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I Am Designed for a Purpose Preschool Leader Guide

the place for kids to take
their first steps with Jesus.



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Jesus taught that God's love is our standard. We are called to love others, even when it is difficult, costly, or not returned. Jesus showed us how to love everyone, including our enemies. When we love all people, we love like Jesus.

BIBLE- Love Your Enemies- Matthew 5:43-48

TOOLS

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ASK Leader



Leader Devos



Like It Counts

SOCIAL TIME

The first 10-15 minutes as kid's arrive are some of our most important times to meet needs and show kids they are valued. This is why we provide strategic activities for you help engage with every kid as they arrive.

- This month you have Animal Action Cards and Tiny Dot Number Cards.
- You will also find 2 Social activities each week. ***Use one now and one at the end to redirect attention.*

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Social Game Instruction Page including Roku Games, Bark Color Pages (1 per kid) crayons, Masking tape, Cardstock Hearts (1 per kid), markers, painter's tape (1 per group), music and music player (1 per group optional)

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 - Say This!

Wow! Thank you, Super Crew! In our Bible story today, Jesus wanted everyone to know that loving others, even when it is hard, makes us more like God. When we love everyone, people can see God's love shining through us. We can love like Jesus and know God has a plan for us. We can follow our leader, Jesus, and love like Him. Our Super Clue is a tape measure. When we see a tape measure, we can remember that God's love is so big it cannot be measured.

Let's take a moment to pray as we talk and listen to God.

God, thank You for Your wonderful plans for us. Help us share Your plans with others. Amen.

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

Follow the Leader! (*Push right fist up.*)

God Has a Plan for Me! (*Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.*)

High Five Heart Activity (20 minutes)

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Supplies: Construction paper (10 per group), Adult scissors (1 per group), Painter's tape (1 per group)

What To Do: Let's all play "High Five Heart." What is our game called? (*High Five Heart!*) Great job! I am going to read a part of today's Bible story. When you hear the word *love*, you are going to get up, move to a heart cutout on the wall, and give it a gentle high five. As I keep reading the Bible story you will hear *love* a few times. You need to find a new heart to high five each time I say the word *love* in our Bible story. Are you ready? Okay, let's listen in and get ready to move!

Bible story: One day Jesus was teaching a big group of people on a mountain. Jesus said, "You have probably heard people say, '**Love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) your friends and don't like your enemies.' But I am telling you something new. **Love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) your enemies too! Pray for the people who aren't kind to you or who make fun of you because you **love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) and follow God."

The crowd must have been surprised. **Love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) people who aren't nice? That sounded hard! But Jesus explained why it is important.

"When you **love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) people who are hard to **love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*), you show everyone that you are part of God's family," Jesus said. "God is just to everyone—even people who make wrong choices or don't follow God. If God **loves** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) everyone, we should try to **love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) everyone too—even people who are not always kind to us!"

Jesus wanted everyone to know that **loving** others, even when it is hard, makes us more like God. When we love everyone, people can see God's **love** (*pause for preschoolers to high-five the heart*) shining through us!

Loud And Clear: That was such a fun game to play together. Our game is over so if you hear the word *love* you do not get up anymore. Everyone did such a good job listening and following directions. Jesus taught that when we follow Him, we can love everyone—our family, our friends, and even the people who aren't always nice to us. We can follow Jesus and love like Him!

TALK IT OUT

Say:

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (*a tape measure*)
- What does a tape measure help us remember? (*When we see a tape measure, we can remember that God's love is so big it cannot be measured!*)
- What was something you liked about Large Group?
- **Let's love like Jesus.** Who should we love like? (*Jesus*)
- What did you learn about God today?
- Do you remember today's Big Deal? Repeat after me (*using motions below*):
Follow the Leader! (*Follow the Leader!*) God Has a Plan for Me! (*God Has a Plan for Me!*)

Keep It Going: Form small groups of preschoolers. Invite them to say the Big Deal together.

Big Deal Motions:

Follow the Leader! (Push right fist up.)

God Has a Plan for Me! (Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.)

We learned so many wonderful things today. Jesus taught that when we follow Him, we can love everyone—our family, our friends, and even people who aren't always nice to us. We can follow Jesus and love like Him. Let's go out this week and love like Jesus every day!

GOING HOME

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.