

Dec 17

Light UP!

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH ME



I Am Never Alone 1 year olds - 4 year olds

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: The shepherds visit Jesus- Luke 2:8-20

Bottom Line: Luke 2:11

Leader Context: When the shepherds learned that God had come near to them through Jesus, they couldn't wait to share the good news! We get to help kids see both that God has come near to them through Jesus and that they can share this great truth with others!

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 Instructions

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!

Wow! Thanks Super Crew, for helping us learn that God is always with us. What a great truth that we are never alone because God is near to us. He sent His Son, Jesus, to make a way to be forgiven and have a friendship with God. We have the amazing gift of being close to God right now, all the time, forever. How awesome is God?

Videos

Let's pray and thank God for sending Jesus to us. Let's all close our eyes and get really still so we don't get distracted and can focus on talking to God. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

"God, thank You for being near to us every day and for being a friend we can count on. We are so glad that You are close to us, and we pray that You would help us understand and believe that You are near, even though we can't see You. You are a mighty God, and we love You! Amen!"

Jesus is near Me Craft (20 minutes)

What You Need: Shepherd staff and sheep printable (1 per kid- cutout), Jesus printable (1 per kid- cutout), gluesticks, foam stickers (30 per kid)

Say:

What does a shepherd do? (*Allow responses*) Yes! A shepherd takes care of sheep. When Jesus was born, shepherds were watching over their sheep in a field. An angel came to tell them that Jesus was born. In our craft today we are going to make a "field of sheep"

Glue baby Jesus to the middle of the staff.

Using the gluesticks you will glue the sheep to your shepherd staff. Then use the foam sticker dots to decorate your sheep.

Leader Tip: While the kids are creating, talk to them about Jesus' birth.

Say: "The angel told the shepherds the good news that Jesus was born. They were so excited that they left their field of sheep and traveled to meet Jesus right away! They knew that God was near to them-just like He is near to us!"

Say:

- What was our Super Clue today? (*a compass*) What does it help us remember? (*A compass can show us which direction to go! But not matter where we go, the Bible says that God is always with us. We don't have to go looking for Him. He is near to us.*)
- What was your favorite part of the Bible story?
- God is near to us because He is always with us. When the shepherds heard the good news of Jesus' birth, they went to find Jesus. Now that you've heard this good news, what do you want to do? (*Tell others about Jesus or celebrate Jesus.*)
- What is something you learned about God today?
- What can you tell your friends and families about this week?

Our Big Deal is, "Light Up! God is Always with Me!"

Light Up! (*cross hands in front of body with palms out in a circular motion.*)

God is Always with Me! (*Bring hands to chest to show "me"*)

The shepherds ran to see Jesus because they were so excited that God was near to them. Let's be excited about this good news too! God is near to us and is always with 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.