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Light UP!



GOD IS ALWAYS WITH ME

I am Never Alone Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus' Birth Story- Luke 2

Bottom Line: God gives me peace.

Leader Context: Jesus' birth means peace for everyone who believes in Him. He is always and forever with us. What a great gift! No matter where and no matter what, He is with us, and He is in control.

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 (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

What an amazing story about Jesus being born. The reason this story is so awesome is because it tells us that Jesus came to light the night! He left heaven and came to earth to be born for us. Jesus came to be with us and to bring us peace.

This is the most important story ever, and the best part is that it really happened. Without God, we can't have peace. So God sent Jesus to earth. Jesus was born as a baby. He grew up, and in His whole life He never sinned. Sin means doing what we think is best instead of following what God says is best. Jesus never did that. He always obeyed and followed God His whole life. And then, when Jesus was an adult, He died on a cross to take the punishment we deserve for our sin, and then He rose from the dead.

Let me hear you say, "Why?" You are full of amazing questions. God did this because He loves us and wants to give us peace in our lives. Jesus is God's Son, and when we believe and trust in Jesus, God gives us peace. He takes away our broken identity of sin, selfishness, and guilt, and gives us a new identity- child of God. When we believe in Jesus, we can have peace knowing that we are never alone because God is always with us. Presents seem to be everywhere, but the absolute greatest gift was Jesus. What was the greatest gift? It was Jesus!

Jesus was born to give us peace and make a way for us to have a friendship with God. Peace means knowing something for sure and not ever having to question or worry about it. Even when we feel worried, we can have peace because we know God is always with us. Jesus is the greatest gift, and His peace is for everyone! Let's pray together.

"God thank You for sending Jesus to earth so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with You. Thank You that we can have peace of knowing that You love us and that we are never alone. You give us so many wonderful things, but best of all, You gave us Jesus! Thank You for loving us no matter what. Amen."

Videos

Broken Hearts Mended By Jesus (20 minutes)

What You Need: Broken Heart printable (1 per kid on cardstock), stickers for little ones, word sheet for bigger kids, crayons, makers, bandaids (1 per kid)

What You Do:

Today we are mending broken hearts. Before we get to creating, let's talk for a minute about things that make us feel rejected or broken. I'm going to write some of these down so we can add them to our craft later. Who wants to share something that makes them feel rejected.

Now I am going to pass out papers. Please turn your paper over to the broken heart side. You are going to write some of the words we just used or stick a sticker on your broken heart.

When you are done, I have some good news to tell you. Jesus came to give us peace. Peace with God. Peace with each other. Jesus is the best news ever. We don't have to be alone or rejected. He's always with us and we're never alone. We celebrate that truth here at Christmas, but we can also celebrate it every day of the year.

Now place your bandaid on the broken heart. You can write Jesus by that bandaid. Then, flip your paper over. Let's talk about ways we know we have peace. What do you feel? If you had to create a picture to show someone peace, what would it look like?

Using the left over stickers or word we just wrote down, write those things on your heart.

Note: Set out the supplies on the table. An example craft will be available for ideas. Encourage kids to use this as a reflection and really put their own words or ideas on their paper. Cue family members to ask about their project at home.

Say: "What does a broken heart remind you of? How about the whole heart? Hopefully when you look at this paper, you will remember what we talked about today- God gives us peace. Even when we feel alone, God is always there for us. When we keep our eyes on Him, He lights up the night and reminds us that we are never alone."

Discussion Questions:

- If you could buy a gift for someone in your family or a friend, who would you want to get a gift for and what would you get them? What is a gift you would love to receive?*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- What are some different things people do to celebrate Christmas? What are some Christmas traditions you think would be fun to try? Did anyone share an idea you want to try? What? *(Allow kids time to share. If a kid is having a hard time thinking of something, help them out. Share your own experience.)* Headphone can help us remember we can focus on something special. What are some things that would help you remember that Christmas is about more than presents, decorations, and the "regular" Christmas stuff?
- The Bible tells us we are never alone because God gives us peace. Let's open our Bibles to Luke 2:11-12 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What is a word or sentence that stands out to you in that passage?
- Jesus was born to save us from our sins- which is doing what we think is best onstead of following God's best. How does Jesus' brith give us peace?*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- Jesus came to bring peace, that feeling of being safe and secure. And Jesus came to give us peace because He came to save His people. The Bible tells us- Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Do you have any questions about why Jesus came or anything you want to share about feeling the peace of Jesus? Jesus is a light even in our darkest nights and during times we feel alone. Remember you are never alone because God is always with you. How can this truth- I am Never Alone- help us when we feel alone? *(Allow kikiids time answer and share your own answer.)*

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.