

Aug 6



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MY ADVENTURES WITH JESUS

God's Family is with me on my adventure with Jesus. Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus Disciples - Gospels

Bottom Line: God's family is with me on my adventure with Jesus.

Leader Context: The disciples were Jesus' closest friends and followers- they saw him do miracles, learned from him and each other, helped share Jesus' message, and got to help people in Jesus' name. The disciples are a great example of the encouragement and support we can find from others in God's family, reminding the kids of the importance of working together and helping each other on our adventure.

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

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 (5 minutes)

Transition to Teaching Video - Say This!

The disciples were part of Jesus' close friends and part of God's family? How does this help us see what God's family looks like? *Allow kids to answer and discuss*

How did the the disciples help others become part of God's family too? *The helped each other and helped others become followers of Jesus and join God's family by believing in Jesus.*

In our video today we saw what it looks like to be in God's family, helping each other and helping others know more about Jesus. On our adventure with Jesus, there will be times you need some help, some encouragement, or even some questions answered. You can look to God's family, the church, for support just like Jesus and his disciples were a support to each other. It's always better to work together, and with the help of God's family, we can all work together to do what we are good at and use the talents we each have to serve God together.

Teaching Video (10 minutes)

Aug 6 K-5 Small Group

Videos

Who's in Your Circle (20 minutes)**What You Need:** Who's in Your Circle printable (1 per kid) pencils**What You Do:**

- Pass out a printable and pencil to each kid.
- There are three circles on the front- pizza, math, soccer. Each circle has three options- loves it, likes it, or doesn't like it. The kids will write their name in the option that represents how they feel about the item in the circle. If a kid loves pizza, they will write their name in the circle on other people's pages. If they don't love math, they will write their name in that circle on the other people's pages. Kids can write on multiple papers, and they can write their name in all 3 categories. Help little ones write their names and read the words on their pages.
- Now flip the paper over and work together as a group to answer qualities of a friend. Encourage kids to write the number of that quality in the circle it fits best. Each kid may put each number in a different circle based on what they think is a good fit.
 - A causal friend- someone you know and may spend time with but aren't very close with
 - a good friend- someone you spend time with and may know pretty well
 - a best friend- your closest friends who you tell everything to and spend the most time with.

Say "What are some qualities that you think a best friend should have? What are some qualities that you think a best friend should NOT have? Is it ok if you have best friends or good friends who don't love Jesus or who don't always make good choices? When we believe in Jesus, we will have a different way of measuring a good/best friend. It is best for you spend the most time with and share the most with people who love Jesus and try their best to make good decisions. Do you have at least one friend who is in God's family and loves Jesus? If not, what is one thing you can do to try and make a new friend or get closer to someone who is in God's family?"

What was your favorite part of the videos we watched today? Do you have any questions? Allow time for kids to share the things that stood out to them, the things they liked, the things they didn't like, and maybe some questions it might lead into the next questions.

Share a time when someone helped you. What happened and how did it feel? Allow kids to share their experiences.

Who are some people you know who love Jesus? What are things they say or do that show you they love Jesus? Allow kids to respond and discuss. Consider some people in your family, at church, or friends who may be a little older than you and further along in their adventure with Jesus. When you have questions, need help, or aren't sure about something, those are the people in God's family you know you can talk to and trust to help you. Look to them as an example of some of the ways you can show others Jesus' love.

Say: "The disciples showed us being part of God's family is so much more than just hanging out together- it's encouraging each other, teaching and learning from each other, and helping each other and other people. Let's spend some time this week thinking about who the people are in your life that you can go to for help on your adventure with Jesus and think about how you can help other people, too. **Pray-** Dear God, Thank you for giving us the Bible and stories like Jesus and his disciples to remind us that going on adventures with others always lightens the load and is way more fun. When we are going through tough times, remind us to lean on God's family that you provided for us who are helping us make right choices. We love you so much. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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 kid and call them by name.