



August 4

I am Designed for a Purpose Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Gideon- Judges 6-8

Bottom Line: I can follow God.

Leader Context: Gideon followed God even when it was difficult. As he did, God worked through him to help his people and defeat a whole army. As Gideon followed God, he witnessed God do amazing things. Kids will learn they can follow God too, and He will do great and amazing things through them and 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, cotton balls (several), die, bowl, timer

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

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.

Videos

I Can Follow (20 minutes)**What You Need:** blank paper (1 per kid), markers, crayons**What You Do:**

God designed you for a purpose! Let's make something that will help us remember that truth every day. First, turn your paper so the short edges are on the sides. Use your black marker to write your name in the middle of your paper. Now, take a crayon and trace around your name. After you trace around it, take another crayon and trace around it again. And again, and again! Keep going, trying to fill up your whole paper with color!

Once you've traced around your name and filled up your paper, use your black marker again and write I Can Follow God under your name.

Loud And Clear: Your pictures look great! Your name might seem simple and small in the middle, but all those colors can help you remember that God is always with you! He surrounds you, like the colors on your picture. He helps you follow Him and live out His purpose for your life. When you follow God, He shines light through you that others can see. He works through you to help others see how kind, good, and loving He is. So always know that God has a purpose for you, and you can follow Him!

Discussion Questions:

- What are some things you are good at or really enjoy doing? *(Allow kids time to think and feel comfortable answering the question aloud. Guide discussion by giving suggestions or a personal example.)*
- How can thinking about what we're good at help us when we have the opportunity to try new things? *(Allow kids time to think and share. Encourage quiet kids to feel comfortable sharing as well.)*
- Salt and pepper can seem regular and ordinary, but they have the awesome purpose of adding flavor to food. We can know that we have a special purpose too! Sometimes we may think we are just ordinary, but really God says He has an amazing purpose for us. We are designed by God for a purpose—to follow God. How can you use things you are good at or like doing to help other people? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us we are designed for a purpose, and we can follow God. Let's open our Bibles to Judges 6:12-14 and read about it together. Listen for a word or sentence that stands out to you. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What is a word or sentence that stands out to you in this passage? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- God had a plan and purpose for Gideon! He worked through Gideon in that time in that place to save God's people, the Israelites. Even though Gideon didn't feel confident in himself at first, God told Gideon that He would be with Gideon. So Gideon trusted God and followed Him. God has a purpose for us too—to share Him with others through what we say and do. How can remembering that God is always with us help us be confident as we follow Him? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- When we follow God, we can know He has a purpose for us! We also get to see God's power as He helps us follow His plan! God is big and powerful, and we don't ever have to be afraid because He is always with us, just like He was with Gideon. Our words and our actions can show others that we love and follow God. Do you have any questions or thoughts about what it means to follow God? *(Allow kids to respond and share. Be ready to share your own story about choosing to follow God.)*

In today's Bible story, we learned that God designed Gideon for a purpose—to rescue the Israelites from their enemies. Gideon followed God and pointed others to Him. We can choose to follow God too, and shine like a light to the world! We are designed for a purpose!

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.