

Dec 3

Light UP!

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH ME



I am Never Alone Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: The prophecy of the Promised Savior- Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, 11

Bottom Line: God gives me hope.

Leader Context: The people of the Old Testament were looking forward to and waiting for the promised Messiah. We celebrate what the prophet Isaiah told about was fulfilled in Jesus! Hope in Jesus- who He is and what He means for our lives- brings us joy and peace every single day.

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

When we open up the Bible to the book of Isaiah, we see that God had a plan long before it even came to be. And He promised that His plan would actually happen. This promise gave people hope. Hope is trusting that something good will happen.

God planned to send someone who would save people from sin- doing what we think is best of following what God says is best. This person would come so we can know God and have a relationship with Him. Everyone say, "Good news"! That is good news! And just like a light can brighten a whole room, this good news is the light that gives us hope- hope that God has a plan for us, hope that we can know God, and hope that we can spend forever with Him. That plan was to send His Son, Jesus. Jesus came so that we could know God and have a relationship with Him. Jesus came to light it up!

When God makes a promise, it can always give us hope. We can always trust that God's promises will come true. Does that mean those promises will come true right away? No! Does that mean that His promises will come true when we want them to? No! but we can always trust Him and love Him. He made a way for that to happen by sending Jesus.

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

God,, thank You so much that You are always with us, and we are never alone. The people in the Bible had hope because of the promise You gave Isaiah- and we can have the same hope today. Help us to keep our eyes on You and remember that You are always with us no matter what. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

Handmade Ornaments (20 minutes)

What You Need: wood ornament shapes, sharpies, glitter glue, sequins, other decorations, Hope stickers

What You Do:

Today we are going to be making our very own Christmas Tree Ornaments. The first thing you get to do is decide what shape ornament you want. Then you are going to stick the sticker to one side of your ornament. Does anyone know what the sticker says? Hope- What did we learn from the video today that hope means? Hope means trusting that something good will happen. Now you will use the markers to decorate your ornament.

Note: While the kids are decorating their ornaments, ask them about the details of their creations. Point out things their ornaments have in common with others in the group.

Say: Do you decorate a Christmas tree at your house? What types of ornaments and decorations do you see on a Christmas tree? These ornaments can help us remember that Jesus is the reason we celebrate Christmas. When we see them, we can remember the hope that the people in the Bible felt because of the message from the prophet Isaiah. Immanuel means, "God with us," and is another name for Jesus. We can have hope, like the people in the Bible. We can remember that, because of Jesus we are never alone.

Discussion Questions:

- What are some things you see that make you think of Christmas? Which ones are some of your favorites? If you could share a message with someone about the best part of Christmas, what would you share? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- When we look at a story, we can know that there is an ending, and the author knows just what it is- because the author wrote it! Our lives are a lot like that because God knows what's going to happen! And He sent prophets to tell people that His son would be born to save them. What are some of your favorites part of your story so far? What are some things you hope will happen in your story in the future? *(Allow kids time to share. If a kid is having a hard time thinking of something, help them out. Share your own experience.)*
- The Bible tells us we are never alone because God gives us hope. Let's open our Bibles to Isaiah 9:6 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?
- God spoke through prophets and promised that He would send His Son as the Savior of the world- and that's Jesus! The people in the Bible waited a long time for the Savior to come. They always had hope that God would keep His promise. How can believing in Jesus give you hope when you feel sad or alone?*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- God gave a message to His people so they could have hope. Even though it would be a long time, the people could remember God's promise about Jesus. We have hope, too, when we remember that God sent Jesus. God cares about us, and He promised to always be with us. That's what Immanuel means: "God with us." God wants a relationship with everyone. Does anyone have any questions about having a relationship with God? Or would anyone want to share about your own relationship with God? *(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.