



**August 11**

## **I am Designed for a Purpose Kindergarten - 5th grade**

### **Leader Notes**

**Bible Passage:** Paul and Timothy- Acts 16:1-4; 2 Timothy 1; 3

**Bottom Line:** I can speak up for Jesus.

**Leader Context:** In the Bible, Paul and Timothy had an encouraging relationship, which we see in Acts 16:1-4 and 2 Timothy 1 and 3. Paul knew it wouldn't be easy for young Timothy to always speak up for Jesus, but he- as well as Timothy's mother and grandmother- encouraged Timothy to be strong and always stand strong in his faith. Our kids can know that even when it isn't easy, God gives them the courage and strength to speak up for Jesus

**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, Dry erase board and marker (1 per group), Paper (1 per group), Pencil (1 per group), Bucket (1 per group), Scissors (1 per group; adult-use only)

#### **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**

In our Bible story, the Israelites were hiding because they had a *lot* of enemies coming against them. God told Gideon that He had great plans for Gideon—to help free God's people! Everyone, say, "Woah!" (*Woah!*) Woah is right! God's people cried out to God because they knew they could not save themselves. Even Gideon was not enough to save them. God's plan and purpose was to work through Gideon to help His people. He uniquely designed Gideon and positioned him in a place so that the people would look to God for help. God won the battle for His people. Jesus has uniquely designed each of us, just as we are, in the place we are to be used by Him for His plan and purposes.

So, what does that mean for you and me? What does this mean when we feel like we have no idea what we're doing? We can know that we are each designed for a purpose! We can help ourselves know and remember this purpose by reading the Bible, talking and listening to God by praying, and spending time with other people that follow Him. And then we can tell others the things we love about God and how He helps us. As we follow God and share Him with others, He will work through us to help others know and follow Him too

Let's take a few minutes to pray together before we get into our activity for the day:

*God, thank You so much for creating each one of us and for giving us a special purpose for our lives! Help us to follow You and know that You are always with us. Help us to do the good works You ask us to do so that we can point others to You. Amen.*

**Tower Time (20 minutes)**

**What You Need:** “Allergy Alert” printable (1 per group), Plastic cups (several), Crayons (several), Play dough (4 per group), Timer or stopwatch (1 per group)

**What You Do:**

Team, stand up and make yourselves as tall as you can! *(Allow kids to follow the instruction.)* Wow! You all look so tall! Today, we’re going to play a game where you get to build a tower as tall as you can. I will put you in four different teams, and your team will get cups, crayons, and play dough. Your mission is to create the tallest tower possible using the supplies *without talking*. You will have two minutes to build silently! *(Place the kids in groups and allow them two minutes to build.)*

Great job on the towers! Do you think it would be easier to build if everyone could speak? *(Yes!)* Let’s try it! Take your towers apart. Then, I will give you another two minutes to build, but this time, you can talk! *(Allow the kids time to build again.)*

**Keep It Going:** Invite kids to play another two rounds using just one hand.

**Loud And Clear:** Did you find it easier to build the tower when you could talk? *(Yes!)* It can be much easier to get something done when we can communicate! When it comes to speaking up for Jesus, God will always help us. It is easier to share His love with others when we open our mouths and speak His truth to those around us. Paul encouraged Timothy to speak and live boldly, and we can do the same!

**Discussion Questions:**

- What are things people say and do that make you look up to them? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- How can these people make a difference in your life? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- We use translation apps to help us communicate with people who speak different languages. God also helps us speak up for Jesus with people who may think or act differently than us. Do you think it’s easy or difficult to share Jesus with someone who believes differently than you? Why or why not? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us we are designed for a purpose, and we can speak up for Jesus. Let’s open our Bibles to 2 Timothy 1:12 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the verse aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verse so everyone can follow along together.)* What do you think this Bible verse is teaching us? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- Paul encouraged Timothy to remember that he was designed for a purpose! You are designed for a purpose too! It wasn’t always easy for Timothy to speak up for Jesus and it won’t always be easy for us either. How can remembering that God is with you help when you have a chance to speak up for Jesus? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- We are designed for a purpose, and part of that purpose is to speak up and share Jesus with those around us. The good news of Jesus’ love is too good *not* to share! Jesus made a way for us to have a relationship with God. When we trust and follow God, He works through us to point others to that good news. Do you have any questions about what it means to love and follow God? Or do you have any stories you want to share about speaking up for Jesus? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- What are some ways we can speak up for Jesus with people who think differently than us? *(Answers may include to live the way that God tells us to in the Bible, share with others that God loves them and sent Jesus for them, share stories about our own faith and why we follow Jesus, and so forth.)*

In today’s Bible story, we learned that Paul encouraged Timothy to be bold and speak up for Jesus! We are designed for a purpose, and we can point others to God by speaking up for Jesus too! We can tell people around us the truth about who Jesus is and what we’ve learned about Him in the Bible.

**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.