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Light UP!

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH ME



I am Never Alone Kindergarten - 5th grade

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 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."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

This is incredible. How would you feel if you were out in a field and suddenly a bunch of angels were right there, praising God and giving you amazing news? That would have been incredible! The shepherds were so far away from everyone, but the angel told them that God had come near. Jesus had been born. God was with them! When the shepherds saw that everything that had been said was true, they didn't keep that good news to themselves. They told everyone. We can celebrate today that Jesus came to earth. And because Jesus came to earth, we can have a relationship with God. We are never alone because God is always with us.

On the night Jesus was born, an angel announced to shepherds the good news of Jesus' birth. The shepherds immediately went to find Jesus and celebrate and worship. Then they told everyone around them about what they had seen and heard. When Jesus was born, He came near to be with us and to make a way for us to be with God.

We would love to tell you more about how we celebrate Jesus every day. So go ahead and ask us if you have any questions or you just want to hear more.

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, thank You for sending Jesus, and for promising to always be near us. Thank You for the best Christmas gift ever! No Matter what is happening in our lives, help us to remember that You are always near us and we are never alone. Amen."

Unseen (20 minutes)

What You Need: Bucket (2-3 per group), cups (2-3 per group) white tissue paper (make balls out of the stack of tissue paper), paper clips (20 per team), timer

What You Do:

Today we are going to play a game called “unseen” I have some shiny silver treasure pieces hidden beneath the paper snoballs at the bottom of this bucket. Your job is to see if you can find all the treasure. The treasure is paper clips! I’m going to assign each of you to a team and you will line up across from your team’s bucket (*Assign the kids and have them line up*) You will go one at a time to look and, once you find a piece of treasure, bring it to the at the back of the line and drop it in the cup. Let’s see how many your team can find in 60 seconds. Leave the snowballs in the bucket. Ready, set, go!

Note: Play again but have one player from each team hold the bucket on top of their heads.

Say: “Were you able to see the treasure right away? Sometimes it’s hard for us to see God working in our lives too. But He is! He is always working for our good, even when it may not seem that way. The Bible tells us that God loves us, comforts us, and gives us hope and peace. He is always there for us, even when we cannot see Him. We are never alone.”

Discussion Questions:

- If you could spend Christmas any place in the world, where would you want to go and what would you want to do? What do you think it would be like to have all of your friends and family in your house to spend Christmas with you? If you could invite three friends from anywhere in the world to spend Christmas with you, who would you choose and why?*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- What are some things that are fun to get in the mail? Mail lets us know that someone far away is thinking about us. God sent His Son, Jesus, so we would know that He’s not far away- He’s always near us! How can knowing God is near help someone who feels lonely or sad?*(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.
- The Bible tells us we are never alone because God is near us. Let’s open our Bibles to Luke 2:11-14 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?
- The angels told the shepherds that the Savior was born! So the shepherds ran to see Him, then they went to tell everyone around them about this exciting news! How can we respond when we hear the good news about Jesus being born?*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- How does Jesus’ birth make Christmas different than just a time to be with family and exchange presents? On the night Jesus was born, an angel announced to shepherds the good news of Jesus’ birth. The shepherds went to find Jesus and celebrate and worship. Then, they told everyone around them about Him! When Jesus was born, He came near to be with us. We celebrate Christmas because it is a celebration of Jesus coming to be with us and to make a way for us to be with God. Does anyone have any questions about why Jesus was born or want to share how you celebrate Jesus at Christmas?*(Allow kids 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.