, 1! Hello, my friends! I am so glad to see each of your smiling faces here today! We have a fun and exciting time ahead of us. It's Hooray Day! Hooray Day is a special day where we celebrate God. Before we get going, let's do some stretches to get warmed-up and ready for the fun. Stretch your arms high to the ceiling and reach down and touch your toes. Let's do this five times. I'll count each time for us! 1-2-3-4-5! Awesome! Now let's step from side to side going back and forth. Make sure you leave room between you and your neighbor so you don't run into each other. *(Move side to side 5 to 10 times.)* Alright, now let's say our Hooray Day cheer together. *(Say the Hooray Day cheer using the motions provided.)* I will say it first, and you can say it after me.

Hip, hip, hooray! *(Hip, hip, hooray!)*

God leads the way! *(God leads the way!)*



God knows me and you, *(God knows me and you,)*
And we can know Him too! *(And we can know Him too!)*

I think we are ready for a great Hooray Day!

Hooray Day Cheer Motions:

Hip, hip, hooray! *(Pump your fist into the air.)*

God leads the way! *(Bring both hands down with palms facing in making a road.)*

God knows me and you, *(Extend arms up with hands open.)*

And we can know Him too! *(Point with thumbs to chest three times.)*

5. Music Segment

5 minutes

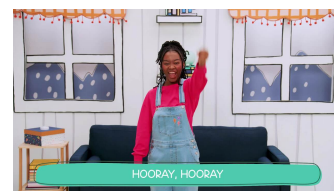
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Host Script: Let's stand up and sing our Hooray Day Theme song. When we are singing to God, we are celebrating Him. Let's sing!



Presentation

Play Aug2026_HoorayDay_ThemeSong_Preschool



6. Welcome — Introduce Super Clue

5 minutes

Supplies

- | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|
| ☐ Super Box | 1 per group | ☐ "Super Clue: Lunch Box" printable | 1 per group |
| ☐ Lunch Box | 1 per group; optional | ☐ Bible | 1 per group |

Leader Tip

Each week includes a Super Clue you can print out and place inside the Super Box. You can also place an actual physical object inside the Super Box instead.

Create your own Super Box by using the wallpaper provided in Advance Planning. Contact your church administrator or staff leader for more information.

Big Deal Motions:

Hooray! *(Make double windmill arms in front of body.)*

God Leads Me to Know Him! *(Point both hands up to the sky.)*

Script

Host Script: Let's learn a fun phrase that we say to help us remember our time together and all that we are learning about God. This is called our Big Deal. Today's Big Deal is, "Hooray! God Leads Me to Know Him!" *(Say the Big Deal using the motions.)* Let's try it together. I'm

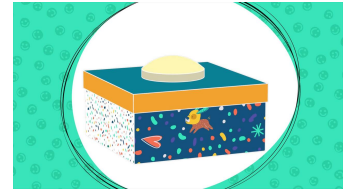


going to go slow so you can see the motions and learn those too. I'll say it first, and you can say it after me. Ready? Hooray! (*Hooray!*) God Leads Me to Know Him! (*God Leads Me to Know Him!*) Super job!



Presentation

Play Aug26_SuperBox_Preschool



Script

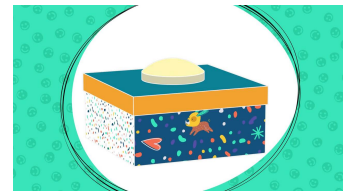
Host Script: Did you hear that? If you did, say, "I did!" (*I did!*) That special sound means we have a Super Clue waiting for us in our Super Box. I can't wait to see what is inside. Our Super Clue will connect to our Big Deal, "Hooray! God Leads Me to Know Him!" Let's open the Super Box and see what is inside.

(*Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable. Display the Super Clue slide.*)



Presentation

Play Aug26_HoorayDay_SuperClue_Preschool



Script

Host Script: Oh wow! Our Super Clue is a lunch box! Raise your hand if you have a lunch box. (*Allow responses.*) Me too! I carry food inside my lunch box so I have plenty to eat when it is time for lunch. I'm not quite sure what a lunch box has to do with our Big Deal, "Hooray! God Leads Me to Know Him!" but I know who can help us. The Super Crew! Let's send this Super Clue over to our friends at the Clubhouse and see if they can help us.

(*Place Super Clue back in Super Box.*)

We can count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, "Go," I'll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! (*Hold one palm face up and press the other palm to it face down, like pressing a button.*)

Ready? 3-2-1 Go! (*Host presses the Super Box button. Start the Bible Story Video.*)



7. Bible Story Video

7 minutes



Presentation

Play Aug2026_HoorayDay_BibleStoryVideo_Preschool



Big Deal Motions:

Hooray! *(Make double windmill arms in front of body.)*
God Leads Me to Know Him! *(Point both hands up to the sky.)*

Script

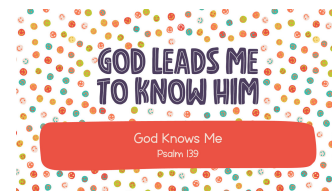
Host Script: *(To screen)* Thank you, Super Crew, for helping us out!

(To preschoolers) In our Bible story today, David understood that God knew everything about him. God even knew the words David would speak. God knows everything about us too! God leads us to know Him because He loves us.

