



## April 21

### I am Set Apart

#### Kindergarten - 5th grade

#### Leader Notes

**Bible Passage:** John Prepared the Way- Luke 1, 3:1-18

**Bottom Line:** I can stand patiently.

**Leader Context:** God has an incredible plan for John, but John had to wait to see that plan fulfilled. Trusting God often means standing patiently as we wait on Him. Patience is difficult for kids. Let's help them see that standing patiently and trusting God in the waiting is an incredible way to be set apart for Him.

**THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS:** Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

#### Social

#### Games and Music (10 minutes)

**What You Need:** Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, timers (1 per group)

#### What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

**Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

#### Videos

#### Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

#### Bible Story Recap- Say This

Before John was born, God had a purpose for him. That means God had a special way He wanted to work through John. You and I are no different. God made you to live in the world at exactly this time. He planned for you to live in this town/city/ He has you in the school and community you are in for a reason. Nothing God does is by accident. He does everything on purpose. And God made you on purpose and for a purpose.

God has a plan for you right now, even when you are still a kid. God made you with a purpose, just like He did with John the Baptist. John's purpose was to prepare people for Jesus' arrival. John told people that Jesus was coming soon. He wanted everyone to know that Jesus is the only One who could fix the brokenness in this world.

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, thank You for the special plans you have for each of us. Thank You that You had a plan to send Your Son, Jesus, to forgive our sins and make a way for us to have a relationship with You. Help us to trust You, follow Jesus, and stand patiently as we live the way You want us to, according to Your awesome plan. Amen."

**Creation Machine (20 minutes)****What You Need:** playdough or air dry clay (small ball for each kid), timer**What You Do:** Kids will work together to make a creation with playdough.

Set out the supplies.

In this game, we are going to be a creation machine! I'm going to put you in teams of two or three and give your team some play dough/clay. When I say, "Go," one person in your group will start making your creation. Every 15 seconds, I will call time and you will switch to the next person to keep making the creation. We will keep going for a full minute, and at the end, we will see who has the most detailed creation!

**Keep it going:** Play multiple rounds because of how quick it goes. You can switch up teams or keep them the same as you play. Allow kids to create their own designs or can call out designs like animals or physical creations for kids to create.

**Say:** "In this game, you had to continue to switch partners and give up control of your creation to the next person on your team. You really had to wait patiently to see how it would turn out! In our Bible story, John stood patiently until the right time for God to work through His life. God has a great plan and purpose for us, too, even when we have to wait for it. We can trust God no matter what standing patiently for Him."

**Discussion Questions:**

- If you could go anywhere and do anything, what would your perfect day include? Where would you go, what would you do, and who would you bring with you? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)* Those all sound like the best days ever! What would you have to plan for to make those perfect days? *(Give kids time to think and respond with money, schedules, flights, food, and so forth.)*
- We can stand patiently, like when you are waiting for a seed to turn into a flower, and trust that God has a plan. When can it be hard to stand patiently and trust God's plan? *(When things aren't going the way we want, when we don't know what to do, when life is difficult, when we are sad or hurt)*
- The Bible tells us that we are set apart, and God has a plan for us, and His plan is best. Let's open our Bibles to Luke 3:15-16 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What is this passage teaching us?
- John's parents knew God had great plans for their son. God had great plans to work through John to prepare the way for Jesus. One of God's plans for you is that you can believe in and follow Jesus. How can knowing that God has a plan help people who are going through a difficult or uncertain time? *(It can bring comfort and peace, it can help them to not give up, it can help them to be patient.)*
- God loves us so much! Even though we are sinners and make mistakes, He still loves us and has awesome plans for our lives. We can trust that we are set apart and that God has good plans for our lives. Does anyone have any questions about how to believe in Jesus or any stories to share about seeing God's plans in your own life? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own response.)*
- Today's Bible story taught us what it means to stand patiently. We learned that God has a special plan and purpose for each person. How can John's story help someone who is wondering what his purpose is? *(It shows that we don't always know what will happen, but we can trust God's plan. We can stand patiently as we follow God and trust Him. God has a purpose for us to trust and follow Him.)*

**John prepared the way for Jesus. John had an incredibly special and important purpose while he was on earth, and God has an incredibly special and important purpose for us too. When we trust and follow Jesus, we can stand patiently no matter what happens.**

**Going Home**

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.