



August 25, 2024

**I Am Designed for a Purpose
1 year olds - 4 year olds**

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: The Fruit of the Spirit- Galatians 5-6

Bottom Line: I can grow my faith.

Leader Context: In Galatians 5-6, Paul wrote about how people can grow in their faith. God sent the Holy Spirit to help us follow Him and become more like Jesus. When we do, we bear fruit, or characteristics, that point others to Him. We get to teach kids that when they follow Jesus, they get to grow more and more like Him every day and produce amazing fruit, meaning attributes and attitudes that put God on display.

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.

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Aug 25 Social Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions, ballpit balls (several) bowl or buckets (2 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."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This!

I love hanging out with the Super Crew! They always help us learn so much.

We learned that there are lots of ways we can grow in what we know about Jesus. We can grow in our faith. That means we can grow in what we learn, believe, and share about Jesus. Praying and reading the Bible are two great examples of ways to grow in our faith. When we are growing, people will know because we'll be more patient, kind, and peaceful.

Our Super Clue, an apple tree, helps us to remember to grow. We can grow big and strong in our bodies, and we can grow big and strong in what we learn and share about Jesus. Apple trees can definitely help us remember that!

Like we learned today, praying is a great way to grow. I think we should do that together right now. Praying is talking and listening to God. Let's pray.

God, we want to grow big and strong, not just in our bodies, but in what we learn about You. Help us grow in our faith and remember You have a plan for us. Amen.

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

Look and See! (*Shade eyes and look back and forth*)

God Has A Plan (*Move hand up with palm in*)

For Me(*Place hands over chest*)

Let's do that a few more times.

Social

Videos

Faithful Growth Pots (20 minutes)

What You Need: Small plastic cups (1 per child), “Theme Verse Labels” printable (several printed on Address labels (#5160) (1 per child), Grass seed (several), Ziplock bags (1 per child), “Faithful Growth Pots Instructions” printable (1 per child), Assorted stickers (several), Scissors (1 per group; adult-use only), Permanent marker (1 per group; adult-use only)

Say:

We have something really fun planned for you. Each of you will get a small plastic cup to decorate. These cups will be pots where you can plant grass seed. We will add a sticker with our Theme verse on it. Then you can add other stickers to decorate your cup. I will write your name on the bottom. You can take your pot and bag of seeds home, put dirt in your pot, add your seeds, and then place it in a sunny spot. Remember to give it a little water, just like we nurture our faith. Watch it grow as a reminder of how we keep growing in our faith with God!

Keep It Going: Encourage preschoolers to share their grass growth progress when they return, reinforcing the importance of nurturing their faith.

Leader Tip: Provide clear and simple instructions for preschoolers and their families to take care of their grass cups. This practical reminder will help them understand the concept of faith growth.

Loud And Clear: You’re all wonderful little gardeners! You can watch your plants grow, and you can also grow in your faith. Plants need water and sunlight to grow. Remember to give yourself what you need to grow in your faith too. What are some examples of how you can grow in your faith? (*Allow responses.*) Great job! You can pray to God and listen to people read God’s Book, the Bible, to you. These are ways we grow in our faith in God.

Say:

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (*an apple tree*)
- What does an apple tree help us remember? (*God's plan is for us to grow in our faith.*)
- What was your favorite part of the Bible story today?
- Today we are learning that **I can grow in my faith.** What are things we do that show we are following God’s plan and growing in faith? (*We show love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*)
- What is something you learned about God today?

Just like apple trees, we can grow big and strong. We can grow big and strong in our bodies, and we can also grow big and strong in what we learn and share about Jesus. As we learn and grow in our faith, we will become people who are patient, kind, and gentle and who share God’s plan with the people around us.

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kids and call them by name.