Our Super Clue, a lunch box, tells us a lot about what we like and don't like. The person who packs our lunch knows what we like and what is healthy for us to eat. God knows even more about us, and He leads us to know Him. This means God gives us His Word, the Bible, and people who know and follow Him to help us learn more about Him and know Him better! Let's say our Big Deal together one more time. I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Hooray! *(Hooray!)* God Leads Me to Know Him! *(God Leads Me to Know Him!)* Great job, everyone!

We can talk to God and thank Him for leading us to know Him. Let's bow our heads and close our eyes so we can focus on talking and listening to God while we pray.

Thank You, God, for knowing us and leading us to know You. Thank You for loving each of us and having a special plan for our lives. Amen.



8. Balloon Pass

3 minutes

Preschoolers will pass a balloon around the circle while music plays and say the Main Idea when the music stops.

Big Goal: Review the Main Idea: **God leads me to know Him.**

Leader Prep: Inflate a balloon. Print and post the "Allergy Alert" printable where grown-ups can see it at drop-off for any preschoolers with latex allergies or sensitivities.

Supplies

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|--|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| ☐ "Allergy Alert" printable | 1 per group | ☐ Balloons | Several |
| ☐ Music and music player | 1 per group | | |

Script

What To Do: It's Hooray Day, so I think we should play a game using a balloon! Let's make a circle to play this game. Our game is called "Balloon Pass." What is it called? *(Balloon Pass!)* We are going to pass this balloon around the circle as fast as we can. When the music stops, we will stop passing the balloon and say, "**God leads me to know Him,**" together. Once we say that, the music and balloon passing will start again. Before we begin, let's say, "**God leads me to know Him.**" I will say it first, and you can say it after me. **God leads me to know Him! *(God leads me to know Him!)*** Great job! I think we are ready to play.



Keep It Going: For additional rounds, consider reversing the direction the balloon travels or

Leader Tip

For larger groups, consider forming several smaller groups of 8-10 preschoolers for the game. Consider playing the monthly Theme song. It can be downloaded in Advance Planning in the Optional Session Tools folder.

Safety Tip

Quickly pick up and discard pieces if a balloon pops. These can be choking hazards.

Script

Loud And Clear: This game was so much fun! We have so much to celebrate. I am so glad God leads us to know Him. We can be excited about knowing God. God loves each of you and has a special plan for your lives. Let's say, "**God leads me to know Him,**" one more time. Ready? "**God leads me to know Him!**" Awesome!

9. Video-Led Theme Verse

5 minutes

Leader Tip

Theme Verse Motions:

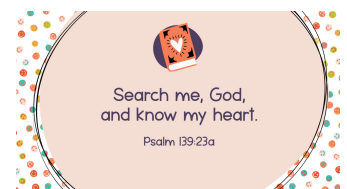
Search me, God, *(Hold right hand over eyes while looking side-to-side.)*

and know my heart. *(Place both hands over heart.)*

Psalms 139:23a *(Hold hands out like a book.)*

Script

Host Script: We can learn about how God leads us to know Him in the Bible. The Bible is God's Book. The Bible is true, and it's for you! Our Theme verse is from the book of Psalms. It is Psalm 139:23a. *(Open the Bible to the Theme verse and show preschoolers where it is found.)* Our Theme verse says, "Search me, O God, and know my heart." (Psalm 139:23a) Let's watch a video to learn our Theme verse.





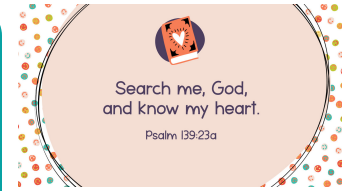
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Script

Host Script: Way to go, everyone! Great job saying our Theme verse! This Bible verse tells us that God knows all about us. He knows what is going on in our hearts, which means He knows the things we think and the things we feel. We are all special to God. God loves us and will lead us to know more about Him.



10. All About Me Puppet

5 minutes

Preschoolers will create a puppet that represents themselves.

Big Goal: Review the Big Deal.

Leader Prep: Make a sample craft.

Supplies

☐ Paper bags	1 per child	☐ Yarn	Several
☐ Crayons	Several	☐ Tape	1 per group
☐ Adult scissors	1 per group	☐ Glue sticks	Several
☐ "All About Me Puppet Instructions & Example" printable	1 per group		

Craft Instructions:

1. Give each child a paper bag, glue stick, crayons, and some yarn.
2. Invite preschoolers to use the paper bags to make puppets. Encourage them to add eyes, a nose, a mouth, and clothes.
3. Assist preschoolers in gluing or taping yarn hair on their puppet.

Script

What To Do: Hooray! God leads us to know Him! That's our Big Deal, right? God knows each of us, and He wants us to know Him. Today we are going to make a puppet of ourselves. We are going to make what? (*A puppet!*) Right! You can use crayons to draw your face on the top of your paper bag puppet. (*Display a puppet.*) Then you can use crayons to draw clothes on the bottom part of your paper bag puppet. When you are finished coloring, a leader will come around to help you glue or tape yarn to make hair for your puppet.



Keep It Going: Invite preschoolers to use their puppets to share something they learned today with the group.

Script

Loud And Clear: I have had so much fun learning about how God leads us to know Him. Your puppets reflect you and how God made you. God didn't just make you and forget about you. He made you and also wants to have a friendship with you. God gave His Son, Jesus, so that our sins, the wrong choices that we make, could be forgiven and we could have a friendship with Him. I am so happy God leads us to know Him. Let's say our Big Deal together one more time. I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Hooray! (*Hooray!*) God Leads Me to Know Him! (*God Leads Me to Know Him!*)

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